

FLASHPOINT

Special points of interest:

- * Welcome Back!
- * Pay your 2019-2020 dues!
- * Gold – 2019 Award for Chapter Excellence!
- * Penn Pavilion Construction Tour (Sept 19th) RSVP on page 5

Bring a friend to the first meeting of the year!

Date: Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Place: Oliver Fire Protection & Security
420 Feheley Drive Suite A
King of Prussia, PA 19406

5:30 PM: Fellowship Time

6:00 PM: Dinner

Dinner Program: Penn Pavilion and Penn Museum Review presented by Jack Fairchild. Heckling and commentary to be provided free of charge by John Spitz!

Cost: \$30.00 for dinner & program

Reservations: By 12:00 Noon Friday September 6, 2019

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RSVP ONLINE AT:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=14Als5nIoStOFmdjPEhLn88W4ITM5dPUoE3QJefuZods>

Officers for 2019-2020

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

President: Steve Oliver

1st Vice President: Jack Fairchild

2nd Vice President: Ryan Schartel

Secretary: Tim Murray

Asst. Secretary: Phil Kerschner

Treasurer: John Spitz

Directors 2019-2021: Frank Ellis, Josh Popek

Directors 2018-2020: Jay Stough, Ben Young

President's Spark by Steve Oliver, PE, MBA

In May we had the annual SFPE business meeting, the grand finale of SFPE meetings before we break for summer. The meeting was held at the Lucky Dog Gastropub in Conshohocken, PA, in their upstairs banquet room and was very well attended.

At this meeting, I had the honor of being appointed President of the Philadelphia SFPE Chapter for the next two years. Special recognition is deserved for the past President, Jeff LaSalle, and his contributing Board members. The chapter has seen a resurgence in meeting attendance, presumably due to the benefits provided. Benefits such as interesting and relevant speakers at the monthly meetings. The meetings have attracted many significant contributors to the fire protection industry in our area, and are also a great way to get connected, share experiences, and provide mentorship to other members who are eager to learn. Two of the scholarship recipients attended the annual business meeting, and expressed their gratitude to the chapter. The annual seminar and trade show was a tremendous success in 2019, with an impressive list of industry experts presenting. This trade show has been able to provide a portion of funds to the scholarship fund, which has been an important ideal of the chapter in promoting the future of fire protection in the Philadelphia Delaware Valley.

I have already been asked what changes can be expected from the new leadership? A good question, and one that at the time I wasn't prepared to answer, but have reflected on. The changes will be subtle. The commitment I can give to you is that we will continue to build on a solid foundation, built by the previous leaders, who thankfully many of which still participate. We will look to build upon our annual Trade Show & Seminar, host field trips, and provide relevant and educational speakers on a monthly basis. We will be open to change, and consider all suggestions. Some of the most vocal (and positive) feedback from last year's meetings was, surprisingly, from providing Mission BBQ at a couple of the meetings. I can assure you there will be at least one repeat of this food choice, and it would be fitting to have a discussion about cooking fire safety while enjoying BBQ.

Dave Winder has taken the role of Seminar/Tradeshow Chair, and with his research and advice, the Board approved to move the 2020 event to the Sheraton Valley Forge. This will allow for growth with additional space for vendors and participants while providing updated meeting spaces for our group. Please mark the date of Thursday April 16, 2020 on your calendars for this event.

Jack Fairchild has been busy arranging a full range of programming for the year, to be kicked off with a field trip to see progress of the fire protection systems at the very large PennFIRST construction project in Philadelphia.

And on a final note of my first President's message, I wanted to note that this honor is especially meaningful to me because my father held the same role at SFPE from 1999-2001. As a teenager, I recall the comments about his work with the other SFPE members on the "Networking Event", and the monthly evening meetings that he would attend, albeit not knowing exactly what he was doing aside from giving his time for a greater cause than his normal job. Now, knowing what SFPE does, I feel confident telling my family that I will be attending SFPE, working on the same goal to promote an industry that strives to save lives and protect property. In conclusion, I will leave you with the Mission of SFPE nationally, of which we will echo on the local level: *To define, develop, and advance the use of engineering best practices; expand the scientific and technical knowledge base; and educate the global fire safety community, to reduce fire risk.*

See you in September!
-Steve

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"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:

Tim Murray

Information for publication can be submitted to:

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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.

Visit our web site at:

www.sfp Philadelphia.org

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Recommended Reading:

“Notre-Dame came far closer to collapsing than people knew. This is how it was saved.” - an article by The New York Times

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/07/16/world/europe/notre-dame.html>



Photo Credit: NBC News

Vice President's Message:

It is an honor for me to represent the Philadelphia Delaware Valley Chapter of the SFPE as its Vice President. The nomination is humbling. Service is a core belief of mine. I feel we should all “give back” in ways that benefit society. One person who’s given back is our immediate past president, Jeff LaSalle. I’d like to thank him for his service to this organization and particularly his drive in reinstating the annual conference and trade show. As a direct result, we have a considerable scholarship fund that will be used for the advancement of fire protection engineering.

Our new President, Steve Oliver and I have been discussing this year’s activities and I’m excited! As Vice President, my primary role is event planning. I’m proud to say that except for November, the entire year is planned, and each meeting already has a committed speaker. We are changing it up a little this year by planning two field trips, a summer outing, and a joint meeting between SFPE, NFSA, and AFSA. I hope to see everyone at as many meetings/events as possible. Please look for and utilize the google sign up links as some events have limits in the number of participants. First come first serve. Thank you and see you on the 10th.

-Jack Fairchild

2019 SFPE ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPO; PHOENIX, ARIZONA



The 2019 SFPE Annual Conference & Expo are taking place in Phoenix, Arizona this year. A few members from our chapter will be in attendance. If you are going, please let Steve Oliver know. The Gold — 2019 Award for Chapter Excellence award will be presented to the Chapter at this event!

GOLD — 2019 Award for Chapter Excellence

The Philadelphia-Delaware Valley SFPE Chapter was notified on July 15, 2019 by SFPE National that we were selected as a recipient of the Gold — 2019 Award for Chapter Excellence! In addition to our chapter, several other chapters are also receiving this award. They are: Central Savannah River Area Chapter, Chesapeake Chapter, Chicago Chapter, Greater Atlanta Chapter, New England Chapter, New Jersey Chapter, New York Metro Chapter, Northern California Nevada River Chapter, Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter, Portugal Chapter, Rocky Mountain Chapter, Southern California Chapter, St. Laurent Chapter, and Tennessee Valley Chapter.

The award will be presented at the 2019 SFPE Annual Conference & Expo.

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 LABOR DAY	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 SFPE MEETING	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Penn Pavilion Construction Site Tour	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

UPCOMING PHILADELPHIA-DELAWARE VALLEY SFPE MEETINGS AND EVENTS:				
Date	Meeting Type	Event	Location	Time
9/10/2019	Monthly Meeting	Penn First Presentation	Oliver Fire Protection & Security; King of Prussia, PA	6:00 PM
9/19/2019	Penn Pavilion Construction Site Tour	Note: Limited to 30 people	1 Convention Ave, Philadelphia, PA	2:30 PM
10/8/2019	Monthly Meeting / Site Visit	Air and Nitrogen for Fire Sprinkler Systems (Note: Limited to 40 people)	General Air Training Facility; Exton, PA	4:30 PM
11/12/2019	Monthly Meeting	TBD	Jacobs Engineering; Conshohocken, PA	6:00 PM
12/10/2019	Monthly Meeting	TBD	Jacobs Engineering; Conshohocken, PA	6:00 PM

Registration link for the Penn Pavilion Construction Site Tour (30 People MAX):

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1QnPiq2BCzrgulcgzWs-cR4TkSeYflLwO-Ufvr6OaYso>



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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.

The 2019 Business meeting was held at the Lucky Dog Gastropub in Conshohocken, PA this past May. The night was spent with great friends and good food! Another successful and fun filled evening. Four scholarships were awarded this year. Pictured below are two of the four recipients, Justin Henry (Left) and Leigh Kelly (Right), receiving their awards from Philadelphia-Delaware Valley SFPE Chapter member Ryan Schartel.



**Society of Fire Protection Engineers
Philadelphia – Delaware Valley Chapter
2019-2020 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: _____

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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: \$35.00 \$30.00, if paid by October 8, 2019
(Please make your check payable to SFPE Philadelphia-Delaware Valley)

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