



Flashpoint

Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter
Society of Fire Protection Engineers

Fire Networking Coalition Event this month!

Special points of interest:

- Mark your calendar for Tuesday May 13th for our annual business meeting and election of officers.
- Check out the Philadelphia Engineers Club [website](#) for a tour of the University of Penn. Nanotechnology Center on April 11.

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Check out the reservation form on page 6

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Nominations for 2014-2015 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 2014-2016: Steve Oliver
 Ben Young

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

Additional Nominations can be made in accordance with Article VIII, Section VIII-5 of the Bylaws and must be received by the Secretary by April 8, 2014. Nominations should be sent to Jay Stough, Secretary at 209 Mechanic St. Doylestown, PA 18901 or faxed to him at 215-345-9357 or emailed to jays@tilleyfire.co

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

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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

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www.sfpephiladelphia.org

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President's Spark by Mike Venneri, PE

A special thanks to Rick Coppola for his time and energy to merge the SFPE and NFSA together for the meeting in March. The turnout was good and the technical presentation by Dan from Jacobs was very interesting and spurred some good discussion. Bob Moser was on hand to support Dan but he did just fine. Jim Davidson gave us an overview of the April event and it sounds to be a timely presentation. I am not going to elaborate on it as Jay will provide additional information. After the April event we head right into the May Business meeting, which is shaping up to be a good one with some special guests on hand. Prior to the last meeting the Board met for their business and some discussion ensued regarding an event in June. We used to have various activities for a June meeting including a Golf Outing, and meetings at various locations with walk-throughs. If anyone reading this has some ideas on what we can do for June, please bring it with you for the April meeting or contact Jay with your idea. Not guaranteeing anything but all recommendations are welcomed. Hope to see all of you at the April event.

Mike Venneri



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Chapter Scholarships to be Awarded

The annual scholarship awarded by the chapter will be given to two applicants.

Allison Calder, from Wilmington, DE, is a second semester Freshman at Delaware Technical Community College majoring in Fire Protection Engineering Technology. Allison is a Volunteer Firefighter with the Five Points Fire Company. She has a previous degree in Architecture from Wentworth Institute of Technology, Boston, MA. After working in the Architectural field for several years, she realized she had a deep interest in building codes and standards and decided to go back to school to further this passion.

Jessica Meisinger-MacDonald, from Doylestown, PA is a Sophomore at the University of New Haven majoring in Fire Protection Engineer. Jessica is a volunteer firefighter with the Doylestown Fire Company and the Wallingford Fire Company. Jessica began as a fire administration major but decided she missed the math and science in the engineering field. She held many leadership positions in her high school and hopes to land a successful position in the field of fire protection once completing college.

The scholarships will be awarded at our May 13th business meeting at the Airport Clarion Conference Center. Mark the date and come out to meet Allison and Jessica.



What's wrong with this picture?

The latest edition of NFPA's Fire Sprinkler Initiative Newsletter is now available

Upon examining an astounding 12,000 home fires, researchers have concluded that home fire sprinklers play a significant role in protecting property and saving lives, regardless of a building's materials.

Find more information about this study in the latest edition of [NFPA's Fire Sprinkler Initiative newsletter](#). You'll also find stories on:

- a house fire that ended a firefighter's career
 - a deadly rise in house fires in Minneapolis, and what fire service officials are doing about it
- new funding by the Department of Homeland Security to investigate fire safety concerns of green buildings

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How many seasons did Tommy John pitch after undergoing the elbow surgery that bears his name?
See Page 5 for answer!

SFPE International Webinar Series

Did you know that SFPE offers a new series of online webinars free to members? Check out the courses at [SFPE Webinar](#). Here is what is being offered next month:

April 21st, 2014 11am – 12pm EST

VOICE INTELLIGIBILITY

with **Jack Poole, P.E., FSPFE**, Principal, Poole Fire Protection

This presentation will provide a brief overview of how voice messaging and notification is being accomplished. Utilizing an Emergency Communication System to accomplish mass notification requires the system to be designed to achieve voice intelligibility. The presentation will provide guidance on how to design a system to produce intelligible voice messages and then how to perform system testing to confirm voice intelligibility. Understanding the technology that we have at hand, to convey the real-time instructions through voice messaging, is critical for the safety of those who may be affected by emergency incidents.

A Look back at Boston's fire and disaster history

The tragic loss of two on-duty firefighters in Boston brings to mind other fires and disasters that have occurred in Boston.

In 2011, NFPA Journal® featured an article "[Boston Fire Trail](#)" in which author/historian **Stephanie Schorow** provided a walking tour of the city's major fires and disasters, including the Coconut Grove nightclub fire, the molasses flood of 1915, the 1872 Great Fire of Boston, and the Hotel Vendome blaze that killed nine firefighters.

"Celebrated and much imitated, the Freedom Trail winds through Boston marking highlights of the American Revolution, ranging from Paul Revere's home to the Battle of Bunker Hill," wrote Ms. Schorow. "An unmarked trail, more somber but no less significant, also winds through Boston, a city that has seen more than its share of major fires and disasters." [Read the full article.](#)

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If you want to know what a man is like, take a good look at how he treats his inferiors, not his equals.
J.K.Rowling

DELAWARE VALLEY
FIRE PROTECTION
NETWORKING COALITION



2014 Fire Protection Networking Coalition Event

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This event is put together by members of the following organizations: The Philadelphia -Delaware Valley chapter of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers, the PenJerdel Chapter of the National Fire Sprinkler Association, the Hospital Fire Marshals Association, the Mid-Atlantic chapter of the American Fire Sprinkler Association, the American Society of Safety Engineers, the National Association of Fire Equipment Distributors, the American Society of Certified Engineering Technicians and the Automatic Fire Alarm Association.

Attendance certificates will be issued to be used as possible ceu or cpd continuing education requirements. So return the application below and mark your calendar. Bring a colleague or friend that may not get this notice. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. For more information contact Jim Davidson at jdavidson@davidsonassociates.net or Jay Stough at jays@tilleyfire.com

*Cost is \$60. Unfortunately we cannot take any walk ins. Make your reservation by Wednesday April 16th. **Make checks payable to "Fire protection Networking 2014"** and mail to Lou Annas 1191 Pymochon Hall Road West Chester, PA 19382*

2014 Fire Protection Networking Coalition event

Sign up Form

No. of people signed up: _____ X \$60 each = \$ _____

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Email Address</u>

April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 ASCET SJ chapter	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Passover Begins	15 ASCET Berks chap.	16 ASCET Delaware	17	18	19
20 Easter!	21	22 Fire Networking	23	24 Phila Fire Museum	25	26
27	28	29 ASCET Phila	30			

Upcoming Events and Meetings

- April 2: NJ ASCET Meeting @ the Collins House in Collingswood, NJ
- April 15: Berks County ASCET Chapter Meeting @ Valentino's in Kutztown 6PM
- April 16: Delaware ASCET Chapter Meeting @ Charcoal Pit on Kirkwood Highway in Wilmington
- April 22: Fire Networking Coalition Event @ Airport Clarion Conference Center
- April 24: Philadelphia Fire Museum Networking Dinner honoring Joe Rizzo
- April 29: Phila. ASCET Chapter Meeting @ Michael's Dinner in Bensalem

Three Keys to Integrity

Integrity is one of those attributes that everyone likes to think they have, but really aren't sure what it looks like in action - particularly at work. Basically integrity means that you do what you do for no other reason than it's right. Here are three keys to principles of integrity:

1. Stand by your convictions, even when you are pressured to do otherwise.
2. Give others credit that is rightfully theirs. Don't avoid those who are smarter or even more skilled than you.
3. Be honest about who you really are. That means showing your shortcomings as well as your strengths. Be yourself!

Tommy John pitched for 14 years (1976—1989) after his surgery.



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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.

Directions to the 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.

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