

## AGENDA

### Connected Home Council (CHC) Webinar & Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 | 12 PM – 1:30 PM (ET)

CHC Chair Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates), Vice Chair Charlie Derk (Legrand), Vice Chair Joshua Gerena (2N/Axis Communications) and ASHB are pleased to announce the next CHC webinar. The agenda, slide deck, and other supporting documentation will be posted at: [www.ashb.com/chc](http://www.ashb.com/chc).



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1. **Agenda** – Greg Walker (ASHB)
2. **Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions, About the CHC** – Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates)
3. **Administrative** – Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates)  
Motion to approve past CHC Minutes: [www.ashb.com/chc](http://www.ashb.com/chc)
4. **Research Update** – Greg Walker (ASHB)  
[Smart Home Trends & Technology Adoption](#) 2024 CHC Landmark Research
5. **Keynote: Fire Detection, Suppression, and Prevention via Connectivity: Revolutionizing Residential Fire Safety** – Charlie Derk (Legrand), Chasen Tolbert (FireAvert)



Chasen Tolbert  
Partnerships Manager



**Description:** Kitchen fires remain the leading cause of home fires in the United States, posing a significant threat to residential safety. While smoke alarms have been a staple in homes for over a century, their evolution has been slow, with only incremental improvements. Modern advancements have introduced smoke alarms capable of notifying homeowners of incidents, but without immediate intervention, the risk of disaster persists. Traditional flame suppression products can help, but if the power source—gas or electric—remains active, the fire can reignite. Today, we have the technology for devices to communicate and coordinate actions, such as shutting off stoves automatically, to prevent fires from escalating into tragedies.

Chasen Tolbert, Partnerships Manager at FireAvert, explores how these innovations are reshaping the future of residential fire safety.

6. **ASHB [Podcast](#)** – Joshua Gerena (2N/Axis Communications)
7. **ASHB [Whitepapers](#)** – Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates)
8. **ASHB [Journal](#)** – Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates)
9. **New Business** – Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates)
10. **Announcements** – Joshua Gerena (2N/Axis Communications)  
Upcoming Events
  - [Smart Living Expo](#) - November 13-15 | Toronto, ON
  - [Connections | Smart Spaces \(Parks Associates\)](#) - December 12 | Virtual
  - [CES](#) - January 7-10 | Las Vegas, NV
  - [IoT Evolution](#) - February 11-13 | Ft. Lauderdale, FL
11. **Adjournment** – Ken Wacks (Ken Wacks Associates)  
[Next CHC Meeting, November 2025](#)

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