President’s Message...

I wish to thank all of our members that supported the NJSFPE by attending the NJSFPE/AFAANJ Joint Symposium April 20th. Our turnout this year was smaller than last year’s. We had 77 attendees plus 22 representatives from the various equipment and service vendors. These vendors help keep the cost of attendance down. We always strive to have a strong attendance as that is why they the vendors come.

Years ago I heard the following statement ‘if you don’t like the cost of training wait till you learn the cost of ignorance’. We hold our symposium to further the goal of SFPE which is, to quote, “The purpose of the Society is to advance the science and practice of fire protection engineering and It’s allied fields, to maintain a high ethical standard among its members and to foster fire protection engineering education.” Over the past three years of it being a Joint Symposium we have made every effort to bring in the very finest speakers with topics that are fresh and help us to better perform our jobs. To this end please let a board member know your feelings as to the content of the presentations, the quality of the speakers and any interaction you may have had with our vendors. Come our summer planning meeting we can use your input to begin selecting topics and speakers for next year.

As a reminder you will find registration forms within this edition of the Fusible Link for our golf outing. It will again be at West Point and is Monday, June 18th, 2012

The NFSA 2012 Annual Seminar is this year in beautiful Los Cabos, Mexico on May 3 through 5.

The AFAA National Code Conference and Meeting will be held May 17-19, 2012 at the Arizona Grand Resort in Phoenix, AZ.

This year’s NFPA Conference & Expo will be at the Mandalay Bay Hotel in Las Vegas, June 11-14, 2012.

The 2012 SFPE Annual Meeting and Professional Development Conference and Expo will be held at the Hyatt Regency Savannah, Savannah, GA on October 14-19, 2012.

The AFSA Convention & Exhibition will be October 15 - 20, 2012 at the Hilton Waikoloa Village in Kona, Hawaii.

Lots of chances for continuing your educations and in some of the above cases combine that with a great vacation destination.

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We are getting close to our summer break so I hope to see you all at the May 7th NJSFPE meeting where our topic is Mass Notification being presented by Mr. Todd Shearer. Todd Shearer, CSI, CET is the Market Development Manager for Mass Notification Systems and is responsible for the marketing and sales of SimplexGrinnell's Mass Notification Systems to market segments with special emphasis on the Department of Defense, Department of State, Department of Homeland Security, Higher Education Vertical Market and the Industrial Vertical Market.

With more than 40 years experience in integrated systems sales and marketing including NICET certification, Shearer participates in SimplexGrinnell’s pursuit of new product development, training programs and market requirements to meet customer needs. He is a key contributor to the Mass Notification System Criteria for DOD through the UFC-04-021-01 and with NFPA 72* National Fire Alarm Code Chapter 12 for Emergency Communication Systems. He also sits on NFPA 101 TCC Committee. Mr. Shearer serves on a variety of industry association committees and works with NFPA, CSI, ICC, BOMA, NEMA, ASIS, NACP, IAFC, S.A.M.E., AUSA and AFIA.

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**Gems Sensors Recalls Pressure Transducers Used in Fire Pump Controllers Due to Risk of Failure in a Fire**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

**Name of Product:** Gems 3100 Pressure Detectors/Transducers

**Units:** About 25,000

**Importer:** Gems Sensors Inc., of Plainville, Conn.

**Hazard:** The transducer can fail to accurately detect water pressure in a fire suppression sprinkler system. This could cause the sprinkler system to fail to activate and pump water to the sprinklers in the event of a fire.

Technical Session Topic for May 7th Chapter Meeting

Our topic for the May meeting is “Mass Notification Systems”. These types of systems are becoming more and more common especially in campus type occupancies, large public transit systems as well as military projects.

Our speaker will be Mr. Todd Shearer, Market Development Manager from ECS SimplexGrinnell. Todd goes back to McCullough clocks and horse drawn fire engines but is right on the cutting edge with MNS.

Many Thanks to all of the vendors that supported the joint AFFAANJ/ NJSFPE Symposium
Executive Summary
The Japan earthquake and tsunami of March 2011 was a close call and a call to action for many global companies with supply chains in China, according to a survey of senior financial executives. Financial executives now seem to realize that if a similar earthquake and tsunami occurred off the coast of China, the worldwide impact to supply chains could be much worse. With China being a major economic center and supply chain hub exposed to many of the same natural catastrophe threats as Japan, if not more so, many multinational companies say they are concerned about their operations in this fast developing country—a region that has not yet fully embraced many of the risk management practices of its western counterparts.

Key Findings
1. Nearly nine in 10 companies surveyed (86 percent) are more reliant on China as part of their supply chain for their key product lines than they are on Japan (43 percent). (Figure 1)
2. An overwhelming majority of companies surveyed (83 percent) consider supply chain disruption to be a “moderate” to “greatest risk” overall, considering all of the factors that can affect the financial well-being of their organizations. (Figure 2)
3. As a result of the Japan earthquake and tsunami, 94 percent of companies reliant on China for their supply chain are concerned about natural disaster-related supply chain disruptions in China prior to the Japan earthquake and tsunami (Figure 4)
   - 61 percent of those companies say they were “somewhat” to “extremely” concerned about supply chain disruptions in China prior to the Japan earthquake and tsunami. (Figure 3)
   - 39 percent of those companies say the Japan earthquake and tsunami has increased their level of concern about supply chain disruptions in China (Figure 4)
   - 55 percent of those companies say they still have the same level of concern as they did before the Japan earthquake and tsunami. (Figure 4)
4. More than six in 10 companies reliant on China for their supply chain are looking at their supply chain risk in China more diligently as a result of the Japan earthquake and tsunami. (Figure 5)

As a result of the Japan earthquake and tsunami:

- 61 percent of those companies are considering “implementing a more robust risk assessment process” to mitigate their supply chain natural hazard exposures in China. (Figure 5)
- 65 percent of those companies are considering “increasing collaboration with suppliers on mitigating risk at their locations” to mitigate their supply chain natural hazard exposures. (Figure 5)
- 70 percent of companies reliant on China for their supply chain are considering “increasing alternative sourcing” to mitigate their supply chain natural hazard exposures. (Figure 5)

**Business Implications**

Natural disasters can quickly disrupt even the best managed supply chains as seen by the 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan and even by the floods in Thailand. Should similar natural disasters strike China, the impact could be even more devastating.

"The findings of the FM Global Supply Chain Risk Study should be a wake-up call for companies that have substantial investment and dependency on supply chains in China," says Vinod Singhal, Brady Family Professor of Operations Management at the Georgia Institute of Technology's College of Management. "A natural disaster-related supply chain disruption in China would have far-reaching and long-lasting negative economic impact. It would slow down the global economy as China is not only a major exporter of goods, but also a major importer of goods.

"It would cause shortages in many consumer and industrial products that could lead to inflation. And finally, it would devastate the share price of companies," Singhal adds. The increased supply chain risk exposure in China underscores the need to look at supply chain resiliency beyond just certain risk management tactics and geography. It should be more fundamental and strategic. The commitment to supply chain resiliency starts at the top of the organization. The most progressive organizations view supply chain resiliency as a competitive advantage.

In such organizations, a supply chain disruption is viewed not merely as a threat, but rather as an opportunity to gain market share. Once a company loses a client due to a lack of product availability emanating from a supply chain disruption, it could lose that business for good.

In particular, resiliency that is sustainable is about establishing a corporate culture that encourages forward-thinking; designing products and manufacturing processes that incorporate supply chain risk; building collaborative relationships with suppliers to mitigate risk; and having the agility to quickly and effectively deal with a disruption as a result of robust business continuity planning.
“The findings in this report point to how interdependent risks can have severe financial consequences in global supply chains,” says Dr. Howard Kunreuther, the James G. Dinan Professor of Decision Sciences and Public Policy at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania (USA), where he is co-director of the Risk Management and Decision Processes Center.

“Successful mitigation of interdependent risk is strategic in nature and involves the entire organization, including key external business partners. More specifically, firms need to undertake proactive measures, such as finding several sources of supply so that they are not dependent on one company that may be adversely affected by a future natural disaster. Finally, there needs to be a realization that the process of developing a resilient supply chain takes time,” Kunreuther says.

When thinking about your organization’s resiliency, especially when looking at emerging markets such as China, consider the following:

1. Does your senior management view resiliency as a competitive advantage and has it made the necessary commitment?
2. Has your organization examined how it can mitigate risk within its products and processes?
3. How well does your company collaborate with its suppliers to assess and mitigate risk?
4. Does your corporation have appropriate business continuity and disaster recovery plans for supply chain disruptions emanating from emerging markets, such as China?

If you are not addressing these questions, your competitors may well be doing so. The number one killer of businesses is complacency.

Study Methodology

Commercial and industrial property insurer FM Global commissioned TNS, a global market research firm, to conduct the study. One hundred financial executives (chief financial officers, treasurers and senior vice presidents of finance or financial officers at higher levels) from large global corporations (more than US$1 billion in sales) headquartered in North America were interviewed by phone between July and September 2011.

Important Facts About China

- **Economy**: The world’s third largest economy (Source: CIA WorldFactbook)
- **Gross Domestic Product**: US$10 trillion on a purchasing power parity basis (compared with nearly US$15 trillion for the European Union and the United States). Growth in GDP has been close to 10 percent per year. (Source: CIA WorldFactbook)
- **Economic Centers**: Nearly 60 percent of economic activity in China as measured by GDP takes place on its East Coast provinces. (Source: China National Bureau of Statistics INBSI - December quarter GDP 2010 by provincial-level divisions)
- **Natural Hazards Exposure**: Earthquakes, floods and typhoons are commonplace along the East Coast of China where the majority of its economic activity takes place. (Source: AXCO)
  - The Pearl River Delta region is a prime example of significant economic activity overlaid with significant risk. If it were its own country, the Pearl River Delta would be the 16th largest economy in the world, and yet most of the region is below sea level and prone to significant flooding and storm surge. The risk is increasing daily as the region is sinking due to upstream trapping of sediment from dams and reservoirs. (Source: Human activity threatens world’s river deltas, University of Colorado study, September 2009)
  - According to FM Global research, there is a 26-percent chance of a major event happening in the roughly 30-year lifespan of a building. (Source: FM Global)
- **Risk Quality**: According to various insurance industry studies in China, there is enormous variation in the quality of industrial facilities, ranging from the remnants of the communist industrialization to state-of-the-art facilities imported from abroad. In addition, the practice of risk management is almost wholly undeveloped in China. The local economy is still significantly influenced by state-owned enterprises, many of which either do not insure at all, or only insure their assets to the extent required by banks. (Source: AXCO)
NJ SFPE Chapter Sponsors Professional Engineering Exam (Fire Protection) at Affiliated FM Offices as Significant Discounted Price

Chapter members. Our NJ Chapter board of directors, working with SFPE International has arranged to participate in the 2012 Online PE Exam Review Seminar presented in partnership with Global Asset Protection Services, LLC. This Seminar will be conducted one night a week at the local FM Global Parsippany office from **July 12 to October 11, 2012 (Every Thursday) from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST**. Cost of the seminar will be **$250 per person** and open only to NJ Chapter members. The same course if taken and registered individually from SFPE International is over **$1400 each**. Study materials or reference publications are not included in the price of the seminar and must be purchased separately. Space is limited as we only have room for 15 participants. Registration for the October 2012 FPE test is not required to take the seminar, but we will give priority to those who are registered for the 2012 October test. Registration is a first come first served basis. Once we have the max 15 signed up we will maintain a standby list if any of the original 15 drop out before the July 12th start date. E-mail me if you interested and wish to sign up – richard.reitberger@affiliatedfm.com.

Seminar Description:
Prepare for the 2012 Fire Protection Engineering PE Exam. This review class will help you organize and navigate through the massive amount of reference material.

Each session is taught live on-line by an expert instructor using the advanced web conferencing technology. You will work with a live instructor over several weeks and can ask questions as they arise throughout the review period.

Revised to meet the current NCEES exam specifications, this course is an excellent exam preparation tool. The 14 live 1.5 hour sessions allow for maximum retention.

Who Should attend?
Anyone preparing for the PE Exam! Even if you are not taking the exam this year but want to assess your readiness for a future exam, this course is for you. The course is also an excellent refresher for existing engineers, loss control specialists, and anyone else who needs to understand the principles of fire protection engineering.

Topics Include:
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E. I. DuPont De Nemours Co. Fatal Hotwork Explosion - What Happened and What Should Have Been Done

The following is a brief synopsis of what happened at the E. I. DuPont De Nemours plant in Buffalo, NY on Nov 9, 2010. The full CSB report can be found at:


The investigation found that DuPont’s process hazard analysis incorrectly assumed that vinyl fluoride in the Tedlar process could not reach flammable levels in the slurry tanks. And, critically, DuPont personnel did not properly isolate and lock out tank 1 from tanks 2 and 3 prior to authorizing the hot work. The flammable vapor was able to pass through the overflow line into the tank the welder was working on, unknown to him, or to the operators who signed off on the hot work permit.

We found that the contractors DID obtain hot work permits for welding on Tank 1. But those permits were authorized by DuPont employees who were unfamiliar with the specific hazards of the process and the permits did not require testing the atmosphere inside the tanks. The CSB also determined that DuPont should have regarded the three storage tanks as covered by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s or OSHA’s Process Safety Management rules. However, the CSB found company engineers believed any vinyl fluoride in the slurry would be too low in concentration to be hazardous in the tanks. Yet on the day of the accident, a compressor failure led to higher concentrations of vinyl fluoride vapor in the polyvinyl fluoride slurry.

Furthermore, a U-shaped seal loop within tank 2 had a “fishmouth” split in the pipe that could emit vinyl fluoride vapor. Engineers concluded further operation with the broken seal loop presented no hazards. The CSB determined the pipe split provided a potential pathway for flammable VF gas to enter the tank and travel through the overflow line into Tank 1. The CSB’s report concludes that had technicians tested Tank 1 for a flammable atmosphere, they would have known that any hot work presented a serious explosion hazard. But plant engineers did not realize that significant amounts of flammable gas could be present in the slurry tanks, and the testing was never done.
Reliability and performance of fire protection systems are enhanced when they are subject to regular inspection, testing, and maintenance.

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 72, National Fire Alarm Code®, requires monthly, quarterly, semiannual, and annual visual inspections of various components to confirm there have been no changes that can affect system performance. Building modifications, occupancy changes, environmental conditions, device locations, physical obstructions, damage, housekeeping, and improper installation are just a few conditions that can occur which might change how the fire alarm system performs.

Device testing also must occur on a periodic basis as established in the code. On large systems, testing might be arranged so that all devices and equipment are tested in segments so that everything is tested annually. Smoke detectors, for example, must be tested for sensitivity within 1 year of installation and every other year after that. These tests are intended to make certain the detector remains within its range of sensitivity, or if necessary, to have it recalibrated.

If they are installed, at least two restorable fixed-temperature spot-type heat detectors on each initiating circuit must be tested annually so that every 5 years each heat detector on the system will have been tested.

Like any other electronic device, fire alarm systems should be subject to regular maintenance. The frequency and scope of maintenance should be in compliance with the equipment manufacturers’ recommendations.

After the system has been successfully tested and accepted for service, a set of permanent records (as-built drawings and owner’s manuals) shall be provided to the owner. These may be in paper or electronic form and should be retained on the premises for inspection by the code official. The “Record of Completion” specified in NFPA 72 also should be kept permanently. Other inspection, testing, and maintenance records must be kept until the next scheduled test and for 1 year after that.

The code official, the manufacturer, or a private firm may develop standard inspection and test report forms to document the work. There is not an agreed upon standard as long as all of the key elements are inspected, tested, and maintained and the records show the work has been done. The National Fire Alarm Code® includes a sample inspection and testing form.
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Monday June 18, 2012
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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 of Officers and Directors. The election will be conducted at the Annual Business Meeting, scheduled for Monday June 4th at the Hanover Manor.

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Asst. Treasurer   Nathan Gorey
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                    Robert Murray (second year of first term)*
                    Paul McGrath (second year of first term)

Chapter member Dave Kurasz is also running for the second year of his second term as Board of Directors member-at-large.

Rich Reitberger 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 known 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, Dave Gluckman (973-829-2920) 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 7th, 2012.

Note: * Robert Murray is replacing Nathan Gorey as Director.
MEETING NOTICE

Date: May 7, 2012

Place: Hanover Manor
   16 Eagle Rock Avenue
   East Hanover, NJ 07936

Price: $30.00

Dinner: 5:00-6:00 (Cash bar for mixed drinks)
   Dinner at 6 PM

Topic: Mass Notification

Speaker: Todd Shearer, Simplex Grinnell

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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