



## **SimplexGrinnell hosts PWC Continuing Ed Program**

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On Wednesday, October 22, Professional Women in Construction (PWC) offered its latest installment in an ongoing series of Continuing Ed programs, a presentation on "Elevator Interface for Emergency Operations" by Robert Turgeon, SET, NE region A & E business development manager, SimplexGrinnell. The program explained the ways in which elevators, fire alarms, smoke detectors and sprinkler systems interface in the event of an emergency and detailed the evolution of the complex system. Said Turgeon, "Over the past 40 years, elevator interface controls have been significantly upgraded to maximize speed and safety for the public, the workers and all personnel involved in an emergency situation."

Participants found the program extremely helpful. Said Wendy Castro-Farrell, senior project manager, design & construction, The Rockefeller Group, "I gained insights from this which will be helpful in my work with the design team."

Emily Kotsaftis, AIA, LEED AP BD + C, Dattner Architects, said, "I wanted to learn more about fire operations so I could better understand the relation between smoke detection, sprinklering and elevator operations. This was definitely helpful."

Olga Vinogradova, Esq., said, "I represent clients, construction companies or developers, who often face issues of building according to code including fire safety. By offering information on how elevator interface is structured for emergency operations, this course added a technical perspective to the legal one."

The course offered CEU credit.

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