

**WI FIRE INSPECTORS ASSOCIATION
AREA 5 MEETING – MAY 18, 2011**

Meeting Minutes

| <u>Members Present</u> | <u>Company/Association:</u> |
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| Tony Schwegel | City of Milwaukee Fire Department |
| Kenneth Verige | City of Milwaukee Fire Department |
| Archie Blunt | City of Milwaukee Fire Department |
| Tanya Roeglin | City of Milwaukee Fire Department |
| Adam Markham | Clear Com |
| Rick Hauser | Clear Com |
| George Krudop | Fire Safety Consultants |
| Gordy Jepsen | Franklin Fire Dept. |
| Dave Zabler | Franklin Fire Dept. |
| Mike Wojnowski | Greendale Fire Department |
| Jeff Cavett | Greenfield Fire Department |
| Steve Bauer | Greenfield Fire Department |
| Todd Brasfield | Guetzke & Assoc. |
| Dave Mueller | Guetzke & Assoc. |
| Chris Kruszewski | J. F. Ahern Co. |
| Bill Nyback | J. F. Ahern Co. |
| Kathy Meulemans | NFSA - WI |
| Bernie Arends | NFSA - WI |
| Matt Mertens | North Shore Fire Department |
| David Lind | North Shore Fire Department |
| Jill K. Glanz | North Shore Fire Department |
| Steve Jendusa | Oak Creek Fire Dept. |
| Tom Rosandich | Oak Creek Fire Dept. |
| Jeff Rinderle | Rinderle Door Co. |
| Matt Moore | Simplex Grinnell |
| Tabatha Schnitzler | Simplex Grinnell |
| Larry Passafaro | St. Francis Fire Department |
| Greg Zoellick | Sussex Fire Department |
| Gil Schaefer | Tess Corners Fire Dept. |
| Kevin Kuzmic | US Fire |
| Dan Schmocker | Wauwatosa Fire Department |
| Lawrence J. Wolski | Wauwatosa Fire Department |
| John Spartz | West Bend Fire Department |
| Ed Geidel | West Bend Fire Dept. |
| Joel Meier | West Milwaukee Fire Department |
| Tom Clark | WFSIA |

- North Shore Fire Department sponsored meeting location.
- Gordy J. called meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.
- April 2011 meeting minutes were accepted as revised.

Treasurer's Report

- Steve B. reported expenditures of \$1,000.00 and deposits of \$120.00, for a total balance of \$3,122.88.

Old Business

- Gordy J. informed the group he is still looking into pricing for the NFPA #30 class (Oak Creek will host the location).

New Business

- Gordy J. asked members for their stance on the use of grills on patios / decks.
 - He stated that the response he received from Commerce was that no type of grill is allowed.
 - Steve B. said Greenfield will allow electric, but not gas or charcoal.
 - There is a large concern that they have not been cleaned regularly.
 - Tom C. requested we get an official interpretation from the State.
 - "Permanent" vs. Temporary" installation.
- Chris K. asked Tony S. if he had any updates on the performance issues with the fire equipment contractor that was discussed at our last meeting. Tony said the contractor corrected the conditions.
- Bernie A. told group that NFSA will be sponsoring upcoming training classes.
- Greenfield will have an NFPA #25 training (Gordy J. will forward details).
- Gordy reported on the May 9th Board meeting:
 - Positions currently available for: Training Director, Assistant Director, Assistant Secretary / Treasurer and WI Fire Safety Alliance Representative.
 - Tom C. said they are also looking to fill a Fire Coordinator position.
- Scholarship opportunities - Pub Ed & Fire Inspector scholarships will be available (see wsfia.org website).
- Tom C. noted that the website has also been recently updated and in the future will have Power Points and videos.
- Gordy J. asked that anyone who has a suggestion for the Association's name change, to forward them to him by June 1st.

Senate Bill #32 (Min / Max Law)

- Tom C. stated the Fire Service is requesting IBC Chapters #5, #6, #7, #8 and #9 remain as is.
- The Builders are requesting certain chapters be deleted (#1, #13, and #17), and listing of specifics/definitions.
- Both groups are working toward a consensus.
- Dave L. requested the opportunity to review the rough draft.
- George K. expressed concern that the Min/Max is too binding.
- Possibility of assembling local ordinances on a central website.
- Suggestion of possibly having an Association / Chiefs Lobbyist.

Commerce

- Gordy J. reported that Sue B. will be available on a limited basis (call to schedule).
- It appears that Commerce will be moving to Regulation and Licensing (approximately July 7th)
- NFPA #1 training sessions will be held in July and August (details to follow).

Area 6 (Ed Geidel)

- Next meeting is June 8th at J. F. Ahern Co. (Menomonee Falls), at 6:00 p.m.
- J. F. Ahern will provide Fire Extinguisher training.

NFSA (Kathy M.)

- "Interactive" newsletter is now available.

Local 183/NFSA (Chris S.)

- No update

Training Session

- Jill G. and Matt M. presented “Evacuation Planning Awareness”

Good of the Order

- State of Nebraska March 18th correspondence on NFPA T.I.A, regarding anti-freeze systems (see attached).
- Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Next Meeting

- June 15th at Local 183 Sprinkler Fitters Union / barbecue.

*Should any of the above parties have any amendments to the above, please contact
Chris Kruszewski at J. F. Ahern Co. (262-252-5921).*

Enclosure

cc: Lee Schuster, J. F. Ahern Co., Milwaukee
Dan Green, J. F. Ahern Co., Fond du Lac
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NFPA AMENDS CODES REGARDING ANTIFREEZE ALLOWANCES FOR FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

Tentative Interim Amendments (TIA's) have been issued by NFPA for the 2010 versions of NFPA 13, 13D and 13R, as well as the 2011 version of NFPA 25. The TIA's address the issue of antifreeze used in fire sprinkler systems. The new TIA's take effect on March 21, 2011. The TIA for NFPA 13 can be viewed at <http://www.nfpa.org/Assets/files/AboutTheCodes/13/TIA13-10-2.pdf>.

The purpose of the TIA's is to limit the amount of antifreeze used in fire sprinkler systems. It has been determined that higher levels of antifreeze can result in an increased fire hazard in certain conditions.

The committee has completed their review and will amend the 2010 Edition of NFPA 13, 13D and 13R systems to limit antifreeze solutions to that of a PREMIXED SOLUTION ONLY. The maximum concentration of glycerin based antifreeze is 48% by volume and 38% by volume for propylene glycol based antifreeze.

It is important to note that these changes affect the most current versions of the NFPA codes listed above. While the Nebraska State Fire Marshal's Office strongly recommends compliance with the TIA's, the agency does not enforce the listed versions of these codes and therefore cannot enforce them. It will be the position of the Nebraska State Fire Marshal's Office to continue enforcement of the currently adopted 2002 Edition of NFPA 13, 13D and 13R as it applies to antifreeze systems.

Please contact the agency with any questions or comments.

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