



# Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association

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P.O. Box 661 Grayson, GA 30017

## **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday January 14, 2014**

The January 14, 2014 meeting of the Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association was held at Chequers Seafood restaurant. GFSA Board Member Scott Donnelly called the meeting to order at 10:45, opened the meeting with prayer, and welcomed everyone. Scott reminded everyone the meeting was being recorded for purposes of creating meeting minutes and the meeting minutes are available on the GFSA web site, along with much additional information. Scott welcomed guest Ken Votava with Rapidrop. Ken briefly talked about the sprinklers, devices and other products being offered by Rapidrop.

**Georgia State Fire Marshal:** Dwayne Garriss let everyone know the new Rules and Regulations 120-3-3 have been through all hearings and will be in effect January 31. Hopefully work will soon begin on modifying 120-3-19. Legislation is working its way through the State Legislature to require detailed description of basis for denial of approval or stop work notice to avoid arbitrariness. Dwayne reviewed the applicable editions for the new codes and new regulations for existing assisted personal care homes. James Crawley said system impairment issues would be addressed when 120-3-19 is modified. Billy Wood said the new regulations will now require smoke detectors will now be required to be replaced based on the manufacturer's recommendations. Costs will be a factor.

**Executive Director's Report / Georgia State Fire Marshal / Codes and Standards:** Billy Wood said the Calendars were able to be produced because of a \$5000 contribution from Blue Cross / Blue Shield, \$1500 from Humana, \$3000 from Able Too and other contributors including Carrollton Printing, who has provided an exceptionally low printing cost, and contributions from the GFSA Golf Tournament. Scott said the next tournament will be the first Monday of November, 2014. Scott said although the number of golfers is important even more important is getting calendar sponsors.

James Crawley thanked the GFSA for the calendars and said as of January 13, 2014 all calendars had been delivered to all public school systems and 75% of the private schools. The calendars were delivered with a letter from Dwayne encouraging future participation. Jimmy also said the GFSA was instrumental in getting the Forsyth training lab off the ground and the lab will be available to the GFSA for training.

**Treasurer's Report:** John Pahr reported the checking account balance to be \$5,163.28. Dues notices have gone out and prompt payments are encouraged.

**Georgia Fire Fighters Burn Foundation:** No report.

**Ask the Attorney:** David Hendrick provided additional information on the bill going through the legislature and hopefully he will have a copy of the bill next week. David also reviewed ways for contractors to protect themselves through liens and the time periods that must be adhered to. David will provide an instruction sheet regarding liens and will provide a 15 minute presentation in the future. The law in Georgia requires notice be sent to prime contractor, not the owner. If 60 days expire after you submit the waiver form with the pay app and you have not been paid, the law presumes you have been paid and you have lost your lien and bond rights. A discussion followed involving liens, waivers and notice of commencement.



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**Membership:** A supplier would be ideal to chair the membership committee. Everyone who is a GFSA member is part of the Membership Committee. The term expires for four members of the GFSA Board of Directors: Bobby McCullough, Atlanta Sprinkler, Chris Conway, Allsouth Sprinkler, Michael Kelly, Amber Fire, and Ray Vance, Integrated Fire. George Ford, Palmetto Automatic expressed an interest in the Board. Scott made a motion that all five be accepted as Board members and / or Committee chairs and it was accepted. Dues for membership are due.

**Essay Contest / Scholarship:** Bobby said the 2013-2014 Essay Contest is upon us. The topic will be selected in the next few days and will go to the school system in late January. The deadline for students to submit essays is March 11 and judging will take place immediately afterward. Please volunteer if possible.

**SFPE:** The SFPE Fire Safety Conference will be March 11 - 12, 2014 at the Gwinnett Center. The GFSA is in need of a chair for this committee.

**AFSA:** AFSA is presenting a webinar on Liabilities & Pitfalls of Contract Clauses with Regard to Inspection, Testing, & Maintenance of Sprinkler Systems on Monday, February 3, 2014. This is free to AFSA members.

**Apprenticeship:** No Report

**Activities:** Jimmy Hunt said the fifth annual Heroes First Foundation Charity Golf Outing will be held on the first Thursday in May, 2014. Details to follow.

**Old Business:** No report

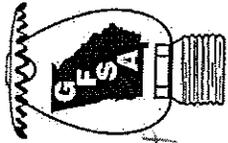
**New Business:** Jimmy Crawley said planning is taking place for the July 2014 Symposium in Forsyth.

**Program / Education:** GFSA President Ray Vance provided a presentation on antifreeze and the NFPA TIA's issued regarding such. Ray said there are 49 properties in Sandy Springs alone with freeze damage and in the entire state the losses will be in the millions. NFPA definitions define a sprinkler system to have a single system riser control valve, which means an anti-freeze system is defined as a standalone system. Ray reviewed how the NFPA standards address the use of anti-freeze, including the requirement that anti-freeze must be listed.

Wherever anti-freeze is permitted, it must be added to piping as a premixed solution with percentages limited to that shown in the NFPA TIAs because propylene glycol and glycerin are combustible liquids. Ray presented reports on actual fire losses involving improper anti-freeze systems. New installations require a determined risk analysis be performed and approved by the AHJ and should follow system limitations.

A discussion took place on inspections, corrections and retagging and how Georgia is the only state requiring systems to be re-inspected after corrections are made.

Adjournment approximately 12:25 PM.



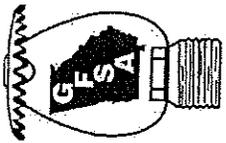
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Activity: GENERAL MEETING Location: CHATEAUX Date: 1/14/14

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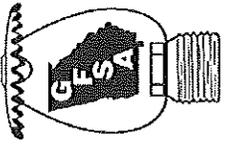
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