

FLASHPOINT

Special points of interest:

- * Pay your 2019-2020 dues!
- * Spring Seminar & Tradeshow Information
- * 2019/2020 Events Calendar

UPCOMING MEETING INFORMATION:

Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Place: Jacobs Engineering Group
2 Ash Street, Suite 3000
Conshohocken, PA 19428

5:30 PM: Fellowship Time

6:00 PM: Program

Program: Aerosol Technologies

Presented by George Ciotton from Stat-x

Dinner will be provided

Cost: \$30.00 (cash or checks payable to Philadelphia-Delaware Valley SFPE)

Reservations: By 12:00 Noon Friday, November 8, 2019

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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

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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.

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www.sfp Philadelphia.org

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It is the evening of Tuesday October 15th, and I am on board a plane that just departed Phoenix, headed home to Philadelphia. (see photo) The last 3 days were spent at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass, which hosted the 2019 SFPE National Conference and Expo. Reflecting on that time, I have a much better sense as to the breadth of SFPE, the hot topics in the field, future challenges, and most of all a network of similar minded individuals that span the nation and world. The best way to describe it would like be one of our annual seminar/trade show events, but on steroids. All major manufacturers had representation in the trade show, 66 in total. Aside from the Keynote presentations each day, there were a total of 50 additional presentations as part of the Break Out sessions, where participants could choose one of 4 tracks to attend a presentation that was limited to 30 minutes, which included Q&A. The 'short' presentations allowed main points to be discussed while keeping attention of the audience. Some of the hot topics were mass timber construction, the evolution of the residential fire environment (close before you doze!), the future of licensure, changing views on wild fires, and encouraging diversity amongst engineers.

Our Philadelphia Delaware Valley chapter was recognized on Sunday afternoon, with presentation of the Gold Award, the highest level of achievement for a chapter. Jeff LaSalle was in attendance to accept the award on behalf of the chapter. As Phil Sconyo and Jim Davidson implored upon me last week at our meeting hosted by General Air, our chapter has long been known for members' involvement in the fire industry. It is this involvement that has helped us to achieve Gold level recognition. We have members on the Philadelphia Fire Code board, members that have assisted with writing the PE exam (and grading it), members on various code boards, and more. Please be make sure the Board is aware of your contributions so we can record them in our application for the Award of Chapter Excellence (ACE). We are fortunate to have such a strong chapter.

As Jeff had prepared me, there was a public presentation of donations to the SFPE Foundation. It was just as he described, a line of representatives with checks in hand and some public recognition amongst the attendees. I had the opportunity to present our \$500 donation directly to the SFPE President, Brian Meacham. It is a worthy cause and one we should be proud to support. The Foundation has similar ideals as the SFPE national society, however is separate financially. SFPE nationals actually presented their own donation, of \$50,000, to the foundation.

The other realization from the conference was the tremendous quantity of awards that were presented. Chapter awards, Hats Off awards, various other endowed awards, SFPE Foundation awards, SFPE Fellow awards; a total of 34 individual awards were presented throughout the conference. It is really humbling to be among a group of individuals that have impacted fire protection so significantly, and each had their own very long list of accomplishments.

Next year's SFPE conference will be held in Atlanta, October 25-27, 2020. If you are interested in experiencing it for yourself, I highly recommend blocking the dates in your calendar now. I hope to see you there!

-Steve

Chapter Members Visit General Air Products, October 2019

by Jack Fairchild, PE, CFPS, CET

We had a great turn out to the General Air facility. Thank you to everyone that took the time to come out and thank you again to General Air for sponsoring the outing. If you didn't get a chance to attend and haven't seen the facility yet, it's worth a trip. General Air is running numerous training sessions with various partners. Reach out to Ray Fremont at rayfremontjr@generalairproducts.com for arrangements.

- Jack



Save The Date!

Spring Seminar & Trade Show

April 16, 2020



New Location:
Sheraton—Valley Forge
480 North Gulph Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406

The Spring Seminar and Trade Show Committee is excited to announce that the 2020 event is moving! Our new location will provide us with larger rooms for the seminars and trade show area. Please mark the date above on your calendar so you can join us for another year of informative speakers and displays by over 30 vendors.

Like in past years, there will be a total of 11 presentations provided throughout the day. Attendees will have the opportunity to choose which topics they are interested in and attend up to 6 sessions during the seminar.

PDH credits will be offered.

We welcome the vendors from past years to join us again in 2020 along with any new vendors who would like to exhibit their products in the Trade Show Hall.

***For more information on exhibiting please contact Dave Winder at:
dwinder@suppressionsystems.com***


GOLD — 2019 Award for Chapter Excellence

On Sunday October 13, 2019 Chapter President Steve Oliver and Past President Jeff LaSalle represented the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter (PDVC) at the Chapter Leadership meeting of the Annual SFPE International Conference in Phoenix, AZ. During this meeting Steve presented Fred Mowrer with a \$500 check for the SFPE Foundation, honoring a commitment made by the Board in 2018. The SFPE Foundation uses donations from individuals, companies, and Chapters to support scholarships, research projects, and other endeavors that help expand the knowledge base and support the growth of fire protection engineering. At the same meeting, Jeff accepted, on behalf of the Chapter, the Gold Award for Chapter Excellence (ACE). This award is in recognition of the PDVC's efforts to support our members and to enhance the discipline of fire protection engineering.

Congratulations to the current and past Board members for all their work to improve our discipline and to enhance our Chapter's regional presence!



November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 ASCET South Jersey Chapter Meeting	7	8	9
10	11	12 SFPE MEETING	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 ASCET Berks Chapter Meeting	20 ASCET Delaware Chapter Meeting	21	22	23
24	25	26 ASCET Philadelphia Chapter Meeting	27	28 	29	30

UPCOMING PHILADELPHIA-DELAWARE VALLEY SFPE MEETINGS AND EVENTS:				
Date	Meeting Type	Event	Location	Time
11/12/2019	Monthly Meeting	Aerosol Technologies presented by Stat-x	Jacobs Engineering; Conshohocken, PA	5:30 PM
12/10/2019	Monthly Meeting	Fire Rated Ductwork presented by Conquest	Jacobs Engineering; Conshohocken, PA	5:30 PM
1/18/2020	Community Outreach	Future Cities Competition	Radnor, PA	TBD
1/21/2020	Joint Meeting	Joint AFSA/NFSA Meeting	Maggiano's King of Prussia	TBD
2/11/2020	Monthly Meeting	Explosion Venting presented by Explovent	Jacobs Engineering; Conshohocken, PA	5:30 PM
3/10/2020	Monthly Meeting	SFPE National presented by Victoria Valentine	Oliver Fire Protection; & Security; King of Prussia, PA	5:30 PM



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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.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY



Healthcare Life
Safety Symposium
5 self-reporting CEU credits

November 12th, 2019

Hilton Philadelphia at Penn's Landing
Discovery Room
201 South Columbus Blvd. | Philadelphia, PA 19106

Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/healthcare-life-safety-symposium-philadelphia-pa-tickets-72962788665>