

**WI FIRE INSPECTORS ASSOCIATION
AREA 5 MEETING – JUNE 16, 2010**

Meeting Minutes

<u>Members Present:</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Fire Dept.</u>
	Chris Kruszewski	Ahern Fire Protection
	Jason Gonzalez	Ahern Fire Protection
	Rick Hauser	Central 1 Security
	Glenn Carriveau	City of Brookfield
	Archie Blunt	City of Milwaukee
	DuWayne Hayes	City of Milwaukee
	Richard Husar	City of Milwaukee
	Brian Kerlin	City of Milwaukee
	Tanya Roeglin	City of Milwaukee
	Tony Schwegel	City of Milwaukee
	Joseph R. Woodworth	City of Milwaukee
	Sue Birren	Dept of Commerce
	George Krudop	FSCI
	Gordy Jepsen	Franklin Fire Dept.
	Kevin T. Erdmann	Greendale Fire Dept.
	Jeff Cavett	Greenfield Fire Dept.
	Steve Bauer	Greenfield Fire Dept.
	Todd Brasfield	Guetzke & Assoc.
	Nicholas J. Schreiber	Hales Corners Fire Dept.
	Jeff Batmen	J. F. Ahern Co.
	Jim Hentzell	Lisbon Fire Dept.
	Tod Doebler	Menomonee Falls Fire Dept.
	Matt Mertens	North Shore Fire Dept.
	Dan Gengler	NFSA
	Steven Jendusa	Oak Creek Fire Dept.
	Tabatha Schnitzler	Simplex Grinnell
	Chris Schoenbeck	Sprinkler Fitter 183
	Greg Zoellick	Sussex Fire Dept.
	Gil Schaefer	Tess Corners Fire Dept.
	Michael Carberry	Wauwatosa Fire Dept.
	Brent Lee	Wauwatosa Fire Dept.
	Lawrence J. Wolski	Wauwatosa Fire Dept.
	John Spartz	West Bend Fire Dept.
	Joel Meier	West Milwaukee Fire Dept.

Sprinkler Fitters Local 183 sponsored the meeting location, and provided lunch.

Gordy Jepsen called meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
Additional copies of last month's meeting were distributed.
May '10 meeting minutes accepted with one revision.

Treasurer's Report

- Kevin Erdmann reported balance of \$3,917.86.

Old Business

- Kevin Erdmann will look into location for Area 5 Summer event (slated for either July or August)

New Business

- The group thanked Dan Gengler for his assistance with the NFSA and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement.
- Gordy Jepsen brought up the issue of grilles on balconies. The 2009 code does not allow (however this code is still under review and not yet adopted). No exclusion is listed for electric grilles. 2006 code is currently in effect.
- Gordy Jepsen informed group of four (4) NFPA 1 classes to be conducted July 27th in Milwaukee.
- Tod Doebler spoke of recent experience with TWP architects, whereby they attempted to supercede Menomonee Falls ordinance requiring fire sprinklers (Sue Birren suggested Tod to contact Randy Baldwin at State).
- "Manual Wet System" requirements – Matt Mertens said information can be found in Comm. 62, if your municipality does not have an ordinance in place (Sue Birren said to check on "Precedence" Codes).

Area 6

- No updates

Area 4

- Not present

Commerce

- Sue Birren informed group of a recent occurrence at Prairie Hill School in Waukesha County. A person identifying himself as Wayne Marshall representing the State, attempted to schedule a fire inspection. A background check was performed and no one by that name was listed as a State employee.
- Dan Gengler spoke of Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition's stipend program: \$1,000 – grant offering.
- NFA website will be updated in near future and will include activity blogs and dialogue boxes (will also be in facebook).
- "Sprinkler Times" will now be forwarded electronically (only).
- **Note:** October 2010 ITM/NICET Program has been cancelled.
- Brian Kerlin (City of Milwaukee) said they are encountering many facilities that have the same reoccurring sprinkler system deficiencies for years and are not correcting them. Repairs must be enforced.
- Dan Gengler spoke of possible "color-coding" of sprinkler system impairments.
- Side by side burn trailer is available. Contact Kathy M.
- WI Alliance For Fire Safety – August 18th, Burn Camp Visitor's Day
- Highlands Golf Course "Ball Drop" – August 30th.
- Inspection Issues:
 - Chris Kruszewski stressed to group to check facilities for complete records of inspections. There is a company removing previous inspections. These are needed to reference previous flows, pressures, and trip times.
 - Joseph Woodworth inquired as to whether a State unified inspection report is still being considered. Per Dan Gengler this is temporary on hold.
 - Gil Schaefer said he's having issues obtaining alarm test reports from testers.
 - Tony Schwegel said they (Milwaukee) are experiencing some issues in NFPA #25 vs. NFPA #72 inspections, regarding fire alarm testing.
 - Chris Kruszewski told group that the State has a website link to verify if credentialed testers' licensing is current.
 - Gordy Jepsen and Tod Doebler stressed the fire service has the authority to request licensing/credentials at anytime.

Train Session

- Spears Flameguard CPVC sprinkler system installation training.

Good of the Order

- Chris Kruszewski informed members that J. F. Ahern Co. now has a PowerPoint presentation on "High Piled Combustible Storage Occupancies" that could be presented at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Next Meeting

- September 2010.
(Gordy will inform group of date and location)

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

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