

# Flashpoint

Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter  
Society of Fire Protection Engineers

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## Chapter Meeting Notice

**Save \$5.00  
by paying  
2009-2010  
Dues by  
October  
13, 2009.  
See separate Dues  
Notice.**

*Make a special effort to call a fellow member, and invite him/her to attend, or bring a guest or prospective member!*

Date: Tuesday Sept 8, 2009

Place: **Jacobs Engineering Group  
Three Tower Bridge  
Suite 3000  
Conshohocken, PA**

See Page 8 for directions

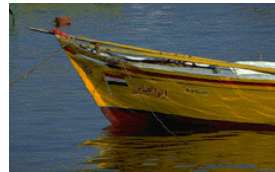
5:30 PM: **Fellowship Time**

6:30 PM: **Dinner**

### **Dinner Program**

**Siemens Sygnal MNS** with Kathy  
Slack will cover Mass Notification

Systems that occupy their own chapter in NFPA 72. This type of communication can contact all personnel within or outside a facility through most types of personnel communication devices.



Hope you had a great summer and are ready for another year!

Cost: **\$25.00 for dinner & program**

Reservations: **By 12 noon, Friday, September 4th, 2009**

Reserve with:  
**Mike Venneri of Jacobs Engineering by E-mail:  
michael.venneri@jacobs.com  
or Fax: (610) 238-1100**

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## Kidde Smoke Detector Recall

The CSPC and Kidde have announced the recall of smoke detectors that do not operate as designed. The model PI2000 Dual Sensor Smoke Alarm can be damaged from an electrostatic discharge, causing it not to warn consumers of a fire. These units were manufactured between August 2008 and May 2009. They were available at retail, department and hardware stores and through electrical distributors nationwide for between \$30 and \$40. Consumers should contact

Kidde immediately to receive a free replacement smoke alarm.

The contact information is:

**Phone:** 877-524-2086 (between 8 AM & 5 PM ET Monday through Friday.

**On the web:** [www.kidde.com](http://www.kidde.com)

Please spread the word to other organizations and individuals.

## President's Spark by Rick Coppola, CET, CFPS



Rick addressing the general meeting in May

Hope everyone enjoyed your summer.

Let me take this time to thank Bob Foraker for his leadership in past two years as president, also all the members of the board past and present.

Summer flies by quickly, the fall season is here which means time to clean up those pesky leaves and begin to look at your schedules to attend your local SFPE general meetings.

We have completed our August board meeting with some great speakers and technical topics lined up by our 1st vice

president Mike Venneri. This association would not exist without your support; it's your association, so get involved. Come on out and network with your peers, represent your companies and improve your career.

Look forward to seeing everyone on September 8<sup>th</sup>

*"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire".*

- William Butler Yeats

*Rick*

Don't forget the September meeting with Siemens presenting information on their Mass Notification System/Emergency Communications System, SYGNAL

## 09-10 Programs

First Vice President Mike Venneri has started to put a program together for the coming year. October, we will be at Del Tech with the Culinary Arts department providing dinner. The program will be about DualPak, which is a combination of Pre-action and clean agent (Novec 1230) systems in a common enclosure with a common controls for operating both systems.

November we will be back at Jacobs Engineering with a look at the new Institutional sprinklers and other new products from Tyco. December will be at Jacobs with a presentation by Bob Moser and Mike Venneri on CFD Modeling and the latest updates.

January's meeting at

Jacobs will feature our own member Greg Jakubowski giving us a presentation from his company, Fire Planning Associates, on their Blazemark services.

Stay tuned for the February, March and April topics.

May's meeting is the Annual meeting at the Essington Ramada with the awards and introduction of new officers,

And the year finishes out with the annual Golf outing in association with the NFSA on June 12, 2010.

So mark your calendars and make a point to get involved in your organization!

## FLASHPOINT

"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:  
**Jay Stough**

Information for publication can be submitted to: **Jay Stough**  
Email: [jays@tilleyfire.com](mailto:jays@tilleyfire.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 \$20.00 collected annually in the Fall of the Year. For an Application of Membership contact: **Jim Davidson** Email: [jdavidson@davidsonassociates.net](mailto:jdavidson@davidsonassociates.net)

Visit our web site at:  
[www.dtcc.edu/stanton/sfpe](http://www.dtcc.edu/stanton/sfpe)

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Dave Kriebel announces the scholarship awards at the May meeting

## May Business Meeting and Awards

At the annual business meeting in May, the following people were elected as the officers for 2009-2010:

- President Rick Coppola
- 1st Vice President Mike Venneri
- 2nd Vice President Jim Davidson
- Secretary Jay Stough
- Asst. Secretary Dave Kriebel
- Treasurer Top Meyers
- Directors Irma Colabrese, Bob Moser, Geeta Nandakumar and John Spitz

The Davis-Searle Distinguished Leadership Award was awarded posthumously to Santiago Carmona. The Frank Spitz Jr. Service Award was awarded to Bill Saunders. The William C. Tamburro Sr. Vendor

Award was presented to Jacobs Engineering. A special Recognition Award was given to Delaware Technical Institute for their continued support of our organization.

We also presented five scholarships at the meeting:  
Justin Perry of Ocean City, NJ from the University of Maryland  
Tim Murray of Moscow, PA from the University of Maryland  
Chad Kriebel of Lansdale, PA from the University of Maryland  
Christine Guerra of Delaware City DE from Delaware Technical & Community College  
Jerry McClure of Wilmington, DE from Delaware Technical & Community College



Scholarship Committee handing out a scholarship award at the annual meeting.

## SFPE Int'l Meeting and Conference

The annual SFPE Professional Development Conference & Exposition will be held at the DoubleTree Paradise Resort in Scottsdale, AZ on October 18-23, 2009. SFPE Professional Development Conference and Exposition: The Annual Meeting provides an opportunity to learn new de-

velopments in fire protection engineering. This years event will feature the two-day Engineering Technology Conference highlighting advanced and cutting-edge presentations on practices in fire protection engineering that are used to protect people, property and the envi-

ronment from fire. Speakers include Ken Isman of NFSA who has done presentations at our local chapter. You can register online at [www.sfpe.org](http://www.sfpe.org) or If you have any questions, contact Julie Gordon at +301 718-2910 ext. 104 or [jgordon@sfpe.org](mailto:jgordon@sfpe.org).

The wisest mind has something yet to learn.  
George Santayana

## Irma retires as Flashpoint Editor

Irma Colabrese has stepped down as editor of Flashpoint. She is not leaving us, but remains on the executive board as a Director this year. Irma has been doing this for the last ten years, which does not seem like much until you try to do it. Without any of us giv-

ing it much thought, she has maintained the records and minutes of the chapter, as well as helping the 2nd Vice President with the membership lists. A lot of the credit for the Chapter awards from International has to go to Irma since she did the research, filled out

the forms and submitted the information. So when you see Irma at the next meeting take the time to thank her for the extraordinary job she did with Flashpoint! At the same time, please forgive the new editor for mistakes as he learns to fill those big shoes.



Irma & Bob Foraker at the May General Meeting

## Executive Board Meeting August 12, 2009

**Location:** FPI Bensalem, PA

**Attendance:** Irma Colabrese, Rick Coppola, Phil Gaughan, David Kriebel, John Spitz Jr., Jay Stough and an Frank Spitz

**Minutes:** Minutes of the March 10, 2009 meeting were not provided and will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

**Treasurer's Report:** Top Meyers was not able to attend, but did send the proposed budget for 2009-2010. After discussion, motion by Jay Stough and 2nd by Rick Coppola. Motion passed.

### Committee Reports

**Program:** Mike Venneri was not present, but forwarded tentative schedule as follows. Sept SYGNAL by Siemans at Jacobs Engineering; Oct at Del Tech with a presentation on DualPak; Nov at Jacobs with Tyco; Dec at Jacobs with Mike Venneri and Bob Moser. The rest of the meetings need to be confirmed.

**Professional Activities:** Discussed that as Past President, Bob Foraker will take the lead for the 2010 Networking this year.

**Scholarship:** Discussed that there is \$3000 budgeted, but will make further determination at the time of submissions. The committee will send out a request for any updates in the posting

of the scholarships.

**Awards:** The Awards committee is made up of past presidents of the chapter. The board is investigating so see if there is anyone eligible for Fellow this year.

**Membership:** Irma reported that all the information is on our website except a roster.

**Communications with SFPE National:** Rick C & Irma thanked Frank & Bob F. for their suggestions to revise the draft of the Annual Report. It will be revised and sent to SFPE International

**Flashpoint:** Irma reported that with Jay's purchase of Publisher and the CD's and Flash drive she handed over, Jay should have everything he needs. Rick suggested that no more hard copies be mailed. A postcard will be sent to those who received it in the past with website information and asking for their email address if they want it sent to them.

**Website:** Rick will contact Bob Foraker about updates.

**Education:** Phil G asked John Spitz to consider teaching part of the sprinkler and advanced sprinkler courses.

The next board meeting will be October 6, 2009, the place TBD with FPI as default.

## Mid Atlantic Chapter of AFSA Golf Tournament

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the American Fire Sprinkler Association is holding their Annual Golf Tournament at the York Road Country Club in Spring House, PA on September 28th.

All proceeds benefit the Burn Foundation. Registration at 11 AM, lunch (included) at 11:30 and tee time at 1 PM. The cost includes lunch, golf with cart, refreshments on the course and an after golf din-

ner banquet with bar and prizes. For more information contact Glenn Cooper at 215-659-0676 or email: [glenn.cooper@gmcooper.com](mailto:glenn.cooper@gmcooper.com).



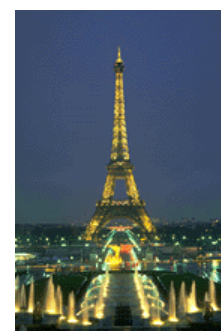
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 SFPE	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 IESNA	18	19
20	21	22	23 Greater Facility	24 Phila Expo	25	26
27	28 AFSA Golf	29	30			

## New Careers PowerPoint Presentations

If you do presentations about careers in engineering, particularly Fire Protection, you might want to check out the new material from SFPE International.

The SFPE Public Awareness Committee has recently updated the Careers in Fire Protection Engineering PowerPoint presentation. This multi-media presentation is intended to be used by SFPE members when making career presentations to local high schools and career fairs. The purpose of this presentation is to show that fire protection engineering is an exciting and rewarding career. If you would like a copy, please contact [Chris@sfpe.org](mailto:Chris@sfpe.org).





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## Directions to Jacobs Engineering Group

### **From Central Philadelphia:**

Follow the Schuylkill Expressway (I-76) west to Exit 29 (Conshohocken). Stay in the center lane. At the traffic light, go straight and cross the Fayette Street Bridge. **At the next traffic light, turn right onto Elm Street. Go two blocks and turn right onto Ash Street. Three Tower Bridge is 1/8 mile on your right at the end of the street.**

### **From Philadelphia International Airport and points south:**

North on I-95 to Exit 7. Follow I-476 North (toward Plymouth Meeting) to Exit 16. Follow signs for Route 23 Conshohocken. At the traffic light at the end of the off-ramp, turn right. Continue down road merging into the center lane. At the traffic light, go straight and cross the Fayette Street Bridge.

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### **From Allentown and points north:**

Take the Northeast Extension of the PA Turnpike south to Exit 25A (Mid-County Interchange). Follow signs to I-476 South. Continue to Exit 16 (Valley Forge). On the off-ramp, follow signs to Route 23 Conshohocken. At the traffic light at the end of the off-ramp, turn right. Continue down road merging into the center lane. At the traffic light, go straight and cross the Fayette Street Bridge. Continue from bold text above.

### **From New York and Northern New Jersey:**

Take the New Jersey Turnpike south to exit 6 (PA Turnpike). Take PA Turnpike west to exit 25A (Mid-County Interchange). Follow

signs to I-476 South. Continue to Exit 16 (Valley Forge). On the off-ramp, follow signs to Route 23 Conshohocken. At the traffic light at the end of the off-ramp, turn right. Continue down road merging into the center lane. Continue from bold text above.

### **From points west:**

On the PA Turnpike, Take exit 24 (King of Prussia). Follow signs for I-76 east (toward Philadelphia). Take exit 28B (Plymouth Meeting). Follow signs for Route 23 Conshohocken. Continue from bold text above.

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