



Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association

P.O. Box 661 Grayson, GA 30017

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday May 13, 2014

The May 13, 2014 meeting of the Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association was held at SPP Pumps in Norcross. GFSA president Ray Vance called the meeting to order at 10:40, opened the meeting with prayer, and welcomed everyone. Ray welcomed many first time guests and many who had not attended for some time. Ray reminded everyone the meeting was being recorded for purposes of creating meeting minutes.

Treasurer: John Pahr reported the checking account balance of \$15,165.58.

Executive Director's Report: Billy Wood and other GFSA members attended the groundbreaking for the new George Lanier Training Building in Forsyth. Patrick Cordi may have multiple suppliers to donate material for the sprinkler system in this building.

Georgia Fire Fighters Burn Foundation: Dennis Gardin said the Georgia Fire Fighters Burn Foundation is erecting a new building and renovating others at Ft. Yargo State Park to better accommodate the Children's Burn Camp. He stated that they are looking for donations to install a sprinkler system in the building. Dennis asked that if anyone could provide any type of assistance to please contact McKenzie Bailey at the Burn Foundation.

If suppliers or contractors can assist with labor or material for either of the above building needs please contact Patrick Cordi or any GFSA Board member.

McKenzy Bailey with the Burn Foundation talked about the Summer Camp and invited all to visit. She said the GFBF Boot Drive will be taking place in the coming weeks. McKenzie thanked the GFSA and Heroes First Foundation for the recent \$5000.00 donation to the Burn Foundation.

Georgia State Fire Marshal: James Crawley reviewed details of the George Lanier Training Building in Forsyth and said if anyone has donations to contact him. James said when the building is complete it will be available for the training of fire fighters, contractors, fire inspectors and others. It will include most aspects of fire prevention.

Education: Ray will be at the State Fire Safety Symposium in July, and will lead an eight hour class covering changes to NFPA 13, 13D, 13R and 14. Ray said this coming Fall the NFSA will be sponsoring a training class titled "Navigating the NFPA 25 Minefield. The class usually sells out. It is geared toward everyone involved with NFPA 25 inspections. Ray is also leading a four hour class for the GFIA in May.

Essay Contest / Scholarship: The 2014 contest has been completed.

SFPE: Kevin said the SFPE Golf Outing has been moved to September. The 2014 SFPE Fire Safety Conference was completed.



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Codes and Standards: Ray said there are now seven local jurisdictions that require online plan submittal and all seven use E-Plan Solutions. Each submittal or resubmittal requires a \$25 fee on top of the fee charged by the City or County. The seven jurisdictions are Alpharetta, Cherokee, Dalton, Douglas, Forsyth, Cumming, and Whitfield. Fulton County is in the process. Ray's experience is the process is rather quick once you learn how it works.

On Third Party Reporting the Florida Fire Sprinkler Association has graciously agreed to provide their White Paper and allow the GFSA to modify it to incorporate the codes adopted in Georgia. Following a review by the GFSA Board they will present it as the official position of the GFSA being in opposition to Third Party Reporting. Alan Carte talked with a Third Party reporting company and invited them to a GFSA meeting. Louie Lincoln said his company is posting reports on a web site and made them password accessible to the AHJ. Ray said the building owner actually owns the reports and the State requires non-compliant reports be sent to the AHJ.

Dave Williamson with Peachtree City offered a brief explanation of their Third Party System. For any system reported as non-compliant the occupant or owner gets a series of letters from Peachtree City and if the deficiencies are not promptly corrected the last of these letters states the Fire Department will be on site soon to issue a citation and a court date. Dave said the fee for Third Party reporting is \$10 per year per system. Peachtree City's position is they do not have time to go to each company's web site and download reports.

A discussion followed about issuing reports to authorities, tagging systems, following up with inspection clients, and the requirements of the State Regulations, COC and Designer Licenses.

Activities: Scott Donnelly said the Bob McCullough Memorial Tournament is the first Monday in November and he is looking forward to everyone being there. James Crawley said the calendars produced by the golf tournaments provide great public relations for this industry.

New Business: Ray said the March meeting minutes were on the welcome table and asked everyone to review them for acceptance. John Pahr reminded everyone who has multiple members attending today's meeting the annual dues cover one member for lunch. Additional attendees and non-members should be paying \$20 per person, with the exception of AHJs. Bobby said the following attendees won a door prize: Ed Siggelkow, Jeff Herne, Steve Baker, Glenn Mitchell, Eric Hines, Louie Lincoln and David Adams.

Old Business: Ray spoke briefly about the status of anti-freeze systems. A discussion took place on fire pump flow tests and the calibration of flow meters and full flow tests.

AFSA: No Report

Membership: No Report

Apprenticeship: No Report



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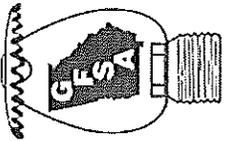
Program: Jeffrey Mayers with the Georgia State Fire Marshal's Office presented a program on regulations and fire sprinkler requirements of personal care homes, assisted living facilities, and limited health care facilities. Handouts were provided. Jeff's primary work at the State is sprinkler plan review and his direct supervisor is Dwayne Garriss. 120-3-3 is Georgia's document that modifies NFPA 101 for the above facilities and Jeff explained the different sprinkler requirements. Jeffrey said there is hope 120-3-3 will be revised in 2014 to address typographical errors. A discussion took place regarding closets and bathrooms. Questions and answers took place throughout the presentation.

Scott Donnelly asked if Dwayne would re-issue his December 2, 1995 letter regarding Facility Inspection Requirements.

Dwayne let everyone know Wanda Butler suffered an aorta rupture this past Friday and will be transported to Emory Decatur for surgery. She is doing well at this point.

Ask the Attorney: David Hendrick said Senate Bill 328 passed and civil action can now take place against those violating the law.

Adjournment at 12:45 PM.



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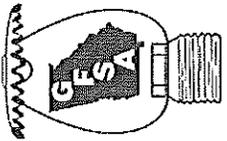
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