

VFDRMA is Working For a Bright Future

The Vinyl Fence, Deck and Railing Manufacturers Association (VFDRMA), a Division of the American Fence Association, represents the interests and serves the needs of all vinyl fence, deck and railing manufacturers, suppliers, fabricators and installers, as well as support entities.

VFDRMA is pursuing strategies to assure a bright future for vinyl fence, deck and railing, including:

- Developing vinyl product performance standards.
- Influencing the development of product code requirements.
- Developing trade and consumer educational programs.
- Promoting use of vinyl fence, deck and railing products.
- Developing vinyl market statistics, and monitoring and countering consumer and environmental groups' activities.
- Forming strategic alliances to advance the industry.

All students will automatically receive a three day pass to the exhibit floor of FENCETECH/DECKTECH.

For more information about VFDRMA and member benefits, please contact Lee Crumbaugh, leec@cmservices.com, 800-822-4342.



Registration

Registration before December 30 for members of AFA is \$795 and for non-members is \$895. After December 30, the late registration fee for any registrant is \$895.

VFDRMA member companies will receive a rebate of \$100 per employee attending. Any company registering additional employees will receive a rebate of \$100 per additional employee attending. Rebates will be issued after the school is conducted.

The cost of registration includes:

- 1 full day of intensive training
- Classroom instruction
- Hands-on installation lab
- Expert instructors



Registration fee does not include hotel, meals or airfare.

Register through www.VFDRMA.com or call AFA/VFDRMA at 800-822-4342 or 630-942-6598.

Register early, as only a limited number of students will be accepted and early registrants pay less. Students are admitted on a first-come, first-served basis.

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DECK & RAILING UNIVERSITY

FEBRUARY 16, 2010

The Life-Saving Seminar You Can't Afford to Miss



A POWERFUL ONE-DAY COURSE, HELD BEFORE
AFA FENCETECH'10
The 48th Annual AFA Convention & Trade Exhibition
WITH DECKTECH'10

Special Pre-Show Event @ FENCETECH/DECKTECH'10

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Orange County Convention Center | Orlando, FL

Build Safe Decks – Learn Deck & Railing Best Practices



Over the last six years, 180 people have died and thousands have been injured due to improperly installed and older decks collapsing. Don't let your company be liable! Learn the information you need to know to build safe decks and provide quality work for your customers.

Whether you are a professional in the deck and railing business or are considering entering the business, the Deck and Railing University's intense one-day session, which will be held prior to FENCETECH/DECKTECH'10 in Orlando, will help you improve your skills and learn the latest techniques and best practices. The University will be presented by AFA's Division, the Vinyl Fence, Deck and Railing Manufacturers Association (VFDRMA).

Expert trainers will provide interactive classroom instruction on code requirements and safe deck and railing construction. The skills you learn will help your company get a step ahead of the competition. You will bring back the most relevant information and techniques to share with your team.

Your customers will benefit from your up-to-date knowledge of code requirements and safe construction techniques.



Photos courtesy of DeckLock Bracket Systems. As seen in Dec/Jan 07 issue of DeckWorld.



Who Should Attend Deck and Railing University?

- Deck builders looking to increase their knowledge of safe and professional deck building.
- Fencers and others who want to become deck builders.
- Code and building officials who want to learn the latest on deck and railing standards and best practices.

Invest in Professional Growth

- Benefit from a full day of intensive, state-of-the-art training February 16, 2010.
- Learn from experts about safe, code-compliant deck building.
- Gain deck-building knowledge through lectures, discussion, hands-on opportunities and invaluable course materials.
- Get up-to-date on the latest code requirements for safety assurance.
- Register early, as only a limited number of students will be accepted.

Classroom and Hands-On Training

- Classroom Standards-based Instruction on code requirements, best practices and safe deck and railing construction.
- Hands-on Instruction addressing sub-structure construction, ledger board attachment, and proper installation of materials.
- Plus, students will receive valuable materials on building safe, quality decks to refer to long after the school ends.

A Wide Variety of Materials

- All safe deck and railing installation based on codes and best practices starts with sub-structure construction and ledger board and railing attachment.
- The curriculum will address the proper installation of various deck and railing materials, including wood, composite and vinyl.

Expert Instructors

VFDRMA is tapping the best experts on deck and railing standards, codes and best practices to develop and conduct Deck & Railing University: Dr. Robert Tichy, Ph.D., research engineer, wood materials and engineering laboratory, Washington State University, whose primary research areas are wood-based composites, building construction materials and systems, and

David S. Gromala, P.E., former director of codes and product acceptance for Weyerhaeuser, the international forest products company.



The skills you learn will help your company get a step ahead of the competition.

Quality Assurance

- School quality is being assured through the work of Dynamic Performance Solutions, a training consulting firm which is creating a formal training curriculum for the school.
- Presented by: AFA's Division, the Vinyl Fence, Deck and Railing Manufacturers Association (VFDRMA)