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Past NJ Chapter President Succumbs To Long Term Illness

Frank Bender, age 56, longtime member of SFPE, NFPA, AICHe, and past President of our chapter, passed away Monday morning, April 8th. Frank had been suffering from a long-term illness. Funeral services were held at Tuttle Funeral Home in Randolph, April 10th

Frank earned a BSChE from University of Delaware in 1969. He was a P.E. in several states and an active Member of 12 different NFPA Technical Committees over the years. Frank

was also a NJ-licensed FP Inspector, Fire Subcode Official, and Construction Official.

Frank was also a Past President of our Chapter during the 91/92 term. He was active for many years on the chapter's executive board and was responsible for the mailing and distribution of the Fusible Link up until two years ago.

He is survived by his wife Lenore. Donations in Frank's memory can be sent to the following:

Lyme Disease Foundation
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Or

Jefferson Township Fire Co. #2
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NOMINATION FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

As per the Nomination Section of the New Jersey Chapter of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers Constitution and By-Laws, the Nominating Committee submits the following slate of Officers and Directors for Election at the upcoming Business Meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 3, 2002.

President	Sarge Slicer
First VP	Rich Reitberger
Second VP	Glenn Dietz
Treasurer	Dave Gluckman
Asst. Treasurer	John Cholin
Secretary	Edward Armm
Assistant Secretary	Brad Hart

The following member-at-large: **Pat Egan** is nominated for his second two-year term as a director. **Bob Hall** is nominated for his first two-year term as a director. **Bob Murray** and **Frank Savino** are entering the second year of their terms as directors.

Any member with a desire to run as a candidate for Chapter Officer or Director may contact Mr. Dave Gluckman (973-734-3661) at least four weeks prior to the Annual Business Meeting. In accordance with New Jersey Chapter By-Laws, candidates must submit the signatures of five voting members of the New Jersey Chapter SFPE along with their letter of intention to run for any of the above positions. The deadline is May 6, 2002.

NJ-SFPE Membership Meeting Minutes 4/1/02 - 25th Chapter Anniversary Meeting

1. Chuck Gandy, Chapter President, opened the meeting at 6:20 p.m. with all in attendance (51) introducing themselves.
2. The minutes from the previous meeting of March 4th were read by Brad Hart and accepted.
3. Sarge Slicer announced new membership applications were received from John Durante and Tony Montalvo. The membership approved their applications. Congratulations John and Tony, welcome to the Chapter.
4. John Cholin briefed the membership on the status of the PE exam review course that the Chapter is sponsoring beginning this summer. If anyone is interested in attending or being an instruction/mentor please email John at jmcholin@bellatlantic.net.
5. Joe Janiga explained the process of determining the slate of officers for the chapters next annual term. Joe read a letter from the Chapter's secretary listing the nominees. A summary of this letter will be contained in the May and June *Fusible Link*.

6. John Durante, NY SFPE Chapter President summarized the status of the donations made to NY SFPE to the WTC Fund. He read a number of letters thanking the Chapters and persons who donated to this cause. John also handed out a collection of letters received from the victims' families.
7. Art Smith from the NY Chapter announced details of the NY Chapter's golf outing to be held at Beaver Brook Country Club in Clinton, NJ on June 10. Please go to www.sfpenny.org for more details.
8. Chuck Gandy made a few comments about the new Tyco K-25 sprinkler head and passed around a sample for the members to examine.
9. Rich Reitberger announced various Chapter anniversary merchandise that could be ordered/purchased.
10. Chuck Gandy announced that our previously scheduled seminar to be given by three SFPE's who investigated the WTC Disaster will be in June or September.
11. Special recognition was given to the SFPE National "Fellows" who attended the meeting.

Murray Cappers
John Ed Ryan
Richard Swab

12. Jerry Naylis and Rich Reitberger gave a brief update on the Chapter's legislative special committee. There seems to be a ray of hope that NJ may recognize the National FPE in the future. Jerry and Rich will update the Chapter with any new developments. They also announced that the chapter has sponsored a new award call the "John B. Kelly Fire Protection Excellence" Award. The winner will be announced at the June Chapter meeting.

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13. Rich Reitberger gave a brief history of the chapter.
14. Kathleen Almand, PE, and Executive Director of SFPE National congratulated the Chapter on its contributions locally and nationally. She also gave an update on SFPE and its future direction.

Career Opportunities

More detailed information is contained in previous *Fusible Link* issues and on www.njsfpe.com

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NJ Chapter Fire Protection PE Course -- Summer 2002

As per previous issues, the Chapter will be sponsoring an FPE review course this summer. Volunteers are needed to teach/mentor participants for various topics. Please contact John Cholin at jmcholin@bellatlantic.net to sign up as a student or instructor.

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****LOSS CONTROL CONSULTANT NEEDED****

Starr Technical Risks Agency, Inc., is seeking a Loss Control Consultant with experience in "energy" and related classes of business.

More detailed information is contained in previous issues of the *Fusible Link* and on line at www.NJSFPE.com

Qualified candidates can contact Rhonda Clarke at 212-770-5099.



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INTERNSHIP OFFERS EXPERIENCE IN RISK MANAGEMENT

NSPE Student members looking for hands-on risk management experience this summer can now set their sights on the Milton F. Lunch Memorial Internship.

This internship will provide 11 weeks of meaningful summer employment and a \$6,000 stipend. From June 10 to August 23, with one week for vacation, the intern will work in the Victor O. Schinnerer & Company, Inc., (VOSCO), offices in Chevy Chase, Maryland. The intern's experience in engineering management and loss prevention will be gained by participating in analyzing claims trends, documenting risk factors, and forecasting management responses to emerging risk factors, and forecasting management responses to emerging influences on the practice of professional engineers.

Visit

<http://www.nspe.org/students/st1-int.asp> and click on "Milton F. Lunch Memorial Internship" for more information.



NEWEST NJ FP LAW CHAPTER 289

Chapter 289 was signed into law on December 28, 2001. The Act concerns the installation and maintenance of Fire Protection Equipment (FPE). Similar regulation was mandated in 1984 in the original Fire Safety Act. The Fire Safety Commission on the advise of its Advisory Council recommended the regulation four (4) times. The recommendations were always rejected by the Commissioner of Dept. of Community Affairs per administrative policy. Assemblymen Jeffrey Moran and Christopher Connors, together with Senator Leonard Connors sponsored Act 289-2001 "Politics versus Technology", effective July 1, 2002.

The Act defines Fire Protection Equipment to include "fire alarm systems, fire sprinkler systems, standpipe systems,

clean agent fire suppression systems, special hazard fire suppression systems, carbon dioxide fire protection systems, foam fire protection systems, kitchen fire protection systems, portable fire extinguishers and any other equipment designed to detect, suppress or extinguish a fire. Each system is also individually defined.

An Advisory Committee is to include the Director of the Division of Fire Safety (ex officio) and eight public members appointed by the Governor from names submitted by:

- NJ Association of Fire Equipment Distributors
- National Fire Sprinkler Association
- National Association of Fire Equipment Distributors
- American Fire Sprinkler Association
- Fire Suppression Systems Association
- Automatic Fire Alarm Association
- NJ Electrical Contractors Association
- NJ Burglar and Fire Alarm Association

No fire protection contractor shall engage in the installation, service, repair, inspection or maintenance of fire protection equipment without holding a valid certificate of certification or employs an individual who does hold such certification. In the later instance the contractor must obtain a fire protection contractor business permit. Certification certificates will be for a number of classifications. Requirements and methods of obtaining certification are spelled out in the act.

However, the required qualification criteria, that is, the standards and examination content must be approved by the Commissioner of Community Affairs, following the recommendations of the Advisory Committee regarding regulations pertaining to professional training, standards, identification and record keeping procedures for certificate holders and their employees, classification of certificates necessary to regulate the work of the certificate holders and other matters necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.

Persons holding a license to engage in the fire alarm business pursuant to P.L. 1997, C305, or who are electrical contractors as defined in Section 2 of P.L. 1962, c162 are exempt from the requirement of obtaining a certificate of certification under this act to engage in the fire alarm business when acting within the scope of

practice of their profession or occupation. The legal profession will love this!

The act also modifies Section 18 of P.L. 1962, c162 (Electrician Act) regarding Exempt work from that act.

There does not appear to be any exemptions for installation or maintenance of fire protection equipment. This will need to be addressed by the Commissioner in drafting the regulations. Otherwise every business and corporation will need to employ a holder of a Certificate of Certification or out-source all work on Fire Protection Equipment as defined in Chapter 289. Try GovNetWeb.com

NJ Fire Safety

Several members of the New Jersey Fire Service have suggested that an online discussion of various fire safety problems would be useful. They are asking that anybody interested in the program sign up. There is no registration fee. It is planned to have two groups. One group would generally be active Fire Marshals. The second group would be anyone interested in Fire Safety, for instance Fire Protection Engineers. If you are interested, continue reading.

This group is for all individuals interested in fire prevention, fire protection or fire safety education topics affecting New Jersey because the government or private sector employment encompasses responsibilities in these areas. It is intended to provide a forum for the exchange of information statewide on fire safety topics. Applicants to the group are asked to provide a brief description of their qualifications for membership. An email discussion list dedicated to New Jersey fire prevention, fire protection and fire safety issues. If you are interested in learning about these important issues while sharing your knowledge with your colleagues in email discussions, this list is for you.

Only members can take advantage of this resource. Membership is free though restricted to individuals in the public and private sectors that have job responsibilities in these areas.

Discussions/messages can be on any topic that deals with fire prevention, fire protection or fire safety in New Jersey.

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The federal government next year plans to spend approximately \$2 trillion. A number so big it boggles the minds of mathematicians, according to a newspaper item from Knight-Ridder. No one alive has lived a trillion seconds; the United States has not existed for a trillion seconds; Western civilization has not been around for a trillion seconds. About one trillion seconds ago, or 31,688 years, Neanderthals and Cro-Magnons shared the plains of Europe. President Bush requested a \$2.128 trillion budget. Stacked in dollar bills, the pile would stretch 144,419 miles, two thirds of the way to the moon and more than five laps around the earth at the equator.

NJ SFPE's 25th Anniversary



Left to Right: Rich Reitberger, Chapter Second VP, Bob Murray, Chapter Director, Kathleen Almand, SFPE National Executive Dir., Chuck Gandy, Chapter President and Art Cote, SFPE National Secretary-Treasurer



"Cut the Cake" - Chuck Gandy, current Chapter President, cuts Anniversary Cake.



Left to Right: Chuck Gandy, Chapter President, Kathleen Almand, SFPE National Executive Dir. Special 25th Anniversary Presentation.



Kathleen Almand, National Executive Director, discussed future direction of the organization.



"Past Chapter Presidents" - Left to Right: Back Row: Fred Nosal 97/98;, David Lauridsen 79/80; Al Dopart 98/99; Joe Janiga 00/01; Nick Chergotis 95/96; Jim Tolos 93/94; Mike Newman 85/86; Peter Rullo 99/00; Glenn Buser 92/93; Seated Left to Right: Murray Cappers, 81/82; John Ed Ryan 83/84, Dick Schwab, SFPE Fellow; Chuck Gandy 01/02



Art Cote – SFPE National Secretary-Treasurer discusses the history of fire protection and its organizations

2001-2002

MEETING DATES/PROGRAM

(Programs Subject to Change)

Watch web page concerning cancellation in case of possible inclement weather conditions

- May 6 "Air Refueler Fuel Tank Maintenance and Repair Facility Protection and Safeguards" – Chief Master Sergeant Roger Jordan, Senior Master Sergeant Vinnie Mazza – 108 Air Refueling Wing, NJ Air National Guard
- June 3 Viking Upright ESFR - Speaker: Scott Marfarino of Viking

***Watch Web Page for Weather Announcement**

POSITIONS TAKEN BY SPEAKERS ARE NOT NECESSARILY THE POSITION OF THE NJ S.F.P.E.

All meetings are held at the Hanover Manor, Eagle Rock Road, Hanover, NJ (approximately 1/2 miles west of Eisenhower Parkway). Get Acquainted Hour 5:00-6:00 p.m. Adjournment is usually before 8:30 p.m. The Executive Committee meets at 4:00 p.m.

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COMMITTEES 2001-2002

Standing Committees

Program:

Mike Newman, Peter Rullo, Co-Chairs, with input from all members
Consulting – Nick Chergotis

NY Chapter Liaison:

Rich Reitberger (Pat Egan back-up liaison)

Arrangements:

Mike Newman, Peter Rullo, Co-Chair

Membership:

Sarge Slicer, Chairman

Nominating:

Joe Janiga, Chairman
Glenn Deitz
Bob Murray

Scholarship Fund:

Rich Reitberger, Chairman
Robert Hall
Two NY Chapter members to be assigned

Auditing:

Jim Tolos
Joe Janiga

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Jim Tolos

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Fusible Link: Brad Hart, Interim Editor

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Ana Crisostomo, Publishing

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To be determined

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Joe Janiga – Co-Chairman

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Tom Brereton
Joe Stavish
Glenn Deitz
Dave Gluckman

Golf Outing:

Richard Reitberger, Chairman
Bob Murray

Awards:

John Ed Ryan
Frank Savino

PE Examination:

John Cholin, Chairman
Joe Janiga
Mike Newman
Chuck Gandy

Joint Seminar/Chapter Seminar

Richard Reitberger, Chairman
Nick Chergotis
Pat Egan
Dave Gluckman

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Bob Murray
Nick Chergotis

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: May 6, 2002
Place: Hanover Manor
16 Eagle Rock Avenue
East Hanover, NJ

Price: In Advance - \$22 At Door - \$25

Dinner: Prime Rib or Fish

Social Hour: 5:00-6:00 (Cash bar for mixed drinks)
Dinner at 6 PM

Speaker: Chief Master Sergeant Roger Jordan
Senior Master Sergeant Vinnie Mazza
108 Air Refueling Wing
NJ Air National Guard

Topic: "Air Refueler Fuel Tank Maintenance and Repair Facility
Protection and Safeguards"

All officers, directors, and committee chairman are requested to attend a meeting at 4:00 p.m. at the Hanover Manor.

Please note for this meeting:

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