President’s Message

My sincere thanks to Rich Reitberger for all the hard work he did in developing an excellent seminar on April 22! Also, my thanks to Ed Armm and Vinny Fichera for assisting Rich and arranging for several vendors and speakers we had on site that day.

For our May 5 meeting our topic is “New Fire-Safe Products FM4882 Approved Interior Wall Materials, Takiron FM Wall Panel ‘FMW471’.” Our speaker is going to be Mr. Maro Kawabata, International Business Development Consultant, representing Takiron Co., Ltd., High Functioning Materials Division, Tokyo, Japan. I urge everyone to attend since this may be a first introduction to this product for many of us.

Since the nice weather is finally upon us, I though it might be a good idea to review some safety tips from the NFPA regarding the use of gasoline:

- Keep gasoline out of children's sight and reach. Children should never handle gasoline.

- If fire does start while handling gasoline, do not attempt to extinguish the fire or stop the flow of gasoline. Leave the area immediately, and call for help.

- Do not use or store gasoline near possible ignition sources (i.e., electrical devices, oil- or gas-fired appliances, or any other device that contains a pilot flame or a spark).

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- Store gasoline outside the home (i.e., in a garage or lawn shed) in a tightly closed metal or plastic container approved by an independent testing laboratory or the local or state fire authorities. Never store gasoline in glass containers or non-reusable plastic containers (i.e., milk jugs).

- Store only enough gasoline necessary to power equipment and let machinery cool before refueling it.

- Never use gasoline inside the home or as a cleaning agent.

- Clean up spills promptly and discard clean-up materials properly.

- Do not smoke when handling gasoline.

- Never use gasoline in place of kerosene.

- Only fill portable gasoline containers outdoors. Place the container on the ground before filling and never fill containers inside a vehicle or in the bed of a pick-up truck.

- Follow all manufacturers instructions when using electronic devices (those with batteries or connected to an electrical outlet) near gasoline.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on May 5, 2008.

David Gluckman
NJSFPE Chapter President

NJ SFPE Membership Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2008

The April meeting was held in conjunction with the Chapter’s Spring Seminar. The minutes of the March meeting were read and accepted by the membership. The Treasurer’s report for April was read by Bob Murray and accepted by the membership. Two new members were voted into the Chapter. They are Kal Dupchen of Cintas Fire Protection and John House, Fire Inspector with Waldwick, NJ. The seminar and meeting was conducted at the Holiday Inn Newark Liberty Airport. Over 60 people attended this technical seminar which exhibited the latest technology in the fields of fire detection and protection. The presenters also had equipment on hand for demonstration purposes. The Chapter would like to thank the representatives of AxonX LLC, FFE FireRay, Micropack Detection Americas, Inc., Pac Pump Systems and Joslyn Clark, Victaulic and Viking for making this seminar a success.
Coffee Break Training

The following is an article from the US Fire Administration/National Fire Academy dated January 15, 2008

**Topic: Batteries for Diesel Engine-Driven Fire Pumps**

**Learning objective:** The student shall be able to explain the requirements for storage batteries for diesel engine-driven fire pump assemblies.

Diesel engine-driven fire pump assemblies are commonly installed for backup systems to electric-drive fire pumps, or where electrical power may be unreliable. The required power source for electrically starting diesel engine-driven fire pumps is storage batteries. The batteries may be lead-acid, or they may be nickel cadmium if the code official approves.

According to NFPA 20, *Standard for the Installation of Stationary Pumps for Fire Protection*, each diesel engine driving a fire pump must have at least two storage battery units for starting. At 40 °F (4.5 °C), each battery unit must have twice the power capacity to sustain the cranking speed recommended by the diesel engine manufacturer through a 3-minute “attempt-to-start” cycle. This works out to be six consecutive cycles of 15 seconds of “cranking” and 15 seconds of “rest”.

Storage batteries must be on a rack above the floor and secured so they cannot be displaced. They should be located where they will not be subject to excessive temperature, vibration, mechanical injury, or flooding with water. The batteries must be readily accessible for servicing, and, unlike those in the illustration, not located in front of the engine-mounted instruments and controls. Current-carrying parts must be at least 12 in. (305 mm) above the floor.

The storage batteries also must be equipped with two recharging power sources. One must be the generator or alternator furnished with the engine, and the other must be an automatically controlled charger that takes power from an alternating current power source such as a standard wall outlet. If an alternating current power source is not available or is not reliable, another charging method must be provided as the second source.

Society of Fire Protection Engineers
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Annual Golf Tournament
MONDAY June 23, 2008
West Point Golf Course
West Point, NY
845-938-2435
www.usma.edu

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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- Limited Openings to the First 144 player reservations – no exceptions
- 7-8 a.m. Continental Breakfast & Registration - 8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start
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Despite two consecutive years of missing the mark, a research team at Colorado State University again foresees an above average hurricane season for 2008.

William Gray's team expects 13 named storms, seven of them hurricanes — and three of those Category 3 or greater. Category 3 on the Saffir/Simpson scale is a storm with sustained winds of 111 mph or greater.

In the 2007 season, there were 14 named storms, six of them hurricanes and two of Category 3 or greater.

The Atlantic basin hurricane season runs June 1 and Nov. 30.

"Despite fairly inactive 2006 and 2007 hurricane seasons, we believe that the Atlantic basin is still in an active hurricane cycle," Gray said in a prepared statement. “This active cycle is expected to continue at least for another decade or two.”

The prediction is based on a new statistical forecast technique that explains a hurricane variability in storms from 1950 to 2007. Over that time period, the technique correctly forecast above- or below-average seasons in 45 out of 58 years, Gray's team said. The hurricane forecast team predicts tropical cyclone activity in 2008 will be 160 percent of the average season. By comparison, 2005 witnessed tropical cyclone activity that was about 275 percent of the average season.

The hurricane forecast team reiterated its probabilities for a major hurricane making landfall on U.S. soil:

- A 69 percent chance that at least one major hurricane will make landfall on the U.S. coastline in 2008 (the long-term average probability is 52 percent).
- A 45 percent chance that a major hurricane will make landfall on the U.S. East Coast, including the Florida Peninsula (the long-term average is 31 percent)
- A 44 percent chance that a major hurricane will make landfall on the Gulf Coast from the Florida Panhandle west to Brownsville (the long-term average is 30 percent).

The team also predicted above-average major hurricane landfall risk in the Caribbean.

"The United States was quite fortunate over the last two years in that we had only one hurricane landfall (Humberto - 2007)," Klotzbach said. "None of the four major hurricanes that formed in 2006 and 2007 made U.S. landfall."
Upcoming Seminars

There are quite a few upcoming seminars in our area, some are free and some are for a fee. See various attached flyers for additional details.

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Fri. May 2........ Hilton Newark Penn Station........... Gateway Center/Raymond Blvd., Newark, NJ 07102
Tues. May 13..... NYC Seminar & Convention Ctr......... 71 W. 23rd St., New York, NY 10010
Wed. May 14..... Renaissance Syracuse Hotel........... 701 E. Genesee St., Syracuse, NY 13210

Afternoon Seminar (12pm-4pm) lunch provided
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Mon. May 12..... The Lantana............................. 43 Scanlon Dr., Randolph, MA 02368

About the Speaker
Todd Stevens

Todd Stevens joined Viking in 2006 as the National Technical Representative for the East-Central and Northeast Region of the U.S.

Todd is a member of NFPA, where he has served on the Plan Examiner Certification Task Group and has earned the Certified Fire Protection Specialist (CFPS) designation. He has also served as Vice President of the New England Association of Fire Protection System Designers and is a member of the NFPA 14 committee, Standard for installation of Standpipes.

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FIRE ALARM SYSTEM PLAN REVIEW SEMINAR

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THE AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY

May 15, 2008
At our new meeting location; The Hanover Manor, 16 Eagle Rock Avenue
East Hanover, New Jersey 07936

Go to www.AFAANJ.org for directions and a map

This application course describes the common problems associated with the plan review process and offers suggestions for improvement by providing plan review and acceptance test checklists, spreadsheets for determining battery and voltage drop calculations, exercises to determine proper spacing of smoke detectors, exercises for determining proper audibility of fire alarm notification appliances and for determining proper sizing and placement of visible notification appliances. This seminar is intended for authorities having jurisdiction involved in fire alarm system plan review, contractors providing submittal documentation for plan review and fire alarm system designers.

SEMINAR INFORMATION

WHEN: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Thursday - May 15, 2008

WHERE:
The Hanover Manor
16 Eagle Rock Avenue
East Hanover, New Jersey 07936
For directions only (973) 602-7425

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REGISTRATION FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO SEMINAR. NICET information can be downloaded from their web site at www.nicet.org.

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November 20, 2008

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This seminar is beneficial for designers of fire alarm systems, project managers or lead installers responsible for fire alarm systems, Sales people and authorities having jurisdiction responsible for fire alarm system plan review and/or acceptance testing. Discussions and practical exercises intended to improve the participant’s knowledge of how to use the building/fire codes for determining fire alarm requirements. This seminar is primarily based on the IBC®, 2006 edition.

SEMINAR INFORMATION

WHEN: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Thursday - November 20, 2008

WHERE:

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16 Eagle Rock Avenue

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**SEMINAR INFORMATION**

**WHEN:** 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Thursday - September 15, 2008**

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**WHAT DOES IT COST?**

All fees are based on registration received prior to September 1 after which all fees add $25.00

Registration fees include student workbooks, coffee and lunch on day of the seminar. All those that attend the seminar are invited to stay for the General AFANJ meeting that begins at 6:00 PM for an additional $25.00 and earn one more CFD.

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Annual Meeting—Election of Officers |
| June 23    | Joint NJ/NY Golf Outing to benefit Scholarship Fund                   |
MEETING NOTICE

Date:      May 5, 2008
Place:     Hanover Manor
           16 Eagle Rock Avenue
           East Hanover, NJ
Price:     $26.00
Dinner:    5:00-6:00 (Cash bar for mixed drinks)
           Dinner at 6 PM
Speaker(s): Maro Kawabata, Takiron Corp., LTD

Please note for this meeting:
All officers, directors and committee chairman are requested to attend a meeting at 4:00 p.m. at the Hanover Manor.

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2008-2009 New Jersey SFPE Nominations for Officers and Directors

In Compliance with the Nomination Section of the Constitution and By-Laws of the New Jersey Chapter of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers, The Nominating Committee submits the following slate for Offices and Directors. The election will be conducted at the next Annual Business Meeting, scheduled for Monday June 9, 2008, at the Hanover Manor.

President   Dave Glukman
First VP    John Cholin
Second VP   Ed Armm
Secretary   Rich Reitberger
Asst. Secretary Brad Hart
Treasurer   Bob Murray
Asst. Treasurer Rich Ravaioli

Chapter Members Vinny Fichera (second year of Second Term), Glenn Buser (second year of First Term), John Warnet (second year of First Term) and Jerry Naylis (second year of First term) remain as Board of Directors member-at-large.

Chapter Member Glenn Deitz will be Immediate Past President, a voting member of the Board of Directors and Chair of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee and the Board of Directors welcomes volunteers to serve in leadership capacities within the organization including Committee activities and the Board itself. No other members made their interests and willingness to serve know to the Nominating Committee prior to this report. Any member with a desire to run as a candidate for Chapter Officer or Director is encouraged to do so. They must contact the Chapter Secretary, Rich Reitberger (973-541-6776) at least four weeks prior to the Annual Business Meeting. In accordance with the New Jersey Chapter By-Laws, candidates must submit the signatures of five voting members of the New Jersey Chapter SFPE along with their letter of intention to run for any of the above positions. According to the calendar, the deadline is Monday May 9, 2008.