



Flashpoint

Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter
Society of Fire Protection Engineers



Phila-Delaware Valley SFPE

Bring a Friend to the First meeting of the Year

Special points of interest:

- * Don't forget to send in your dues this month. If paid before the October meeting, there is a \$5 discount.
- * The PenJerDel chapter of the NFSA is hosting a seminar about Sprinkler ITM. See the article on page 4.
- * See page 4 for the SFPE annual convention in Long Beach, CA.

Date: Tuesday Sept 9, 2014

Place: Jacobs Engineering Group Three Tower Bridge
Suite 3000 Conshohocken, PA

See Page 6 for directions

5:30 PM: Fellowship Time

6:00 PM: Dinner

Dinner Program:

The presentation to start the year will be changes in ESFR storage changes per UL and new sprinklers in the industry. This will be presented by Bryan Berkley of Viking.

Cost: \$25.00 for dinner & program

Reservations: By 12 noon, Friday, September 5th, 2014

Reserve with:
Jeff LaSalle by E-mail:
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or Fax: (215) 658-1772❖



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New Officers Elected at May Meeting

The new officers elected at the May Business meeting are as follows:

President – Michael Venneri PE

1st VP/Programming– Bob Moser PE

2nd VP/Membership – Jeff LaSalle PE

Secretary – Joseph Stough CET

Assistant Secretary – David Kriebel PE

Treasurer – John Spitz

Directors 6/13to 6/15 – Shawn Sullivan PE & Lou Annas

Directors 6/14 to 6/16 – Steve Oliver & Ben Young

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 \$30.00 collected annually in the Fall of the Year. For an Application of Membership contact: **Jeff LaSalle**
 Email: jlasalle@lasalleeng.com

Visit our web site at:
www.sfpephiladelphia.org

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

President's Spark by Mike Venneri PE

We believe it or not I got through the first year of being president with lots of input and help from others. This coming year promises to be even better than last year. We have a good variety of presentations lined up and discussing some different venues for the future meetings. One thing that is happening next year, even though it may be too early to spill the beans, is that SFPE National is having their annual meeting in Philadelphia. The chapter is looking at various activities that we may get involved in including possibly sponsoring a venue. So it looks to be an interesting year and as always, if you have any questions, comments or recommendations feel free to impart them to anyone on the board, including myself for sure. Looking forward to another great year for the Philadelphia Delaware Valley chapter of SFPE.

Mike

Engineer's Club News

Schuylkill River Tours

We are offering two different boat tours on two **three** different dates this summer. In addition to the traditional Secrets of the Schuylkill River Tour, we are adding a Walnut to Walnut Tour. The same tours options are available Thursday July 10, Thursday August 21, and Thursday, September 4.

Education Courses

The Engineers' Club offers courses which meet the needs of many practicing technical professionals. In today's rapidly changing world, it is mandatory that engineers not only maintain, but continually increase both technical and management skills to remain on the cutting edge. This includes a sprinkler course taught by our own Phil Gaughan.

For more information on these and other activities of the Engineer's Club go to www.engrclub.org.

"Go to Heaven for the climate, Hell for the company."

Mark Twain

2014 Business Meeting Awards

At the May meeting two scholarships were presented, but unfortunately due to exams, the recipients could not be there. Scholarships were awarded to Allison Calder, who attends Delaware Technical and Community College and Jessica Meisinger-MacDonald, who attends the University of New Haven.

The William Tamburro Vendor Support Award was presented to Jacobs Engineering. The Frank J. Spitz Service Award was presented to John Spitz Jr. President Mike Venneri presented the President's Hat's Off Awards to Jeff LaSalle and Lou Annas.



Bob Moser accepts the William Tamburro Vendor Award from Phil Gaughan.

SFPE Innovation Series Webinar

Everyday Use and Extraordinary Protection - Using Technology to Maximize Fire System Flexibility and Protection

Current SFPE Members [reserve your webinar seat now](#) and earn .1 CEUs for attending the entire webinar.

Adding significant customer benefits does not necessarily mean adding significant cost. While all fire alarm systems must comply with national and local standards, we often look to technology to help address these requirements efficiently, as well as effectively. Learn how advances in innovation and technology support the design of multi-use systems, provide improved detection and notification capabilities, and lower total cost of ownership.

Upon completion of this presentation, attendees will:

- Identify how advances in detection and notification provide opportunities to offer more comprehensive, flexible protection and communication options.
- Gain a better understanding of the barriers to multi-use systems with the current design methods used today.
- Explore how multiple use of the fire alarm system can benefit the operation of a facility.

"When we seek to discover the best in others, we somehow bring out the best in ourselves."

William Arthur Ward

Membership Report by Jeff LaSalle PE

Welcome back to all Members and Friends. I trust you all enjoyed some relaxation time this summer and now you're looking forward to an informative and exciting year for our SFPE Chapter. The 2013-2014 year brought growth in our numbers through the addition of many new members. I'm looking forward to another year of increased membership, and outreach to other professional societies in our region to expand awareness of the fire protection engineering profession.

As a way of reaching potential members and affiliated professionals, the Board has discussed attending meetings and making presentations to organizations such as the Health Facilities Managers Association of Delaware Valley, AIA, ASPE, ICC Liberty Chapter, and others. If you have any interest in contributing to this effort, please contact me.

Our Program Chair, Bob Moser has set up the programs for the first half of our meeting year, including topics on new sprinkler technology, corrosion protection, and tools for design professionals. If you have a program you think would be of interest to our chapter in the spring, please contact Bob.

I'd like to thank Steve Oliver and Ben Young for volunteering to serve as Directors for 2014 through 2016. Steve and Ben were officially elected at the May Business meeting and they join Shawn Sullivan and Lou Annas on the Board. Please introduce yourself at the September meeting and thank them for their service.

Finally, I am in the process of printing out new member nametags and I'd like to include your current company affiliation. Please send me an email with "SFPE Membership" in the subject line and I will update your nametag. As always, if you have any membership-related questions or comments, please feel free to email me at jlalalle@LaSalleEng.com. Thanks.

Jeff LaSalle

SFPE Annual Convention in October

Mark your calendars for the SFPE Conference & Expo: Engineering A Fire Safe World being held October 12-17 at the Hilton Long Beach & Executive Center in Long Beach, CA. This event is THE source for technical information and technology for practicing fire protection engineers. The two-day Engineering Technology Conference highlights presentations on advanced and cutting-edge practices in fire protection engineering. Following the conference is a series of nine professional development seminars taught by the profession's leading experts. Also included is the 12th Engineering Technology Exposition, kicking off with the Welcome Reception on Monday, October 13, featuring the latest products, advances and solutions for your technical challenges. For more information check the [SFPE website](#).

NFSA PenJerDel Chapter Sponsors Seminars on Sept 9th & 10th

The local NFSA Chapter is sponsoring two days of seminars; one day about Inspection, testing & Maintenance for anyone involved or overseeing these tasks; and a day about maintenance, which is geared for contractors only. The topics covered are as follows:

Day One - Seminar Title: Understanding, Applying and Enforcing NFPA 25

Seminar Description: This highly interactive full day seminar describes the requirements for properly maintaining a water based fire protection system in accordance with NFPA 25. The seminar clearly describes the responsibilities for compliance & record keeping. It describes the specific scope of the standard, and identifies the various ways in which information related to changes in the system are handled. It describes the various Tables used in the standard, their specific purposes, and when to use which Tables. It involves the attendees in a significant number of exercises to describe various problems encountered, identify the proper section(s) of the standard that deals with it, and discuss how to deal with issues not covered by the standard that may still be encountered.

Day Two - Seminar Title: ITM: Navigating Through the Liability Minefield

Seminar Description: An effective inspection, testing and maintenance (ITM) program, conducted in accordance with NFPA 25, is critical to ensuring that water-based fire protection systems operate properly when needed. The program also acknowledges the liability exposure of ITM and prioritizes the need for clear communication in order to protect the ITM contractor and technician. Communications with the building owner, the AHJ, and even internally can have a dramatic impact on the success of a contractor's ITM program. This highly interactive seminar will walk participants through a process to develop a best practices approach to improve communications and reduce exposure to liability claims associated with an ITM program.

For more information, contact Rick Coppola at rcoppola@oliverfireprotection.com

"The Constitution
only gives people
the right to
pursue happiness.
You have to catch
it yourself."

Benjamin Franklin

Fireman's Hall Fire Safety Expo & Muster

The Philadelphia Fire Museum will be having it's annual Expo & Muster on Sunday October 19, 2014 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. There will be Firefighter contests, new & antique apparatus displays, Equipment demonstrations, firematic flea market, live entertainment, health care and plenty of food. It will be held at the Philadelphia Fire Academy 5200 Pennypack Street, Philadelphia. The proceeds benefit the Fireman's Hall Museum. Free admission and parking. For more information, go to www.phillyfiremuster.org.

Fireman's Hall Museum
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Society of Fire Protection Engineers
Philadelphia – Delaware Valley Chapter
2014-2015 Dues Notice Form

Your Name: _____

Please indicate **by an arrow** where you prefer to receive your meeting notices. It is to our advantage to use Email, if possible. If you want your meeting notices sent to your work email, **please give us your home email as a back up**. Thank you.

Business Name and Address:

Business Phone Number: _____ Business Fax Number: _____

Business Email Address: _____

Type of experience/expertise in the Industry _____

Home Address:

Home Phone Number: _____

Home Email Address: _____

Please indicate which Committees you would be interested in participating:

- Program Membership Coop. with other Societies
 Scholarship Education Awards Historian
 Liaison with Fire Service Constitution & By Laws
 Nominations Newsletter/Publicity Finance & Budget

SFPE National Member: Yes or No IF yes, Membership Number & level _____

Annual Dues: \$30.00 \$25.00, if paid by October 14, 2014

(Please make your check payable to SFPE Philadelphia-Delaware Valley)

Return This form and check to:

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September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day 	2	3 ASCET SJ chapter Mtg	4	5	6
7	8	9 SFPE Meeting & NFSA Seminar	10 NFSA Seminar	11	12	13
14	15	16 ASCET Berks chapter Mtg	17 ASCET Delaware chapter Mtg	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 ASCET Phila chapter Mtg				

Calendar Events

- Sept 3: NJ ASCET Meeting @ the Collins House in Collingswood, NJ
- Sept 9: SFPE meeting @ Jacobs Engineering. Don't forget to make your reservation by Friday Sept. 5th.
- Sept 9 & 10: NFSA ITM and Maintenance Seminars @ Montgomery County Fire Academy
- Sept. 16: Berks County ASCET Chapter Meeting @ Valentino's in Kutztown 6PM
- Sept. 17: Delaware ASCET Chapter Meeting @ Charcoal Pit on Kirkwood Highway in Wilmington
- Sept. 30: Phila. ASCET Chapter Meeting @ Michael's Dinner in Bensalem



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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 Jacobs Engineering

From Central Philadelphia:

Follow the Schuylkill Expressway (I-76) west to Exit 29 (Conshohocken). Stay in the center lane. At the traffic light, go straight and cross the Fayette Street Bridge. **At the next traffic light, turn right onto Elm Street. Go two blocks and turn right onto Ash Street. Three Tower Bridge is 1/8 mile on your right at the end of the street.**

From Philadelphia International Airport and points south:

North on I-95 to Exit 7. Follow I-476 North (toward Plymouth Meeting) to Exit 16. Follow signs for Route 23 Conshohocken. At the traffic light at the end of the off-ramp, turn right. Continue down road merging into the center lane. At the traffic light, go straight and cross the Fayette Street Bridge. Continue from bold text above.

From Allentown and points north:

Take the Northeast Extension of the PA Turnpike south to Exit 25A (Mid-County Interchange). Follow signs to I-476 South. Continue to Exit 16 (Valley Forge). On the off-ramp, follow signs to Route 23 Conshohocken. At the traffic light at the end of the off-ramp, turn right. Continue down road merging into the center lane. At the traffic light, go straight and cross the Fayette Street

Bridge. Continue from bold text above.

From New York and Northern New Jersey:

Take the New Jersey Turnpike south to exit 6 (PA Turnpike). Take PA Turnpike west to exit 25A (Mid-County Interchange). Follow signs to I-476 South. Continue to Exit 16 (Valley Forge). On the off-ramp, follow signs to Route 23 Conshohocken. At the traffic light at the end of the off-ramp, turn right. Continue down road merging into the center lane. Continue from bold text above.

From points west:

On the PA Turnpike, Take exit 24 (King of Prussia). Follow signs for I-76 east (toward Philadelphia). Take exit 288 (Plymouth Meeting). Follow signs for Route 23 Conshohocken. Continue from bold text above.

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