

National Storm Shelter Association

Public safety is our priority



Jim Bell Director of Operations

Bell has been an active member of the NSSA since 2007 and has held several leadership positions on the education, by-laws, ethics, planning, and standard committees. Having recently completed an impressive 44-year career in the door and hardware industry, Bell recently retired from a 20-year position with the ASSA ABLOY Group. He brings with him a wealth of information that will be instrumental in moving the NSSA forward and helping its members thoroughly understand and embrace the most recent changes to ICC/NSSA 500-2020 and FEMA Pub. 320-2021.

Bell was president of the Gold Coast Chapter of the Door and Hardware Institute (DHI) when the state of Florida moved to strengthen its building codes in response to Hurricane Andrew. He sat on the committee to produce the FEMA "Door Fact Sheet" and assisted in the development of its content for both residential and community shelter doors. Bell was part of the ICC 500-2020 Edition committee and sits on review committees for the 2021 revisions of FEMA Pub. 320 and Pub. 361. He has been responsible for developing educational classes related to windstorm codes and standards, and has worked with federal, state, and local agencies on hurricane resistance and tornado shelter code training.