

Flashpoint



Phila-Delaware Valley SFPE



Special points of interest:

- * Dues for the 2015-2016 year are due.. The renewal form is on page 7.
- * The SFPE National Conference is in Philadelphia this year. Check out the story on page 3 about our involvement in it.

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Bring a Friend to the First meeting of the Year

Due to the Late Labor day date, the meeting date is changed!

Date: Monday September 14, 2015

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

5:30 PM: Fellowship Time

6:00 PM: Dinner

Dinner Program:

The presentation to start the year will be by Ralph DiPietro of Phila L & I. Ralph will be giving us an update on the codes in Philadelphia and what is new in the permitting area.

Cost: \$25.00 for dinner & program

Reservations: By 12 noon, Friday, September 11th, 2015

Reserve with:

Lou Annas by E-mail:
lannas@bearindustries.com
or Fax: (302) 368-9217 ❖

New Officers for 2015-2016

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

President: Robert Moser PE

1st Vice President: Jeff LaSalle PE

2nd Vice President: Lou Annas

Secretary: Joseph "Jay" Stough CFPS

Asst. Secretary: Dave Kriebel, PE

Treasurer: John Spitz

Directors 2015-2017: Kate Lawler Gerry Forstater PE

Directors 2014-2016: Steve Oliver PE 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: **Lou Annas**

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President's Spark by Bob Moser PE

Welcome back to everyone and I hope that you all had a great summer. Summer time seems to go by so quickly. It seems like just yesterday that we had our spring meeting where the baton was passed from Mike Venneri to me. Jeff LaSalle has a wonderful year planned with extremely informative and lively presentations. The SFPE National meeting will be held in downtown Philadelphia November 8th to the 13th where our chapter we will be sponsoring a special event. We are also planning a new signature event in April that will be fun for all. I am looking forward to an extraordinary year!

Thanks, Bob

Go Directly to Jail — Get Out Free Tuesday, September 15 at 5PM

The Greater Philadelphia chapter of ASIS International, the security management Association, has been invited for a special tour of the currently ready to open state correctional institution phoenix east and west. Jerry "Dutch" Forstater has opened an opportunity for SFPE to join the group. This is a facility that has been in construction for over three years and in design well over five years. It reflects over 4,000 inmate beds in two sister facilities on 125 acres of land, includes approximately 2 miles of circumferential fence, enough razor wire to Cover 25 miles, and physical security and electronic security estimated at this \$60 million. You'll have an opportunity to visit cells that are made of high pressure formed concrete with an epoxy finish that has a material strength of over 48,000 pounds per square inch. Not even a Mexican cartel principal can get out of this cell. You'll see expansive camera systems that cover thousands of cameras, all IP integrated on super redundant fiber backbones. Touchscreen control systems that monitor locks, doors, position switches, even the very bolts that are thrown into the secure latch keepers. And finally you'll see what prisons are really like, not like on TV or what is made out to be reality TV. The real deal. Before occupancy and in a setting where your most intimate questions can be addressed on a personal level.

Join us for a very special event in Skippack Pennsylvania, located approximately 25 minutes from Fort Washington, one hour from Center City, and less than 15 minutes from the Pennsylvania Turnpike at exit 31 in Lansdale. There is a registration charge which includes pizza, drinks and a beverage at the afterglow party.

Please bring walking shoes as there will be no transportation within the facility and it is absolutely enormous. Probably one of the biggest facilities you've ever seen, as it is the largest capital project Pennsylvania has completed in decades. The facility is handicapped accessible. Please let us know if there are any special accommodations necessary or requested ahead of time that we may need to know. We will leave the facility no later than 7:30 PM (1930 Hrs) with the opportunity to have a brew at Dutch's tavern, or tasty frozen yogurt next door and still leave by 8 PM. You know I'll be at Dutch's.

For more information, and the cost go to <http://phillyasis.com/>.



The 2015 National Conference is being held in Philadelphia! As the host chapter, we will be front and center in the activities. Past President, Mike Venneri, is on the committee and is helping with the introductions of the presentations. General sessions of the conference will be held Sunday November 8th thru Tuesday November 10th. Seminars will be held Wednesday November 11th thru Friday November 13th. Our own Jeff LaSalle will be one of the presenters of a seminar.

On Wednesday November 11th, our chapter will be hosting a meet and greet at the Philadelphia Fire Museum for attendees. We will be providing a sample of Philly style food along with beverages. The idea is to give the attendees a "taste" of Philly along with a small history of fire protection in Philadelphia. The time of the event will be from 6 Pm to 9 PM.

If you are able to help the chapter at the registration desk or the Wednesday evening event, please contact Mike Venneri at mvenneri@LaSalleEng.com.

Since the Wednesday evening event is being held one day after what would be our monthly meeting, **the November chapter meeting is cancelled.**

Baseball Trivia:

Alex Rodriguez is the all-time grand slam leader with 25. Which two players are next on the active list with 13 each?
See page 5 for the answer.

Golfers Wanted! ECP GOLFtoberfest

SPONSORSHIPS STILL AVAILABLE FOR GOLFtoberfest!

ECP (Engineers Club of Phila) will host its NEW and IMPROVED annual golf outing on **Monday, October 5th** at the Blue Bell Country Club, an acclaimed course designed by Arnold Palmer. This year's event, in addition to a more convenient **afternoon shotgun start**, features an Octoberfest theme, with a fabulous beer garden, expanded networking, cocktails and dinner, and several new sponsorship categories.

Proceeds benefit the Philadelphia Engineering Foundation's scholarship fund, and donations are eligible for a tax deduction. Help us promote the engineering community...[sign up to play!](#)

Please secure all Gold and Silver level sponsorship by September 4th to allow time for promotional product production. Thank You to our Platinum level sponsor, Pennoni Associates, Inc.

Membership News – An Appreciation

Too rarely do we take the time to acknowledge the accomplishments of members of our Chapter while they're still with us. The accolades are often reserved for eulogies – too late for the individual to hear how much they are appreciated by colleagues and associates. So, it is in an effort to start a new trend and to provide a bit of Chapter history for our younger members that we congratulate John E. Kampmeyer on his retirement.



John Kampmeyer presenting an award at the 2014 Future City Philadelphia competition

John has been practicing Fire Protection Engineering in one form or another since 1961. After his graduation from Drexel University that year, John worked as a Field Engineer for Factory Insurance Association, the predecessor insurance company to IRI. After successive turns at Boeing, Catalytic, Robert E. Lamb, and Kling Lindquist, John joined Maida Engineering in 1979.

For almost 19 years John served as the Chief Mechanical Engineer and Vice-President at Maida and managed several significant building fire safety upgrades throughout the City of Philadelphia. Along the way John mentored many young engineers, teaching them the importance of attention to the details of building fire safety systems, and of positive communication among all building stakeholders.

From 1998 until his retirement on August 1st, John has been working as a Sr. Project Engineer for Triad Fire Protection Engineering Corporation in Springfield, Delaware County. There, he has trained more engineers, and has continued to have a positive impact on building fire safety throughout the Philadelphia region.

Not one to stand still, John has been involved with numerous volunteer endeavors throughout his career. These include membership on multiple NFPA committees, teaching classes for the Engineers' Club, serving on the Philadelphia Board of Safety and Fire Prevention, membership on the PA UCC Review & Advisory Committee, and serving as the Regional Coordinator for his beloved Future City Competition. John was the 1994 Engineer of the Year for the Delaware Valley Engineers Week Council. He served on the SFPE-PDV Chapter Board for many years, including as President from 1993-1995.

In typical John fashion, his retirement is not signaling an end to his activism. He will continue to serve on the Board of Safety, the RAC, and NFPA committees. He will also continue to participate in our Chapter activities.

When you see John, be sure to thank him for his contributions. You'd be hard-pressed to find anyone in our region who has done more to raise awareness of building fire safety issues in the past 50 years than he has. For that, he deserves our thanks and appreciation. His career is a model for us all. I am thankful to count him as a mentor and a colleague.

Congratulations, John.

Jeff LaSalle

Just a quick reminder to forward any milestones you wish to share with your colleagues in the Flashpoint to Lou Annas at lannas@bearindustries.com.

"A leader is best
when people barely
know he exists, when
his work is done, his
aim fulfilled, they will
say: we did it
ourselves."
Lao Tzu

Mid-Atlantic AFSA hosts Beef & Beer to Benefit the Burn Foundation

The AFSA Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the American Fire Sprinkler Association (AFSA) is gearing up for its annual fundraiser to benefit the Burn Foundation (www.burnfoundation.org). This year's event will be a beef and beer held at the Westover Country Club in East Norriton, PA on Friday, October 23, 2015 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The event is open to anyone 21 years and older.

This year we are selling seats at \$50 each in advance or \$60 at the door.

We are also offering the option to buy a table in advance for a discounted rate of 8 seats for \$350. With the option to "buy a table" you will also have the opportunity to have your reserved table marked with your company logo*

Contact Mike Leister at 215-490-4745 or webmastermike@afsamac.org to arrange your reservations. We can accept payments by check and credit card.

In addition to the event we have negotiated some rates with the golf club for anyone who would like to spend some time with their business partners and employees prior to the event. We have rates available for both Friday and Saturday (if you are staying in the area overnight). To schedule a tee time please contact the Westover Country Club at 610-539-4500 and let them know that you are with the AFSA Mid-Atlantic Chapter Fundraiser. Please note that collared shirts, pants or dress shorts are the required attire for the golf course. The Beef and Beer event attire is casual.

For more information, go to <http://afsamac.org/>.

Awards Presented at the 2015 Business Meeting in May

The 2015 Business meeting was held at the great American Pub this past May. Although this was our first time trying this venue, the reviews from those attending suggest we should try it again next year.

The highlights of the evening included presenting the scholarships to those that could attend, presenting the annual awards and presenting the past president with his pin.

Due to finals, only one scholarship recipient was able to attend, Allison Calder. Past President Mike Venneri presented a Hat's Off award to Steve Oliver.

The Davis-Searle Distinguished Leadership Award was presented to Jim Davidson. The Frank Spitz Jr. Service Award was presented to Bob Moser. The William C Tamburro Sr. Vendor Award was presented to Victaulic Corp.



Lots of people enjoyed the new meeting venue



Awards Chairman, Phil Gaughan, presents Jim Davidson with his Distinguished Leadership Award



Incoming President Bob Moser, presents Mike Venneri with the Past President's pin

September 2015

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

Monthly Events

- September 2: NJ ASCET Meeting @ the Collins House in Collingswood, NJ
- September 7: Labor day
- September 14: SFPE meeting @ Jacobs Engineering. Don't forget to make your reservation by **Friday September 11th**
- September 15: Berks County ASCET Chapter Meeting @ Valentino's in Kutztown 6PM
- September 16: Delaware ASCET Chapter Meeting @ Charcoal Pit on Kirkwood Highway in Wilmington
- September 28: Phila. ASCET Chapter Meeting @ Michael's Dinner in Bensalem

Answer:
Ryan Howard
and Albert
Pujols

Society of Fire Protection Engineers

Philadelphia – Delaware Valley Chapter

2015-2016 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 13, 2015

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

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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.

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