



# Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association

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P.O. Box 661 Grayson, GA 30017

## **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, August 7, 2018**

The August 7, 2018 meeting of the Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association was held at SPP Pumps in Norcross. GFSA President Patrick Cordi called the meeting to order at 11:35 AM, welcomed everyone, opened the meeting with prayer, then invited everyone to enjoy lunch prior to continuing the meeting. Patrick said the minutes from the previous meeting were not available and would be posted on the GFSA website in the near future. Patrick announced the meeting was being recorded for the purpose of creating meeting minutes. Guests included Dave English and Ray Freemont with General Air Products.

**Executive Director's Report:** Billy Wood said the Georgia State Fire Marshal's office was having problems. The State is down to 3 engineers and plan reviews are being delayed. Dwayne Garriss is retiring at the end of February and Billy said there may be others leaving the State. Swearing in for new State positions will occur in the first week of January and the GFSA needs to be involved.

**Treasurer:** Jimmy Hunt was not present. Prior to the meeting, Jimmy reported to Patrick the balance of all accounts was \$10,369.00.

**Codes and Standards:** Alan Carte reported Jim Coleston, a long-time designer, passed away on 8/6/18. Alan was told by another GFSA member Bartow County now requires approved plans to be on project sites and the property owner's phone number must be on drawing along with other details.

Ben Brown reported City of Atlanta software for 24 hour static pressure testing is defective. Stephen Christian said submittals must have 24 hour test and Stephen requires the test be done by a PE. A sprinkler contractor is not permitted to perform the test.

Jeff Yoder with Gwinnett County said County and City Fire Marshals were trying to influence the State to update to new codes & standards. Steve Deen said Codes have an equivalency clause, meaning design can include updated requirements if stated on drawings.

**Georgia State Fire Marshal:** No Report

**Education:** Chris Dilday has been communicating with Brent Burke of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center about future training classes and there is more to work out. A side by side burn demonstration should occur on October 20 in Covington to be followed up by a side by side burn demonstration in Dawsonville in the near future.



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**Asa Tuten / GFSA Essay Contest / Scholarship:** Bobby said the Essay Contest will begin again January 2019.

**SFPE:** Kevin Biando said the SFPE golf tournament will take place on September 10 and encouraged everyone to begin registration at [sfpeatlanta.org](http://sfpeatlanta.org).

**NextGen:** Mindy Buckley said the NextGen committee met a couple weeks ago with about 25 people attending. There will be a NextGen Webinar next week. Mindy asked how can those who have been involved quite some time help the younger generation? Sam Bolt presented the NextGen mission statement:

- 1) To be the bridge of communication between our generations.
- 2) To continually seek and share knowledge across our generations.
- 3) To recruit and train our future generations.
- 4) To grow and strengthen the fire sprinkler industry across all generations.

A discussion followed.

**Activities:** Allen Cagle and Brad Boswell provided details of the August 18 Bass Tournament at Lake Sinclair near Eatonton. Donations and volunteers are needed. The intent is to bring everyone together for fishing, fellowship, and a social time after the fishing, including games and possibly a raffle. Please contact Patrick, Brad or Allen. Advance registration was expected to be light as most people will pay and register day of tournament. The cost is \$120 per boat for a two-man team. Invitations have gone out to everyone including many outside the fire sprinkler industry. Vendor sponsors and banners are welcome. This is happening a week from Saturday so if you want to donate or volunteer. please step up.

**Membership:** Scott Donnelly welcomed a new member: Jeff Dennis with US Sprinkler in Stockbridge, GA.

**AFSA:** No Report.

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

**Ask the Attorney:** No Report.

**New and Old Business:** Chris Dilday said SPP Pumps is expanding the lab and said vendors are welcome to provide additional equipment.

Bobby said nominations for the GFSA Fire Sprinkler official of the Year will begin in September and encouraged everyone to be involved.

Patrick said the GFSA should focus on 1) Public education, 2) Involvement in the legislative process, 3) Area Interest Meetings, 4) Apprenticeship training, and other topics. The question



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was asked how a GFSA State wide coordinator, full or part time, might help. All of the above may require more time than a part time individual can do.

AFSA/NFSA: Patrick led a discussion on the upcoming decision the GFSA will be faced with and reviewed the dues structure. It may be necessary to raise GFSA membership dues if we do not join either group.

Doug Mitchell with Advantage Fire said Advantage has four or five cabinets to hold drawings 30 x 40 free to anyone.

**Vendor Spotlight:** General Air Products Marketing Director Ray Freemont and Sales Director Dave English provided historical information on the General Air and offered current product options. It is a family business in the Philadelphia area started by Ray's Great Grandfather. Ray provided information on working with nitrogen on certain applications. Nitrogen can be great in the right application and can cause problems if used incorrectly.

Ray talked about new system and existing system leak rates, air filters, how nitrogen might work on sprinkler systems, low air alarms, and tripped systems. General Air values its relationship with contractors and makes it clear contractors have someone to call on as needed. Ray encouraged installation technicians and electricians to call in whenever needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.



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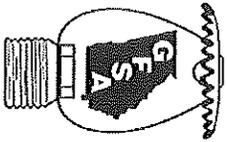
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Date: 8/7/2018

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