



# Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association

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P.O. Box 661 Grayson, GA 30017

## **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday September 9, 2014**

The September 9, 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 said the meeting was being recorded for purposes of creating meeting minutes.

**Treasurer:** No Report

**Executive Director's Report:** Billy Wood has been discussing the printing of the calendar with Carrollton Printing who will be helping with the calendar again this year. The state will have the student submitted artwork soon and volunteers will evaluate the art for the calendar. The goal is to make the calendar the best possible quality. Last year the calendar had the support of two insurance companies and the hope is the support will continue.

**Codes and Standards:** The use of a "bucket test" was discussed and if there is a senate bill in effect requires a bucket test. Sandy Springs has limited requirements for bucket tests. Ray asked if there is a code requiring a bucket test. Field revisions can create problems that may surface by the use of a bucket test.

Ray said specific townhomes or row homes (one and two family dwellings) do not require sprinklers if they have 2 hour fire separation. A discussion followed on the definition of townhomes and condominiums and where sprinklers are required and if a 13D system work.

Bobby said fire pump installation in Douglas County requires the approval of the water department. Sam Bolt says this is becoming more frequent with some water departments requiring documentation of fire sprinkler system demand.

Matthew Shannon is new plan review tech for Cobb County.

**Georgia State Fire Marshal:** No Report

**Georgia Fire Fighters Burn Foundation:** No Report

**Ask the Attorney:** No Report

**Education:** Ray has been talking with Jim Lake of the NFSA about bringing the seminar "Navigating the NFPA 25 Liability Minefield" to the metro area. The plan is for 40 attendees with a second seminar if demand warrants. This 8 hour seminar is geared to sprinkler contractors and will hopefully take place in December or January.

**Essay Contest / Scholarship:** No Report



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**SFPE:** No Report

**AFSA:** No Report

**Activities:** Scott said the Bob McCullough Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, November 3. Last year 60 plus golfers participated and the added support from Blue Cross and Humana provided the funds to print and distribute the calendars. Scott encouraged suppliers to donate products for the silent auction. The weather has been good for past November tournaments.

**New Business:** Nominations are being accepted by email for the Georgia Fire Sprinkler Official of the Year. This award is presented to the fire official that is a proponent of Automatic Fire Sprinklers and supports and promotes the use thereof.

**Old Business:** No Report

**Membership:** No Report

**Apprenticeship:** No Report

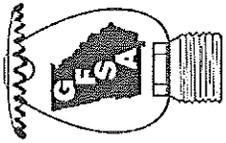
**Program:** Ray Vance presented information on Acceptance and Testing as required by NFPA 13. The sprinkler contractor and owner's representative are required to witness the hydrostatic test. There is no requirement for a fire or building official to witness the test unless there is a local requirement. The test certificate must contain the information required by NFPA 13. All parts of the form must be completed with the pressure gauged at street level. The pressure test can be completed with plugs in place of sprinklers.

Specific caution should be used when testing CPVC piping systems. Pressure should be increased slowly and in small increments.

Ray outlined the different system operation tests for water flow alarm, dry system trip test, deluge and pre action systems, main drain tests, pressure reducing valves, backflow preventers and the requirements for follow up action when the main drain test indicates a degradation of the water supply. There was a discussion about the requirements for testing pressure reducing valves and the documentation required on hydraulic name plates, which is required for schedule systems as well as hydraulically designed systems.

Requirements were discussed for the amount of flow required when flushing and the leakage rate required by NFPA 24.

The meeting was adjourned approximately 12:20 PM.



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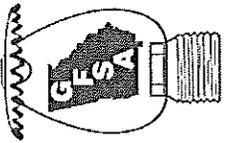
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