

FLASHPOINT

Special points of interest:

- * SFPE Webinar Series
- * Seminar & Tradeshow—
postponed to Oct 2021
- * Nomination of Officers

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Date: Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Place: *** Virtually via Microsoft Teams ***

5:00 PM: Annual Business Meeting Begins

Cost: \$15.00 for the program.

Reservations: Please RSVP online prior to the meeting.

RSVP ONLINE AT:

<https://forms.gle/pmANQiCqRADTZanS6>

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As a reminder to all our members, a new slate of Officers and Directors must be approved by the Chapter membership at our annual meeting in May. Our bylaws require written notification of the slate two weeks prior to the vote. We issued the list of candidates in the April Flashpoint and there are no changes following the April meeting. In order to transact this important business of the Chapter, at least 10% of the voting membership shall be present. Please plan to participate in this important function to ensure the future success of our Chapter.

Nominations for the 2021-2022 SFPE Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Board of Directors:

President:	Jack Fairchild, PE, CFPS, CET
1st Vice-President:	Ryan Schartel, CFPS
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Treasurer:	John Spitz, Jr.
Secretary:	Frank Ellis
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President's Spark by Steve Oliver, PE, MBA

Annual Business Meeting!

The Chapter's annual business meeting for this year will be held virtually on May 11th, 2021. At this meeting, we will honor our new scholarship winners, any SFPE award recipients, and vote on new directors. Please see last month's Flashpoint for nomination committee chair Jeff LaSalle's report on what is a strong slate of proposed candidates.

With this strong slate of candidates, the SFPE chapter President position will be handed to the next deserving individual. It is hard to believe 2 years has passed. I recall vividly being asked at the 2019 SFPE Business Meeting, which was held at Lucky Dog in Conshohocken, what my goal was for the chapter during my future Presidency. It was a good question, because every leader needs a goal, and a plan to achieve the goal, that can be measured. My response at the time was, "to further improve upon a great organization", however in short time that was more clearly defined as, "leading the SFPE Philadelphia Delaware Valley chapter to become the strongest SFPE chapter, and to plan and host the most respected Fire Protection Engineering Trade Show and Seminar on the East Coast." Well, now is time for the report card, and in this case some self-evaluation.

We were on track for a record-breaking Trade Show, which was cut short by Covid-19. Attendance, support, and scholarship fund commitments were higher than ever before. The Seminar Committee, led by Dave Winder, pivoted and we started working towards other options. We discussed alternatives and ultimately agreed to postpone the event so it could be held in person. And, finally, we are confident that we have a hard date of October 14, 2021 to look forward to attending this important event for our industry. Although delayed, the SFPE volunteers are working hard to provide what we believe will be the best Trade Show and Seminar that the industry has seen in the area. Please remember that we switched to a new venue, Sheraton Valley Forge, because the other venue was limiting capacity. This is a great opportunity to bring coworkers, friends, and customers for a day of education. It also is a great way to knock out some continuing education, which all of us need to stay current (and relevant) leaders. October will be here before you know it, so please take a moment to get the event on your calendar, sign up online, and invite others who may be interested. Remember that proceeds go to the SFPE scholarship fund, of which we have 3 winners for 2021, that will be recognized at the Annual Business Meeting.

The SFPE chapter continued to host technical presentations and board meetings remotely, and a new normal was created with the virtual atmosphere. In hindsight, Covid forced us to do what we should have done years before; provide a means and method to participate in our chapter meetings remotely. This allowed members to join from their homes, remote jobsites, or even their offices, without having to travel. And while I am looking forward to the in-person rapport building, discussing job war stories, and sharing dinner together, maintaining a means of remote connectivity for those that cannot physically be present at the meeting space is something we will be doing moving forward. This is one positive that was taken from our experience going totally remote.

The number one reason for the success of our chapter is the strength of its members. We have members who are involved with code creation, code adoption, insurance, engineering, contracting, designing, constructing, testing, educating, fire service, trade groups, learning; all while being leaders and that is what sets us apart. I would like say Thank You to all of our members, and especially the folks that have been a part of the SFPE Board, past and present. It is truly amazing what we can accomplish together, and even more impressive that each person contributes to SFPE outside of their daily job functions. The Chapter's receipt of the Gold ACE award the past couple of years is a testament to the dedicated membership. Let's keep is going!

To keep the Chapter strong, each of us needs to promote the industry and to do our part to get the next generation of fire protection leaders interested and involved. I've heard that millennials are looking for more purpose in their professions and don't think you can get any more purposeful than Saving Lives and Protecting Property. As a team, we can and will continue to make a difference.

Thank You for Your contribution to our strong SFPE Philadelphia Delaware Valley chapter!
-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:

dvsfpe@gmail.com

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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SFPE WEBINAR SERIES

Sign up online at: <https://www.sfpe.org/events-education/sfpewebinarseries>

Women in Fire Protection Engineering Conversation Circle

CONVERSATION CIRCLE

May 11, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Sponsored by FM Global This conversation circle will be an open form that will focus on mentorship and solidarity building to promote, support and empower women in the field of fire protection and fire safety engineering.

Perspective Webinar: Special Sprinklers

PERSPECTIVE SERIES

May 12, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Sponsored by Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Company, Inc

Understanding and Reducing the Fire Risk of Residential Upholstered Furniture Fires

MEMBER SERIES

May 24, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Presented by: Mauro Zammarano, Ph.D

Perspective Webinar: Corrosion Prevention & Freeze Protection in Fire Sprinkler Systems

PERSPECTIVE SERIES

Jun 3, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Leading Through Your Words—How to be Bold & Design Essential Conversations

CONVERSATION CIRCLE

Jun 8, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Presented by Cynthia Mills Sponsored by FM Global We literally create the world we want to operate in by the words we choose to use and our reactions to the words we hear. Speaking, writing, and social media posts are all part of essential conversations & will make or break careers. Whether we're in a leadership role, trying to earn a promotion, or dealing with a difficult HR situation, our ability to find our voice & design impactful conversations to achieve desired results is a critical skill in today's workplace.

Free NFSA Online Training

Introduction to Fire Sprinklers

May 12, 2021

9:00 am - 11:30 am

This online seminar will review the various types of sprinklers, how the various types of sprinklers operate and where and when they should be used.

The seminar will cover the following:

- Identify the various types of sprinklers
- Identify the typical uses for the various types of sprinklers
- Describe the various types of sprinkler systems, where they are typically used and why and the major differences among them.

2.5 contact hours: NICET and ICC

0.25 CEUs will be awarded to students who reside in New Jersey by NJDFS.

0.25 CEUs will be awarded to students who reside in Pennsylvania by the Montgomery County Fire Academy

Register at:

<https://member.nfsa.org/Shop/Product-Catalog/Product-Details?productid=%7B5AC88162-AF64-EB11-A812-000D3A53E05C%7D>

SFPE Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter 2021-2022 Nomination of Officers

Nominations for the SFPE Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter 2021-2022 officers will be announced next month. If you are interested in running for an office, please contact: Jeff LaSalle at jeff.lasalle@tlc-eng.com. Elections are held at the annual meeting on May 11, 2021. The Chairman of the nominating committee is Jeff LaSalle. Additional Nominations can be made in accordance with Article VIII, Section VIII-5 of the By-laws and must be received by the Secretary by April 11, 2021. Nominations should be sent to Tim Murray, Secretary, at dvsfpe@gmail.com.



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Save The Date!

Seminar & Trade Show

October 14, 2021



Sheraton—Valley Forge

480 North Gulph Road

King of Prussia, PA 19406

8 AM to 4 PM

The Seminar and Trade Show Committee is excited to announce that we are moving forward with this event on October 14, 2021. We had decided in 2020 to move to a new location that provides 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 day with informative speakers and displays by over 30 vendors.

As 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.

Most of the vendors from past years have already signed on to join us again in 2021. We also welcome 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*

We look forward to seeing you there!

Nominating Committee Report

The SFPE Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter bylaws require a Nominating Committee to submit a list of officers and other Board members to the Chapter at least 30 days in advance of the annual meeting, held in May. The Nominating Committee includes the following members: Jim Davidson, John Kampmeyer, Jeff LaSalle, Bob Moser, Phil Sconyo, Jay Stough, and Mike Venneri. The committee identified potential candidates, solicited volunteers, spoke with candidates, and has developed the following nominations for the Board of Directors for the Chapter year 2021-2022:

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All candidates are current members of the Board, with the exception of Dan DeDominic and William Wheeler. Dan is with Reliable Sprinkler. He is an active member, and provides technical and educational support to our membership. He is a 2020 recipient of the Chapter's William C. Tamburro, Sr. Vendor Award in recognition of his significant support in this regard. Bill has over 40 years of experience in fire protection engineering and process safety. He has worked with Jensen Hughes, Mobil Research & Development, Factory Mutual Engineering, and he now serves as a private consultant. Bill is a fire protection engineering graduate from University of Maryland and has an MBA from Rider University. He is also a member of Salamander, the Honorary Fire Protection Engineering Society.

In accordance with our bylaws, other nominations, signed by at least five voting members, and received by the Secretary not less than 30 days before the annual meeting, shall also be submitted to all members before the meeting. Other nominations not so received by the Secretary shall not be considered. At this time we are unaware of other nominations having been submitted.

2020/2021 SFPE PDVC MEMBERSHIP NEWS

To enhance our distribution list and make sure that we are using the most up-to-date information to reach out to all of our membership, we ask that you please submit a new membership form with every membership renewal. Membership forms can be submitted digitally to dvsfpe@gmail.com or mailed in with your annual dues. Annual dues are now \$35 and can be paid by mailing a check or by visiting our website at www.sfpephiladelphia.org and following the below instructions.

****New!!** SFPE Philadelphia Delaware-Valley Pay your Dues Online!** Thanks to Lokesh Nigam, we are now set up for easy online payment of dues and monthly meetings. Check it out at our website, www.sfpephiladelphia.org, and in the lower right-hand corner of the page there is a heading "Payment Options". Pick from the drop-down menu whether you are paying for annual dues, a virtual meeting, or an in-person meeting, click "Buy Now" and you will be directed to PayPal for processing.

Scholarship Committee Report

The executive board of the chapter has approved granting scholarships to three applicants at our May business meeting. **Andrew Bartkowski**, of Stewartstown Pennsylvania, is a sophomore at Eastern Kentucky University majoring in Fire Protection & Safety Technology in addition to Fire Administration. **Trevor Holmes**, of Seaford Delaware, is also a sophomore at University of New Haven. Trevor is majoring in Fire/Arson Investigation. **Courtney LeMasney**, of Sicklersville New Jersey, is a senior at Rowan University, majoring in Chemical Engineering. Courtney has interned at Haines Fire and has shown an interest in Fire Protection Engineering. Courtney received a scholarship from us last year.

Each of these students will receive \$2000.



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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.

Flashpoint Job Announcements

The SFPE Philadelphia Delaware Valley Chapter Board of Directors has decided that fire protection engineering related job announcements will be welcomed in the Flashpoint newsletters. Job Announcements will be \$50 per month for a 1/3 page advertisement. Submittal of artwork / text to be included in the advertisement is required. If you are interested, please reach out to the DVSFPE Secretary, Tim Murray, at dvsfpe@gmail.com.

Officers for 2020-2021

The officers elected at the May 2020 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

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