President’s Message….

At our May chapter meeting Dave Newhouse with Gentex gave thorough presentation on the new UL 268 standard for Smoke Detectors for Fire Alarm Systems and UL 217 standard for Smoke Alarms. The manufacturers are challenged to meet these new standards by May 2020. The changes address both false alarm and no alarm events.

I am proud to welcome 3 new chapter members including Bill Fhair with Ferguson Pipe Fabrication, Andrew Foscina with Hopewell Twp Fire district #1 and David Buchalski with Newfields.

June 26, 2019 is the deadline for fire departments and fire prevention bureaus to submit their application for the 2019 Fire Prevention Week Grant Program. This year’s theme is ‘Emergency Planning – Are you Prepared?’ Get the word out to your local fire departments.

Our chapter meeting in June will be held on Monday, June 10th as the NJ-NY Metro Foundation Golf Outing is on the 3rd. This will be a buffet meal along with our annual election of Trustees and Officers. Also, our very own Joe Janiga with FM will be presenting on ‘Fire Pump Alignment Inspections’. So register Today!

Paul
Chapter President
President McGrath convened the meeting at 6:12PM with a salute to the flag and introductions. There were eleven in the audience. The Secretaries report for March was accepted. The Treasurer’s reports for January, February, March and April were reviewed and accepted.

Rich gave an update on the April technical seminar; successful financially and technically.

Three applicants were accepted as new Chapter members. Welcome to Andrew Foscina, Bill Phair and David Buchalski.

Paul announced that there have been six responses so far for the Chapter’s FPW grant program, this year on ‘Emergency Preparedness’. Deadline for applications is June 26.

Ana Crisostomo will be retiring as Publisher of the Fusible Link. We thank you Ana, for all your years of service crafting this great document for us.

Paul announced that the IRS has accepted the Chapter’s application as a 501c organization and the Board is working on updates to the bylaws as a result.

Rich announced the Foundation’s upcoming Scholarship Golf outing on June 3. He also announced the M. Ferugio grant program and mentioned the upcoming fall technical seminar in Tarrytown.

Notice was made that the slate of nominations for next year’s Officers and Trustees has been distributed once so far via e-mail and the Fusible Link and will be again. Elections will be held at the next Chapter meeting on June 10.

Paul announced the annual planning meeting of the board of Directors to be held at the headquarters of City Fire on August 1. He invited any chapter members who are interested to attend.

Following dinner Dave Newhouse of Gentex gave a very interesting and useful presentation on upcoming changes to smoke alarm/detection technology to meet new UL requirements. UL listing standards (286 and 217) have changed to require improved smoke detector and smoke alarm performance, increasing their resistance to nuisance alarms. The Compliance Date for both UL and InterTek is May 29, 2020. Compliance Dates in various NFPA documents differ and some are sooner. The focus is on improving device reactions to both smoldering and flaming fires from polyurethane and from frozen hamburger, both sources producing both small and large smoke particles at different stages of their combustion. Dave discussed why these two materials were selected as best representatives of modern fire risk. He explained that most manufacturers are currently working on redesigns of their products and that these include combinations of smart detection using mathematical algorithms, multi criteria detection including CO or heat, and even multiple LEDs tuned to different light characteristics. And that new standards require alarm limits be at 1.5% and 5% obscuration per foot.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:30PM.
CA Fire Officials Revamp Public Warning Tools

Warning plans built on outmoded landline calls and voluntary alert programs did little to help those fleeing the 2017 North Bay wildfires.

JULIE JOHNSON

MAY 26, 2019

THE PRESS DEMOCRAT, SANTA ROSA, CALIF.

May 26-- What does it take to warn people about an immediate threat to their lives and homes?

The answer is dramatically different today than it was in October 2017 when wildfires erupted across Northern California on a hot and dry Sunday night. Warning plans built on outmoded landline telephone calls and voluntary alert programs proved little help to most of the more than 100,000 people in the North Bay forced to flee for their lives.

Forty people died across the region in the firestorm, including 24 victims in Sonoma County, spurring a painful reckoning over the need to more effectively warn people about the potential and imminent danger of widespread natural disasters.

The same urgent message was underscored last year by the frightening toll in Butte County, where 85 people perished in the Camp fire.

Armed with about a half-dozen revamped and new technical tools, emergency and public safety officials now have a different philosophy for emergency notifications than they did before: warn early and often.

"Our experience was so sharp, so deeply felt not only within Sonoma County but across the country," said Christopher Godley, who was brought on last year to lead and revamp the county's emergency division. "People are now more willing to look into alerts and warnings as being a significant area of investment, not just, "Let's buy software or put sirens on a pole."

In an age when people depend on cellphones, the fires underscored the crucial role telecommunication companies play in emergency notices, said state Sen. Mike McGuire, D-Healdsburg. He described a gap that remains between what those companies know and what they share -- a hole he's trying to fill with legislation introduced earlier this month that would require companies to report outages impacting 911 services.

"We shouldn't have to legislate common sense," McGuire said.

The North Coast lawmaker said the threat to public safety posed by California's multi-year drought and worsening fire conditions was already abundantly clear in 2015 after the Valley fire forced thousands to flee in Lake County, killing four people. Then again in 2017, wildfires laid bare the crucial need for earlier and more effective warnings to alert people in harm's way. McGuire lamented change didn't come fast enough for the community in and around Paradise overtaken by the Camp fire.

"Shame on us if we're not turning these glaring weaknesses into lessons and making them strengths," McGuire said. "We need to learn from mistakes in the past to ensure they don't happen again because this new reality (of big wildfires) is not going away."

If a disaster struck today in Sonoma County, the toolbox for public warnings includes:

- Automated phone calls through SoCo Alert, the county's opt-in warning program
- Pushed notifications from local authorities onto cellphones through the federal Wireless Emergency Alert system
- Warnings broadcast on TV and radio stations
- Social media alerts, including through Nixle.com, a service used by local law enforcement
- Specialized "hi-lo" sirens on Sonoma County sheriff's patrol cars, used to signal people to be on alert and seek out additional information
- Neighbors warning neighbors

By late summer, emergency officials in Sonoma County will be able to send emergency messages through weather radios -- perhaps the most dependable way to alert the public in difficult circumstances when the power is likely to fail, according to Godley.
Educating the public about safe handling of fireworks

Every year, about 13,000 people are treated for injuries in hospital emergency departments due to the mishandling of live, misfired and waste consumer fireworks (CPSC Fireworks Information Center). In addition, fires resulting from fireworks cause over $20 million in direct property damage (NFPA).

The fire service must take a proactive stand to educate the public about the safe transportation, storage, use and proper disposal of these explosive devices.

*Consumer fireworks are defined as any small firework device designed to produce visible effects by combustion and which must comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.*


**Guidance on managing fireworks**

Generally, the importation, distribution and storage of fireworks defined as consumer fireworks are exempted from the provisions of the federal explosives laws. However, because they contain pyrotechnic compositions classed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives as explosive materials, the manufacture of consumer fireworks requires a manufacturer’s license. In addition, pyrotechnic compositions used in the manufacture of consumer fireworks must be stored in accordance with regulations in 27 CFR Subpart K - Storage.

In July 2017, the Environmental Protection Agency issued a memorandum entitled Safe Handling, Storage and Treatment of Waste Fireworks PDF 1.9 MB. This memorandum provides information regarding the safe and legal handling, storage and treatment of waste fireworks, and responds to recommendations from the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

**Messages to share with the public**

The best way to stay safe from fireworks is to not use them. Instead, attend a public fireworks display put on by professionals.

Fireworks are dangerous to people and pets. Using them puts your property at risk. Hand-held sparklers burn at 1,200 F. Remember, wood ignites at 356 F and burns at 575 F.
The Trump administration plans to slash firefighting assistance payments to California amid a disagreement between state and federal fire officials.

BY EMILY CADEI

MAY 20, 2019

MCCLATCHY WASHINGTON BUREAU

The Forest Service insists it is moving ahead with its new demands after completing an of the fire assistance agreement in January.

“The Forest Service is ultimately accountable to American taxpayers and has the responsibility to practice due diligence in review of all fire-related claims made by local governments,” the agency said in a statement to McClatchy.

“The audit found several areas where the CFAA is not being managed to ensure mutual benefit between the Forest Service and the State of California.” Specifically, the Forest Service alleges that the state submitted inaccurate invoices in his request for federal reimbursement, “resulting in potential overpayments.”

According to the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (OES), the Forest Service still owes local fire departments $9.3 million in reimbursements for costs incurred during the 2018 fire season, out of $72 million total that state firefighters billed to the federal agency.

“Local government fire departments are out this money and they’re getting ready to close their books,” said Marshall. If the Forest Service decides not to repay some portion of what’s owed, it could put a major dent in their budgets, he said.

Reimbursement rates are only part of the California government’s concerns, however.

In an April 24 letter to Randy Moore, the regional forester for the Pacific Southwest Division of the Department of Agriculture, Marshall warned that new reimbursement requirements that the Forest Service plans to enforce, “would be cumbersome and would severely impact California’s ability to respond to fires.”

In particular, the new requirements “will have a significant impact on volunteer fire agencies,” Marshall wrote, because those agencies have to be reimbursed before they can pay their firefighters.

Volunteer firefighters make up one-third of the local fire departments that respond to federal and state requests for help fighting fires, he wrote.

The California Fire Chiefs Association, California Metro Chiefs, Fire Districts Association of California and League of California Cities Fire Chiefs also sent a joint letter to the Forest Service on April 25 objecting to “unilateral, mid-contract changes to its reimbursement protocols for local agencies” under the CFAA.

California’s firefighting assistance agreement with the federal government, which has existed in some form since 1961, provides the terms by which state and federal agencies reimburse those local fire departments for their help.

There have been growing strains between the partners, however. California fire departments have been frustrated by the Forest Service’s slow pace of reimbursement in recent years.

According to the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services, 89% of Forest Service payments to local departments were late in 2016.

That prompted OES Director Mark Ghilarducci to write a letter to the Forest Service in 2017 complaining that the federal agency was failing to comply with their joint firefighting agreement.

In response, the Forest Service began the audit that it completed in January. It has not shared the audit with the state, but it informed state agencies of its conclusions in February.

The new demands from the Forest Service also come against the backdrop of an ongoing political fight between California and President Donald Trump, who has lobbed a series of critiques and threats regarding the cost of fighting wildfires in the state.

“Billions of dollars are sent to the State of California for Forest fires that, with proper Forest Management, would never happen,” Trump tweeted in January.

“Unless they get their act together, which is unlikely, I have ordered FEMA to send no more money. It is a disgraceful situation in lives & money!”

FEMA, the federal agency that provides emergency relief after natural disasters, has continued to provide federal assistance to victims of California’s 2018 wildfires — including the Camp Fire in Butte County and Woolsey Fire in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties — the mostly deadly and destructive fire season in history.

The Forest Service’s new reimbursement standards, however, could result in the Trump administration cutting other wildfire-related funding for California.

Marshall said that because of the Forest Service audit, other federal agencies, including the Bureau of Land Management and National Parks Service, were reassessing their reimbursement practices.

“We have a system in California that is often copied by other states and countries,” Marshall said. Keeping the system intact, “so we can continue to provide mutual aid to fire departments throughout the state, is a must.”
SFPE New Jersey Chapter
Nomination of Officers and Trustees
2019-2020 Term

In accordance with the Incorporated Bylaws of the New Jersey Chapter, SFPE the following is the proposed slate of Officers and Trustees including terms of service beginning August 1, 2019 for Officers and July 1, 2019 for Trustees. The election is scheduled to be conducted at the Chapter’s annual business meeting to be held on Monday, June 10, 2019 at the Hanover Manor, East Hanover, NJ.

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Dave Gluckman (1st year of 3 year term)
Glenn Buser (2nd year of 2 year term)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Rich Reitberger
Jim Burge

The Chapter encourages volunteers to serve in leadership roles on the Board or on Committees. Any member who desires to run for Chapter Office or serve on a Committee is encouraged to do so by contacting Rich Reitberger at richreit522@gmail.com at least 4 weeks before our business meeting.

Regards,

Rich Reitberger
Nominations Chair
NJSFPE

Statement from the US Chemical Safety Board on Recent Tank Fires in Deer Park, TX

The U.S. Chemical Safety Board will investigate the recent fire at the Intercontinental Terminals Company (ITC) site in Deer Park, TX. CSB investigators will start interviews next week and plan to be on site for several days to document the scene and collect evidence. The massive fire, which began on March 17th, engulfed 11 above ground storage tanks containing a variety of hydrocarbons, resulting in multiple orders for community members to Shelter in Place.
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Qualifications

Ideal candidates will possess the following:

- A degree in fire protection engineering or related engineering discipline.
- Knowledge of Building/Fire/NFPA Codes and Standards related to fire protection and life safety.
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills.
- Be motivated by growth opportunities for themselves and CCI.
- Passion for providing the highest level of services to CCI clients.
- Sufficient experience to work autonomously on project related tasks.
- Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) or Professional Engineering (PE) licensure is desirable, but not required.

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The Loss Control Consultant will provide risk improvement consultation services for highly valued large and middle market commercial customers; providing added value for our clients. The focus of this position is to evaluate property risks, conduct on-site visits of existing and prospective clients and aid the underwriters in the selection and pricing of an account. The Loss Control Consultant will also be responsible to track trends at an account and book level and communicate effectively with our clients and brokers. Candidate must have proficiency in property, specifically HPR property loss control skills.

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

Prioritization and evaluation of new and renewal work volumes to meet the goals of the department; . Possess a comprehensive understanding of the following areas: property and HPR (Highly Protected Risk) loss control exposures and risk control techniques.; .

- Ability to create client facing reports and/or loss control surveys; .
- Conduct loss control surveys at client locations to determine potential hazards and risk factors to be considered in underwriting/risk selection;
- Analyze loss or exposure trends, recognize opportunities to provide risk control products and/or services which can help reduce losses.
- Attend client/broker meetings, lunches, dinners and other social outings as applicable; .
- Expand existing relationships and new prospective clients; .
- Ensures compliance with all regulations and keeps abreast of any changes to laws and regulations which pertain to loss control;
- Explore and develop new technologies for delivering loss control services;
- Designs, develops, organizes and conducts training and staff development programs for internal and external customers; and .
- Responsibilities also include the production of thought leadership articles or creation of LC library resources; and
Fire Protection Engineer position opening at Brookhaven National Laboratory

A new Fire Protection Engineer position (Job ID 1523) has opened at Brookhaven National Laboratory. Brookhaven National Laboratory is a multipurpose research institution funded primarily by the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Science. Located on the center of Long Island, New York, Brookhaven Lab brings world-class facilities and expertise to the most exciting and important questions in basic and applied science—from the birth of our universe to the sustainable energy technology of tomorrow. We operate cutting-edge large-scale facilities for studies in physics, chemistry, biology, medicine, applied science, and a wide range of advanced technologies. The Laboratory's almost 3,000 scientists, engineers, and support staff are joined each year by more than 4,000 visiting researchers from around the world.

The following link details a much more comprehensive description of the job position and the ability to apply for it on-line:


If you should have further questions please contact:

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Employment Position Available

Property Loss Prevention Engineer

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- Self-motivated person who can work efficiently from a home office.
- Understanding of Microsoft Windows, Word, and Excel.
- Communicate daily via email and telephone.
- Adequate interpersonal skills to communicate effectively with various clients.
- Travel required for on-site surveys.

Salary & Benefits:
This is a work-from-home contract position paid on a per-job basis.

If interested, please submit resume to jdurante@risklogic.com. Only qualified applicants meeting the above requirements should apply.

About Risk Logic Incorporated
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