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The Pyrogram

The Society of Fire Protection Engineers *Chesapeake Chapter* *Newsletter*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

First, I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season.

Second, I offer a special thanks to all those that gave their time and effort to the SFPE during 2009. This chapter would not exist without the volunteer efforts of those interested in promoting the field of Fire Protection Engineering and making the world safer from fire.

Lastly, I appreciate the opportunity to send this message, but I would rather see you in person. So please check out the events planned for this year and please attend.

Sincerely,

**Robert Libby, P.E., FSFPE
President – SFPE
Chesapeake Chapter**

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WHAT IS YOUR INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP STATUS???

Recently we cross referenced the Chapter Membership with the International Membership. We were surprised to learn that almost 50% of the Chapter membership did not have their International membership status correct.

The International Membership Levels are:

- Student—Student of an engineering program.
- Affiliate—Anyone who supports the goals and objectives of SFPE
- Associate—Graduates of an engineering program or equivalent level if practice experience
- Professional Member—Graduates of an engineering program or equivalent level of practice experience with three years of experience in responsible charge of engineering projects.
- Fellow—Professional member for at least 10 years and record of significant accomplishments and stature in fire protection engineering.
- Honorary Member—Rendered significant service to the Society or made substantial and outstanding contributions to fire protection engineering.

International Membership is important to the Chapter. We use your status to determine if you are a Member of the Chapter or a Friend of the Chapter.

This information must be documented as part of our Chapter's application for a Chapter Award

Visit the Chapter website to view your International membership status. We have provided a list of Chapter Members and Friends along with their International membership status per SFPE International's database.

Has your International membership expired?? No problem....just contact Elle Andracsek at eandracsek@sfpe.org or visit their website at **WWW.SFPE.ORG**

For Chapter membership questions don't hesitate
to contact Jen Frecker or Mori Kaplan.



GOINGS ON SINCE THE LAST PYROGRAM

WMATA VISIT

Tuesday, September 22 Presenter: Tom Jones

WMATA hosted a wonderful and informative event at the training facility and provided a discussion as well as a tour of the facility. The following were discussed:

- Overview of incidents/events
- Emergency Management Group's mission
- Fire protection features with the Metro system
- Metrorail emergency Response Maps
- Demonstration of train crash in tunnel



The Chesapeake Chapter would like to thank WMATA for a spectacular event!!!

TYCO SUPPRESSION TRAILER



The Tyco trailer visited several of the local consulting firms providing members access to view multiple systems arrangements. Thanks to Shawn Wrightson for taking these photos.





HAPPY NEW YEAR

TRAINING SEMINAR DATES & LOCATIONS

IBC 2009 - CHANGES & UPDATES

JAN. 20 - ABERDEEN, HARFORD CO.

FEB. 10 - DHCD, CROWNSVILLE

MARCH 3 - SNOW HILL, WORCESTER CO.

IRC 2009 - CHANGES & UPDATES

JAN. 13 - DHCD, CROWNSVILLE

APRIL 28 - SNOW HILL, WORCESTER CO.

IEBC 2009 - CHANGES & UPDATES

FEB. 17 - CITY OF FREDERICK, FREDERICK CO.

MARCH 24 - DHCD, CROWNSVILLE

MAY 26 - SNOW HILL, WORCESTER CO.

IECC 2009 - CHANGES & UPDATES

FEB. 3 - SNOW HILL, WORCESTER CO.

MARCH 31 - HAGERSTOWN, WASHINGTON CO.

MAY 19 - ABERDEEN, HARFORD CO.

JUNE 8 - DHCD, CROWNSVILLE

IPMC 2009 (INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE)

MAY 12 - DHCD, CROWNSVILLE

ICC NATIONAL GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS

JAN. 27 - DHCD, CROWNSVILLE

JUNE 9 - SNOW HILL, WORCESTER CO.

JUNE 16 - CITY OF FREDERICK, FREDERICK COUNTY

THE NEW ADA GUIDELINES - THE MARYLAND ACCESSIBILITY CODE

FEB 24 - DHCD, CROWNSVILLE

MAY 5 - HAGERSTOWN, WASHINGTON CO.

***REGISTER FOR THE ABOVE AT
www.MDCODES.org***

**Do you have information on related training or seminars that you would like to us to post?
Just let us know!!!!**

YEAR END BOWLING **AND TOY DRIVE**



Bryan Derr and the collection of donated toys.



Allen Freedman, SFPE International, and Renato Molina, Rolf Jensen & Associates, enjoying some friendly competition.

In the spirit of the holidays, the chapter focused the December meeting around kicking back and enjoying the company of their colleagues along with giving back to the local community.

The bowling themed happy hour provided an excuse for a highly successful holiday toy drive. Over 25 unwrapped toys were collected and donated to the local Toys for Tots foundation. These toys were then delivered, on Christmas Day, to those families less fortunate in the DC Metro Area.

Additionally, some of our amazing members with a good taste for competition showed off their skills with co-workers and friends. There were some excellent bowlers on hand and then there were some duds. Those few will remain nameless. To cap of the evening, great food and drink was provided by the people at Lucky Strike Lanes and Lounge.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

SFPE and ICC Propose to Develop Guide on Designing Fire Safety in High-Rise Buildings

SFPE is forming a task group to develop a guide on the unique fire safety considerations associated with very tall buildings. The guide would provide information on the topics that affect the performance of very tall buildings and their occupants in fire. The guide would address these topics using performance-based fire protection engineering concepts. The guide is not intended to be a recommended practice or a document that is suitable for adoption as a code. For a draft document scope and outline, [visit www.SFPE.org](http://www.SFPE.org). If you are interested in serving on the task group, please submit an application form. If you would like to be considered to chair the task group, please indicate that on the form.

Taken from the eNews Update
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UPCOMING EVENT

Quenching the Dragon: A Century of Fire Science at NBS/NIST

- **Thursday February 11, 2010, 11:30 am**
- **NIST, Gaithersburg, MD**
- **Speaker: Dr. Richard G. Gann- Fire Research Division
NIST Building and Fire Research Laboratory**

The presentation reviews the history of fire and the key roles played by NBS/NIST staff in reducing fire losses in the 20th and 21st centuries.

Cost:

\$15/Members

\$25 /Non-members

See the chapter website or contact Danielle Leikach for more information

“The purpose of the *Pyrogram* is to provide a forum for the transfer of information between the members of the Chesapeake Chapter of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) International and to give the Chapter visibility.”

Congratulations!

- The Chesapeake Chapter would like to welcome SFPE International Executive Director Allan S. Freeman to the membership
 - Congratulations to Bryan Derr and Steve Whitman of RJA for becoming P.E.s
 - Lennon and Jenn Peake welcomed their second child, son, Brady in December
 - Jen and John Frecker welcomed their second child, daughter, Lea Josephine in September
- Stephen Hill, P.E. (Past President of the Chapter) has joined the Laurel Office of RJA — YEAH!!!

*Do you have something wonderful to say? Send us the info and we will put it in print.



Financial Update

By Julie Zalinski



This fall was tax time for the Chapter. Our 2008 tax filings were due to the friendly IRS on November 15, 2009. I am happy to say that we made the deadline this year with help from our tax consultant. In summary, our 2008 deposits were \$28,638.29 and our 2008 expenses were \$32,488.08.

Our current bank account balance is \$18,019.05. The 2009 fiscal year expenses to date have been associated with our fall Chapter events and our \$10,500 contribution to the David Connor family this past summer. In addition, the 2009 Outstanding Sophomore Award of \$500 was given out this fall to University of Maryland Fire Protection Engineering Student Taylor Myers. Our income has been related to the fall Chapter events as well as membership. We have had a very good turn around on membership dues this past fall. Many thanks to our members for continuing to support our Chapter!!

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Do you have information you would like to share with the Chapter?
Submit material for publication to the Chapter Secretary, Jennifer Frecker



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Please visit the Chapter website at:

www.sfpe.org/chapters/chesapeake.aspx

to download a membership application or pay your annual dues on line.