CFM Spotlight-Scott Arnold, SFP, CCBM, CHFM, CHSP, CPMM

Editor:

How did you get started in Facilities?

Scott: I was an electrician when I started out in facilities maintenance 33 years ago. I realized that I could continue to grow in the profession and become a Facility Manager. My first Facility Manager position came in 2001.

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How long have you been a member of IFMA?

Scott: 16 years

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When & Why did you decide to pursue the CFM designation?

Scott: I decided to pursue it in 2010. The CFM designation distinguishes you in your profession. Companies are now realizing that being certified in what you do is crucial to their success of having you on their team.

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What was the experience like?

Scott: Very difficult however, having a study group with others in IFMA Orlando was how I was able to pass. We met once a week for 3 months and it was definitely worth it.

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Has the CFM made any immediate difference in your professional life?

Scott: Yes my current position in Healthcare requires certifications for your position. Besides having my CFM I also hold a designation of Certified Healthcare Facility Manager, CHFM.
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What was your first paid job?

Scott: My first paid job was in a mall at a fast food restaurant in Brooklyn, NY with my older sister. I worked after school two nights and on weekends while in high school.

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What advice would you have for new people starting out in facilities?

Scott: Understand what facility management is all about. Become a member of an association to meet and learn from others in your field.

Editor: What is one of your greatest professional (or personal!) achievements?

Scott: My greatest achievement was attending Rollins College with my daughter and taking the Mini MBA program with her. I was very proud sitting next to her learning and watching her interact with others. We did class projects together and it’s something I will cherish for the rest of my life. We both achieved our CCBM designation together in 2017.

Editor: Tell us something that most people may not know about you (professional or personal!)

Scott: I was asked to try out for the Quarterback position of the Arena Football league Orlando Predators team by Jay Gruden. He had watched me play and asked me to come and try out. It was an awesome experience to say the least. I did not make it, but being asked by a now head coach for the Washington Redskins in the NFL was pretty cool!