Greetings from your President

Colleagues and Friends,

I want to remind everyone that fire safety is of critical importance. Although we are a chapter of SFPE, there are other professional organizations that promote fire safety. NFPA pushes fire safety annually this time of year because of the increased use of candles and cooking around the holiday season. Fire Prevention Week 2018 is October 7th-13th. Between 2011 and 2015, an estimated 8,700 home structure fires occurred because of candles alone - so, please be vigilant and remind others of the importance of fire safety.

Similarly, don't forget to change the batteries in smoke detector during Daylight Savings on November 4th! Between 2009 and 2013, about 10% of all deaths in home fires occurred in a home with a smoke detector installed but did not alarm because they weren't tested or had a bad battery. Because of this, our chapter did a 9V battery giveaway last year to improve awareness in the community.

So, as we head into October, I encourage everyone to remind those in their sphere of influence of these important facts.

And finally, we got a lot of responses with the survey we sent out last week. I'll be presenting the results of this survey and opening the floor to discuss the suggestions from our members and affiliates. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

Cheers,
Rob Plonski

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Speaker: Bryan Berkley

Organization: Viking Corporation

Topic: Review of Specialty Sprinklers in the Fire Protection Industry

Location: Aiken Brewing Company
140 Laurens St SW
Aiken, SC 29801

Times: 5:30 PM-Social Time
6:00 PM-Technical Presentation
Meeting Highlights August 18, 2018

President Rob Plonski called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and welcomed members and guests.

A motion with second to approve the meeting minutes from the May meeting passed a voice vote.

A motion with second to approve the treasure’s report from the May meeting passed a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Mercy Ministries update – Work at Mercy Ministries is nearly complete. The chapter is looking for a new project for next year.

The SFPE Annual Conference is October 27 - November 2 is in Nashville, TN.

NEW BUSINESS

Stan Hill has decided to step down as the Membership Chair for the chapter. Kelsey volunteered to take the position.

The chapter has won the SFPE Gold Chapter Excellence award again this year. We are the only chapter that was won the award every year of its existence.

A poll will be sent out by the chapter to gauge interest in continuing the discount cards from last year.

A motion with second to donate $650 of chapter funds to the SFPE research foundation passed by voice vote.

Rob Plonski will be looking into donating through Underwriter’s Laboratory who will match the donation.

No treasurer report was made at this meeting.

There was not a 50/50 drawing this month.

A motion and second to close the business passed a voice vote.

Dan Arnold of Seneca Fire Engineering, LLC was introduced as the speaker. His presentation was titled “When Fire Protection Systems Fail...A Review of Selected Case Studies.”

NEXT MEETING

The October meeting will be held at the Aiken Brewing Company in Aiken, SC on October 16.
Next SFPE Member Only Webinar Topic: When Can DfS Solutions Make Unsafe Buildings?

Date/Time: October 15th, 2018 @ 6:00 PM EST

Recordings of previous webinars are available to members HERE.

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SFPE News Continued

2018 CSRA COLLEGE NIGHT—AUGUSTA, GA

Members of the CSRA SFPE Chapter attended the 2018 College Night in Augusta, GA, to inform high school students and parents about the vast array of careers in Fire Science and Fire Protection Engineering. Tom Allison, Bob O'Neill, and Rob Hanson represented the Chapter at this event. Students and parents were given information on colleges that offer degrees in fire protection and career opportunities available upon graduation. Over 6,000 students were in attendance.

PE Review Manual

The fourth edition of the *Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) Examination in Fire Protection Engineering Review Manual* has been revised to include items previously listed in the errata and feature an updated specification sheet in the annex to reflect current NCEES PE Exam requirements. The review manual has been submitted to the publisher and is expected to be back in stock by the end of April. If you plan to take the exam this fall, this book is a must! [Click here to order](#).

Higher Education Subcommittee Focuses on Model Curricula

The Higher Education Subcommittee continues to make progress in outlining model curricula for our profession with the newly undertaken task of developing a Fire Protection Engineering Technology model curriculum. This follows the recently finished projects of developing model curricula for both bachelor of science and master’s in science for fire protection engineering degrees.

The subcommittee seeks interested and experienced professionals to participate in these and future efforts. If you are interested in joining the subcommittee, please reach out to [Louis Guerrazzi](mailto:), manager of Professional Practice.
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