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National SFPE Conference & Expo coming to Town

The National conference and Expo is being held in Philadelphia next week from Sunday November 8 to Friday November 13 at the Loews Hotel on Market Street. If you are interested in going, you can still sign up at sfpe.org.

Due to the activities, we will **not** be having a meeting this month. But we are sponsoring a meet and greet at the Fireman's Museum in Philadelphia next Wednesday, November 11th, from 6 to 9 PM. Attendees of the conference have been invited to attend and we are inviting chapter members to come out and participate. It should be a nice evening of fellowship. If you intend to participate, please let Mike Venneri (mvenneri@lasalleeng.com) or Jay Stough (jays@tilleyfire.com) know by Monday November 9th. Philadelphia Fire Commissioner Derrick J.V. Sawyer will be arriving at the event around 7:30 PM.

If you are available to help the chapter at the conference, please contact Mike Venneri at mvenneri@lasalleeng.com by Friday November 6th. Thanks for your help and we look forward to seeing you at the Fireman's Museum on Wednesday November 11th.

Fire Protection Engineering Magazine to Become Member-Only Benefit in 2016

For the past 15 years, SFPE has partnered with Penton to publish *Fire Protection Engineering* magazine. This partnership enabled SFPE to publish a high-quality technical publication at a time when the Society did not have the resources to self-publish. We are grateful to Penton for helping us grow *Fire Protection Engineering* into a resource valued by many within the fields of fire protection and life safety.

In 2014, SFPE's Board of Directors developed a dynamic strategic plan for the organization aimed at strengthening the Society's value proposition to members. One of the tenets of SFPE's value proposition, as defined in the new strategic plan, is "SFPE is the source for related technical knowledge and information." *Fire Protection Engineering*, as the official magazine of SFPE, is one of the cornerstones of this information exchange. The members of the *Fire Protection Engineering* Editorial Advisory Board and the Technical Editor, Chris Jelenewicz, work hard to develop content for the magazine; it only serves to reason that the resulting high-quality content should be available to those equally invested in helping SFPE achieve its mission: its members.

Accordingly, after 15 years of delivering the magazine to anyone interested in fire protection and fire safety engineering, starting with the Q1 issue in 2016, SFPE has decided to make *Fire Protection Engineering* magazine a members-only benefit."

SFPE members will continue to receive *Fire Protection Engineering* without interruption, beginning with the Q1 2016 issue. The newly designed magazine will include new features such as member profiles, feature articles, SFPE member news and more. Members will also have access to a digital edition of the magazine that can be viewed on all mobile devices and tablets.

If you're not yet a member, we hope that you value the news and information in *Fire Protection Engineering* enough to join SFPE so you'll be able to continue receiving the magazine in 2016 and beyond. *Fire Protection Engineering* will continue to be the only magazine written and peer-reviewed by fire protection and fire safety engineers, delivering quality technical content and product information about the latest trends and topics in the field. To join SFPE, visit the [SFPE website](http://sfpe.org). If you're interested in advertising in *Fire Protection Engineering*, please contact Brian Marks, SFPE Media and Event Sales, at 410-316-9855 or bmmarks@networkmediapartners.com.

Engineers Club of Philadelphia Updates

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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Visit our web site at:
www.sfpephiladelphia.org

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ENGINEER OF THE YEAR ELECTION

William J. Dugary (Nominated by International Society of Automation (ISA), Philadelphia Section, American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), Delaware Valley Section, and International Society of Pharmaceutical Engineers (ISPE), Delaware Valley Chapter)

Kevin L. Johnson, PE (Nominated by American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE), Delaware Valley Chapter, Women's Transportation Seminar, (WTS) Philadelphia Chapter, Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers (PSPE), Delaware County Chapter, and American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Philadelphia Section)

OTHER AWARD NOMINATIONS STILL OPEN

While the deadline for nominations for Engineer of the Year has passed, nominations for other professional, collegiate and secondary school awards to be presented as part of Delaware Valley Engineers Week are still available; see below.

Professional awards other than EOY are due **November 16**.

Young Engineer of the Year (YEOY): The Young Engineer of the Year Award annually recognizes an outstanding engineer 35 years of age and under who has demonstrated leadership and made a recognized contribution to the engineering profession, as well as contribution and participation in charitable, civic, and technical affairs.

Engineering Hall of Fame (HOF): The Engineering Hall of Fame Award recognizes an individual, a team of individuals, an engineering project, or a company whose engineering achievements have had a long lasting impact on engineering and/or the public.

Outstanding Service Awards (OSA): Two Outstanding Service Awards are available; one for outstanding service to the Community and the other for outstanding service to Engineering.

The collegiate award nominations are due **November 16**. These awards are funded by the Philadelphia Engineering Foundation

College Scholarships: Six different scholarships are available to engineering students in the Delaware Valley. NOTE: One of the scholarships is available exclusively for members of the Engineers' Club and their families.

College Student Paper Awards: Monetary prizes will be awarded for technical and/or engineering related papers written by engineering undergraduates.

To celebrate all engineering disciplines, we will recognize those projects or individuals who have been honored by the various technical societies over the past year (since 2015 Engineers Week) as Project or Engineer / Member of the Year or similar designation as part of the **Affiliate Awards Recognition** Program. Information on these awards is due **January 15, 2016**.

November 2015

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

Monthly Events

- November 4: NJ ASCET Meeting @ the Collins House in Collingswood, NJ
- November 11: SFPE meet & greet at the Fireman's Museum in Philadelphia from 6 PM to 9 PM
- November 17: Berks County ASCET Chapter Meeting @ Valentino's in Kutztown 6PM
- November 18: Delaware ASCET Chapter Meeting @ Charcoal Pit on Kirkwood Highway in Wilmington
- November 24: Phila. ASCET Chapter Meeting @ Pub 2900 in Bensalem
- November 26: Thanksgiving

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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 are on the web:
www.sfpephiladelphia.org**