

FLASHPOINT

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING



- Date:** Tuesday, September 12th, 2023
Time: 5:30 pm Social Hour, 6:00 pm Dinner/Program
Place: **Oliver Fire Protection & Security**
501 Feheley Dr King of Prussia, PA 19406
Program: **“Fires at Sea”**
Presented by: Tim Murray
Cost: \$30.00 for the program and dinner
RSVP by September 9th 2023, Payment by check preferred, cash and PayPal also accepted

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Significant September Fires Throughout U.S. History:

- “Great Fire of New York”, New York City, NY - September 20th, 1776**
- The fire was started during the capture of NYC during the Revolutionary War.
 - Between 10-25 percent of the building at the time burned down.
- “Great Hinckley Fire”, Pine County, MN - September 1st-6th, 1894**
- More than 418 people were killed
 - The scale of the fire was due to improper lumber harvesting methods

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RSVP ONLINE AT: <https://forms.gle/4sHWwY3JbR2grDhc6>



President's Spark Ryan Schartel, CFPS

I'd like to welcome everyone back and hope you all had a great summer. At the chapter's annual business meeting this past May, I had the honor of accepting the position as the new president of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter of the SFPE.

I'd like to thank Jack Fairchild for bringing the chapter out of the Covid era of virtual and hybrid meetings and back together for in person chapter gatherings. I look forward to being able to come together for more face-to-face interaction for continuing education and fellowship. We may also still hold some virtual meetings as the opportunities to have speakers from outside our area presents itself. Tim Murray has been busy arranging a full range of programming for the coming year.

I'm pleased to announce that our next Seminar and Trade Show will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at the Sheraton Valley Forge (same location as the past two events). Further information will be coming soon. Many thanks to Jim Dooley for graciously agreeing to continue to head the seminar committee and making this all possible. As in years past, proceeds from the seminar go towards funding our scholarship program to help students pursuing a career in the fire protection industry. SFPE national will also be holding their annual conference and expo in Bethesda, MD from October 8-12th, 2023. I'm also very proud to announce that at that conference our chapter will once again be receiving the Gold Award for Chapter Excellence. This is a testament to the continued efforts of this chapter in furthering the profession of fire protection engineering.

There are still opportunities to serve the chapter. We are currently seeking an individual interested in heading the scholarship program. I'd like to thank Jay Stough for his time in filling this role and wish him the best in retirement. Any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

In closing, I would like to attest to the importance of this scholarship award. I feel I am now coming full circle after having twice been a recipient of the Cook scholarship, while also serving as the president of my student SFPE chapter at the University of New Haven, to now being able to serve as the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter president. I look forward to seeing what the next two years have in store for all of us.

Best Regards,
Ryan Schartel

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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:

Joe Wooley

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 \$35.00 collected annually in the Fall of the Year.

Visit our web site at:

www.sfp Philadelphia.org

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VIRTUAL EVENTS

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

How to Network & Build Relationships for Engineering Professionals

MEMBER WEBINAR SERIES

September 12, 11:00 - 12:30 (ET)

Standpipes for the Fire Service

FIRE WEBINAR

September 13, 1:00 - 2:30 (ET)

Sustainability & Fire Resilience: Research Directions in Sustainability & Fire

MEMBER WEBINAR SERIES

September 20, 15:00 - 16:30 (ET)

Commercial Farm Applications

PERSPECTIVE WEBINAR SERIES

September 28, 11:00 - 12:00 (ET)

2023 NFSA Training

Understanding, Applying, & Enforcing NFPA 25 **IN-PERSON**

TUE DEC 12, 2023 8:30AM - 3:30PM Montgomery County Fire Academy

[REGISTER HERE: MCFA](#)

WED DEC 13, 2023 8:30AM - 3:30PM Fire University, Penns Grove, NJ

[REGISTER HERE: FIRE U](#)

THU DEC 14, 2023 8:30AM - 3:30PM Sprinkler Fitters Local 696, Millburn, NJ

[REGISTER HERE: 696](#)

2023/2024 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 \$35 and can be paid by mailing a check or by visiting our website at www.sfpephiladelphia.org and following the below instructions.

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SFPE Philadelphia Delaware-Valley Scholarship Committee Opening
We are currently looking for a new Scholarship Committee Chairperson. More information can be obtained by emailing Ryan Schartel at rschartel@gmail.com.

EVENT CALENDAR

UPCOMING PHILADELPHIA-DELAWARE VALLEY SFPE MEETINGS AND EVENTS:				
Date	Meeting Type	Event	Location	Time
9/12/2023	Monthly Meeting	Fires at Sea	Oliver Fire Protection King of Prussia	5:00 pm
10/8/2023- 10/12/2023	Annual Conference	SFPE Annual Conference & Expo	Bethesda North Marriot	7:00 am
10/10/2023	Monthly Meeting	TBD	TBD	TBD
11/14/2023	Monthly Meeting	TBD	TBD	TBD



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're on the web:
www.sfpephiladelphia.org



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, Joe Wooley, at dvsfpe@gmail.com.

Officers for 2023-2024

The officers elected at the May 2023 business meeting are as follows:

President: Ryan Schartel

1st Vice President: Tim Murray

2nd Vice President: Frank Ellis

Secretary: Joe Wooley

Asst. Secretary: Phil Kerschner

Treasurer: Caleb Demree

Directors 2022-2024: Joseph Chew, Ilyya Trofymenko

Directors 2023-2025: Dan DeDominic, William Wheeler

