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President’s Spark by Steve Oliver, PE, MBA

Home Fire Safety

Two nights ago, the power went out in our neighborhood. PECO said it was due to an underground wire problem. We quickly scoured the house for flash lights, head lamps, and LED camping lanterns, and had plenty of light to continue the bedtime routine with a 2-year-old and 4-year-old. The kids were actually quite amused with the situation, and thought it was fun to ‘have’ to use an alternative light source to brush their teeth and read books. My wife and I were thankful to have an ‘activity’ to keep them occupied before bed. We loaded them up with blankets and they were quickly sound asleep.

An hour later, as I was laying in bed, still with no electricity, it occurred to me that our fire detection system may not work in the event of a fire. Not the kind of thought that puts your mind at ease before a restful night’s sleep. Our house was built in the late 1980’s, and came with one hard-wired smoke detector on each floor. When we moved in 6 years ago, one of the first projects I undertook was to hardwire smoke detectors in each bedroom, and provide wireless detectors throughout the first floor that communicated back to the alarm/burg panel so that if there was a fire (or smoke), the panel would go into alarm and occupants of the house would be forced to evacuate due to the powered horn/siren. The panel does have back-up power, but after hours of being without electricity, the battery ran out of juice, and the system was totally down. The only means of detection we had, at that point, was the old fashioned ‘fire watch’ method. Meaning someone staying awake to ensure there wasn’t a fire. Luckily, the power was restored shortly after we went to bed, and the system came back online.

Often it takes an unexpected change in routine, or disaster, to reconsider your own safety and measures that could be taken to prevent a disaster.

Are you familiar with the Close Your Door Campaign, or Close Before You Doze? UL has spearheaded this home safety campaign that focuses on closing bedroom doors at night, to prevent the spread of fire. It will buy time, and time buys life. UL’s Steve Kerber has agreed to come to the SFPE Delaware Valley annual Seminar and Trade Show in April to talk about this campaign and fire safety. https://closeyourdoor.org

The holidays are upon us, as well as cooler weather, and we need to constantly consider fire safety at home. The smell of goodies baking in the oven, a fire in the fire place, and a warm home to gather in are all signs of the holidays, and opportunities for fires to start. Please use foresight to clean ovens, inspect heaters and chimneys, and use common safety items such as fireplace screens to prevent travelling embers. And when shopping for that special gift, remember there are some very realistic battery-operated candles that are much more fire safe than the wax type.

Have a Happy and Fire-Safe holiday,

-Steve
The Spring Seminar and Trade Show Committee is excited to announce that the Keynote Speaker at our 2020 seminar will be Stephen Kerber of UL with his topic “The Evolution of the Residential Fire Environment”.

The committee is busy filling the slate with many other presenters with topics that are key to our field / industry today.

The vendor registration is now up and ready for those interested in exhibiting to sign up to join us. 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.

For more information on exhibiting please contact Dave Winder at: dwinder@suppressionsystems.com or use the link below.

The PenJerDel Chapter of the NFSA is pleased to announce the training schedule for 2020. Attendees will receive 6.5 CEU’s awarded through the Montgomery County Fire Academy. These free programs will include a continental breakfast, lunch, and hand-outs. Space is limited, and we expect these classes to fill-up quickly.

**Breakfast is at 8:00 am and class begins at 8:30 am.**

For more information or to sign up, there are several options available:

- Visit our website: https://njfsab.org/training-penjerdel-chapter/
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**Location of Events:**

Montgomery County Fire Academy
1175 Conshohocken Road
Conshohocken, PA 19428

**NO SHOW POLICY:** Attendees are asked to provide at least 72 hours’ notice if they are unable to attend a class that they have registered for. Failure to comply with this policy may result in the attendee being placed on the waiting list for future classes.
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Mission Statement

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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.

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