
About the Initiative

The Dryer Vent Safety Council (DVSC) is presenting its **Distinguished Achievement Award** to two Michigan fire officials whose code-development work placed clothes dryer maintenance requirements into the International Fire Code. In connection with the award, DVSC is inviting dryer exhaust service businesses to contribute to **dryer fire prevention education** through the Brighton Area Fire Authority during Fire Prevention Month.

About the Honorees

- **Fire Chief Richard Boisvert**, Brighton Area Fire Authority. In 2018, while serving as the authority's fire marshal and representing the Michigan Fire Inspector's Society, Boisvert proposed clothes dryer installation and maintenance requirements to the International Code Council.
- **Fire Chief Michael O'Brian**, Brighton Area Fire Authority. Representing the ICC Fire Code Action Committee, O'Brian carried revised language that created a dedicated Section 610, Clothes Dryer Exhaust Systems.

The International Fire Code Achievement

2018	Boisvert submits proposal F67-18 on behalf of the Michigan Fire Inspector's Society. It is initially disapproved, 7-6.
2018-2020	O'Brian, representing the ICC Fire Code Action Committee, submits revised language creating a dedicated Section 610 and tying maintenance to manufacturer operating instructions.
Vote	The revised proposal passes 287-79 .
2021 IFC	Section 610, Clothes Dryer Exhaust Systems, becomes part of the 2021 International Fire Code , requiring dryer lint traps, mechanical and heating components, and exhaust duct systems to be maintained per manufacturer instructions to prevent the accumulation of lint or debris.

About the Fundraiser

- **Goal:** \$2,000-\$3,000 for dryer fire prevention education and community outreach through the Brighton Area Fire Authority.
- **Suggested contribution:** \$500; any amount welcome.
- Contributions go **directly to the fire authority** or its designated recipient. DVSC coordinates the effort and **never handles donations**.
- The Distinguished Achievement Award is **independent** of the amount raised.

About the Dryer Vent Safety Council

The Dryer Vent Safety Council promotes clothes dryer exhaust safety through education, guidance, and recognition of fire-safety leadership. Based in Washington, DC. *Consistency Reduces Risk*. www.dvsafe.org.