



### Special points of interest:

- Check out the National Fire Association's (NFSA) Technical [Tuesday webinars](#). They are filled with interesting and timely topics.
- **May 22, 2013**- PAAFAA monthly meeting with special speaker Ed Armm- "The Most Significant Changes To The National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code"

### May Business Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday May 14, 2013

**Where:** Clarion Inn at the Philadelphia International Airport in Essington, PA (Old Ramada Inn)

**5:30 PM:** Member/Friends fellowship time with cocktails

**6:30 PM:** Dinner

**Dinner Program:** Annual Business Award Social

**Cost:** \$35.00; Spouse/Guest included for free

**Reservations:** By 12 noon, Thurs, May 9, 2013

**Reserve with:** Bob Moser at [Bob.Moser@jacobs.com](mailto:Bob.Moser@jacobs.com)

This is our annual business meeting where we will be handing out awards. We will also have election of officers.

**\*\*PLEASE, NOTE RESERVATION DEADLINE! \*\***



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### Election for 2013-2014 Year

The Nominating Committee has come up with the following slate of officers:

- President:** Mike Venneri, PE
- 1st Vice President:** Robert Moser PE
- 2nd Vice President:** Jeff LaSalle
- Secretary:** Joseph Stough CFPS
- Asst. Secretary:** Dave Kriebel, PA
- Treasurer:** John Spitz
- Directors 2013-2015:** Shawn Sullivan, PE

Lou Annas

**Directors 2012-2014:** Tony Ordille  
Ryan Shartel

Elections are held at the annual meeting on May 14, 2013. The chairman of the nominating committee is Phil Sconyo.

Since no additions to the nominations were submitted to the secretary by the appointed time, the slate of officers stands as presented in April.

# Flashpoint

## FLASHPOINT

"The purpose of FLASHPOINT is to provide a forum for the transfer of information between members of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) and to give the Chapter visibility."

Newsletter/Publicity Committee:

Jay Stough

Information for publication can be submitted to: **Jay Stough** Email: jays@tilleyfire.com

This Newsletter is published 9 or 10 times/year (September through June) and received as part of membership of the Chapter. Membership Dues are \$20.00 collected annually in the Fall of the Year. For an Application of Membership contact: **Bob Moser** Email:

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Articles written are the views of the Author and not necessarily those of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter of SFPE. ❖

## President's Spark By Jim Davidson PE

I would like to thank all the people who helped put together the Fire Protection Networking Collation Dinner Meeting and Technical Seminar, Keynote speaker and members of the Networking committee for their time and effort to make the Networking event a success for another year. However we were little late getting this out this year and hope to increase participation next year. We will be making contributions to our scholarships and the Burn foundation.

When I sat down to write my last Spark I have come to realize how much the Philadelphia Delaware Valley Chapter of the SFPE has had on my career as a Professional Engineer in the discipline of Fire Protection Engineer over the past 40 years.

Two close family friends arranged a dinner meeting over the Christmas vacation of my senior year at college (1972/1973) "yes I am that old". The two family friends were the Chief Engineer of the Philadelphia Port Corporation, Al Woodford and Philadelphia Deputy Fire Commissioner, Joe McKenna. Their dinner guests were Bob Mertz, Chief Engineer of the ISO Mid-Atlantic Regional office, Walt Moyer, Chief Engineer of the Factory Insurance Association's (FIA) Philadelphia office, and John D. "Jack" Cook III of Catalytic Construction Co., Engineering. The discussion was about the new engineering discipline of fire protection engineering and how it affects all facets of building construction, industrial and chemical process complex design, power plants and everyday type industrial and commercial buildings. These gentlemen also gave me some sense of the direction that "Fire Protection Engineering" was headed. I must have given a good impression; Walt Moyer hired me after graduation in May of 1973. Over the past 40 years I have found guidance to answers for many problems by asking for assistance and direction of many members of our chapter. As one of the "young gun" engineer, the mature members of our chapter would take us and help educate and train us as the "next generation" of fire protection engineers. Now as "More Mature" members we are helping to train and educate the next generation of Fire Protection Engineers and technicians.

I would like to take the time to thank the entire membership and Executive Committee, Board of Directors of SFPE and especially the past-presidents for your support as my duty as president comes to an end. It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as president of this great Society, I have learned so much from our past presidents and will continue to assist our present and future leaders of this Society. And again I thank you for all your support.

Please sign up for our annual May dinner meeting which will be May 14<sup>th</sup> 2013 at that meeting we will install our new officers, award our scholarship winners for this year and a presentation by Future City winners.

In closing for this season, I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable and safe summer.

"Every engineering office needs an "old guy" who can say "I don't care what the computer says the calculations are wrong".

Robert A. Chagnon, P.E., Delaware Association of Professional Engineers, Examining Committee 2013

*Thank you, Jim*

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work!"

## Philadelphia Engineer's Club News

### HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH DIPLOMACY AND TACT - June 11 and 12

The Engineers Club of Philadelphia is pleased to partner with Dale Carnegie to host [How to Communicate with Diplomacy and Tact](#) on June 11 and 12. Have you ever been awed by someone who always seems to know what to say and how to communicate with diplomacy, tact and confidence? Now you can acquire these same skills. You will gain dexterity and grace in dealing with trying situations; recognize how you come across to others; learn to speak honestly and confidently; become conscious of body language; master emotions; give and receive criticism constructively; present yourself as powerful, not intimidating; and say what you need to say without creating conflict. This program will help you learn to influence outcomes and create cooperation through effective communication. More information is available in the [flyer](#). (14 PDH, June 11 and 12)

### PEF / DVEW GOLF OUTING - October 7

Mark your calendar and hold the date for the 14th Annual Golf Outing on Monday, October 7. We will be returning to the Blue Bell Country Club and plan to expand upon the successful Adopt-A-Hole program. The Outing will be a fun and enjoyable event, and while we will have some challenges that will reward those with the best skills, we have something enjoyable for all levels of players. Various levels of sponsorship will be available and more information will be [posted on the website](#) later. The proceeds of this Outing sponsor the Delaware Valley Engineers Week student awards and other student outreach activities of the Philadelphia Engineering Foundation. If you are interested in assisting in the planning of this outing, contact Susan Best.

**Register by April 26 and SAVE 15%!**

**REGISTER TODAY**



The Annual Conference and Expo is a good place to pick up training with a multitude of seminars. [Click here](#) for a list of available seminars and training. Check out all the possibilities at [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

*"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone."*

**Ronald Reagan**

## Webinar: Residential Sprinkler Requirement changes in NFPA 13

The American Fire Sprinkler Association (AFSA) is presenting a webinar highlighting the changes in the residential requirements of NFPA 13 from the 2010 edition to the 2013 edition. This program will highlight and provide the technical background changes effecting Residential Sprinkler design and installation requirements for NFPA 13, 13D and 13R standards. It will identify new and revised requirements for residential fire sprinkler system design & installation and give attendees the ability to differentiate between the requirements of the three standards prescribing residential sprinkler design and installation requirements.

The cost is free to AFSA members and only \$140 for non-members. [Click here](#) for more information.



# Golf Outing



Wednesday, May 30, 2012

**Westover Country Club**  
401 S. Schuylkill Avenue  
Jeffersonville, PA 19403



Join us with the National Fire Sprinkler Association at the sixth Annual Fireman's Hall Museum Golf Outing.

Fee : \$130 per person

Includes green fees, cart, box lunch, cocktail hour, dinner and prizes

Box lunch and registration at 11:00 a.m.

Shotgun start at 12:00 noon

Cocktails and dinner starting at 5:00 p.m.



To make reservations or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, call **Carol Smith** at **609-320-1417** or **frmsadmncws@aol.com**  
Register online at **www.firemanshallstore.com**

Philadelphia Fireman's Hall Museum is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization. In accordance with IRS guidelines, the fair market value for attendance at the 2012 Golf Outing has been set at \$100 per person. Any amount contributed above that value is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

The official registration and financial information of the Philadelphia Fire Department Historical Corporation may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.



# May 2013

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| 5                      | 6                  | 7                                  | 8                                   | 9                               | 10  | 11  |
| 12 <i>Mother's Day</i> | 13                 | 14 SFPE<br>Business mtg            | 15 ASCET<br>Delaware<br>chapter mtg | 16 Mid-<br>Atlantic<br>AFSA Mtg | 17  | 18  |
| 19                     | 20                 | 21 ASCET<br>Berks Chap-<br>ter Mtg | 22 PAAFAA<br>Mtg.                   | 23                              | 24  | 25  |
| 26                     | 27 Memorial<br>Day | 28 ASCET<br>Phila chap-<br>ter mtg | 29                                  | 30                              | 31  |     |

## Calendar of Events

- May 1: New Jersey ASCET Chapter at the Collins House in Collingswood, NJ
- May 14: SFPE Mtg at the Clarion Airport Hotel & Convention Center
- May 15: Delaware ASCET Chapter @ Charcoal Pit on Kirkwood Highway in Wilmington
- May 16: Mid-Atlantic AFSA chapter meeting @ Double Tree in Plymouth Meeting, PA
- May 21: Berks ASCET Mtg. @ Valentino's Restaurant Kutztown, PA
- May 22: PAAFAA Mtg. @ Delaware County Emergency Training Center
- May 27: Memorial Day
- May 28: Phila. ASCET Chapter @ Michael's Restaurant Bensalem, PA



What's Wrong with this picture?

Last month's picture showed a weld-o-let installed incorrectly

Send us any pictures you have.



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## Mission Statement

The Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Chapter purpose is to advance the art and science of fire protection engineering and its allied fields, for the reduction of life and property losses from fire, to maintain high ethical standards on engineering among its members and to foster fire protection education.

Recognition of fire protection engineering as a discrete engineering discipline is a prime goal. Engineering disciplines exist because there is a special body of knowledge based on the fundamentals of mathematics, physics, chemistry, engineering science and economics.

The chapter strives to facilitate sharing of sound engineering experiences and knowledge between its members and the fire protection community in general with an active program of education and scholarship activities.

**We're on the web**

**[www.sfpephiladelphia.org](http://www.sfpephiladelphia.org)**

## Directions to Airport Clarion Hotel & Conference Center

**From the North:** Follow The New Jersey Turnpike South to Exit 3 – Philadelphia and the Walt Whitman Bridge. Cross over the Walt Whitman Bridge and pick up I-95 South. Pass the Philadelphia International Airport and get off at Exit 9-A, Essington and Route 420 South. Go to traffic light on the corner and turn right on to Route 291 South. The hotel is located on the left.

**From the South:** Follow I-95 North to Exit 9-A. Stay to the right off of the exit (yield sign) and follow Route 420 South.. Go to traffic light on the corner and turn right on to Route 291 South. The hotel is located on the left.

**From Center City Philadelphia:** Follow I-95 South, pass the Philadelphia International Airport and get off at Exit 9-A, Essington Route 420 South. Go to traffic light on the corner and turn right on to Route 291 South. The hotel is located on the left.

**From the Pennsylvania Turnpike:** Take the Pennsylvania Turnpike to Exit for Route 476 South. Take Route 476 to I-95 North and I-95 to Exit 9-A. Stay to the right off of the exit (yield sign) and follow Route 420 South. Go to traffic light on the corner and turn right on to Route 291 South. The hotel is located on the left.

### **The Airport Clarion Hotel & Conference Center**

**76 Industrial Highway**

**Essington, PA 19029**

**(610) 521-9600**

**Fax (610) 521-9388** ♦

**Just a reminder that the bridge on Industrial Highway south of the Clarion Hotel is closed Northbound, so use exit 9A off of I-95**