

**WI FIRE INSPECTORS ASSOCIATION
AREA 5 MEETING – DECEMBER 16, 2009**

Meeting Minutes

<u>Members Present:</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Fire Dept.</u>
	Chris Kruszewski	Ahern Fire Protection
	Bill Nyback	Ahern Fire Protection
	Tony Schwegel	City of Milwaukee
	Allen Martin	Franklin Fire Dept.
	Gordy Jepsen	Franklin Fire Dept.
	Kevin Erdmann	Greendale Fire Dept.
	Steve Bauer	Greenfield Fire Dept.
	Todd Brasfield	Guetzke & Assoc.
	David Mueller	Guetzke & Assoc.
	Nick Schreiber	Hales Corners Fire Dept.
	Matt Mertens	North Shore Fire Dept.
	Dave Zabler	Oak Creek Fire Dept.
	Steve Jendusa	Oak Creek Fire Dept.
	Tom Rosandich	Oak Creek Fire Dept.
	Rebecca Zechzer	Service Master
	Tabatha Schnitzler	Simplex Grinnell
	Ryan Kurz	South Milwaukee Fire Dept.
	Corey Gall	Sprinkler Fitters Local 183
	Chris Schoenbeck	Sprinkler Fitters Local 183
	Larry Passafaro	St. Francis Fire Dept.
	Gil Schaefer	Tess Corners Fire Dept.
	Daniel Schmocker	Wauwatosa Fire Dept.
	Michael Carberry	Wauwatosa Fire Dept.
	Larry Wolski	Wauwatosa Fire Dept.
	Martin King	West Allis Fire Dept.
	John Spartz	West Bend Fire Dept.
	Joel Meier	West Milwaukee Fire Dept.

Meeting location was sponsored by Oak Creek Fire Dept.

Meeting/lunch began at 11:40 a.m.

Copies of our last meeting minutes were distributed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

- Kevin Erdmann reported balance of \$2,693.47.

Old Business

- The Association thanked Ahern Fire Protection, Simplex Grinnell and United States Fire Protection for helping to sponsor the conference.

New Business

- Joel Meier inquired on interest for an Area 5 ice fishing event (more to follow).
- Chris Kruszewski informed group of new RPZ/cross-connection permit fees that will be State enforced January 1, 2010 (see attached info sheet for further details).
- Steve Bauer requested info on carbon monoxide detector testing enforcement.
-Marty King stated that info is available online. Original intent of legislature was to have Fire Inspectors do the testing, but any non-compliance issues were to be referred to Building Inspection Dept. NOTE: Pay particular attention to manufacturer's specific cut sheets (must be hard-wired). Gordy Jepsen will contact Sue Birren (Commerce) to obtain further info.
- Comm 14 meeting – This Friday, Dec. 18.
- Outdoor grills – can only be stored at grade level.
- Larry Wolski told group to be cautious of "Fire Fighter" feature on elevators – for proper door operation (recall).
- Matt Mertens informed group that there are numerous positions open in the Association. See website/contact Sue Phillips.
- Gordy suggested including some of our Area 5 training sessions onto the State website.
- John Spartz spoke of building decommissioning requirements.

2010 Fall Conference

- May be moved to Wisconsin Dells (several sites being looked at).

Milwaukee County Evacuation Plans (Marty King)-CBRF's

- Check to make facility has established plan (on-site).
- CBRF – 5 people or more
- Adult Care – less than 5 people
- Mike Carberry said this evacuation requirement may also be expanded to include adult care facilities.

2010 Elections

- Chairman – Gordy Jepsen (Franklin Fire Dept.)
- Vice Chairman/Recording Secretary – Chris Kruszewski (Ahern Fire Protection)
- Treasurer – Kevin Erdmann (Greendale Fire Dept.)

Training

- Marty King presented “Fire Prevention’s Responsibility to Prevent Injuries and Deaths” (occupants and fire fighters).

Good of the Order

- Al Martin (Franklin) will be leaving 12/31. *Best wishes!*
- Joel M. informed group that firefighters will be at Candy Cane Lane (95th and Manitoba) Friday night-donations to Mac Fund.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Next Meeting

- January 2010-Gordy to inform group of date/location

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

Merry Christmas to you and your families.

CK/bp

Attachments

cc: Rick Hext, Ahern Fire Protection
Dan Green, Ahern Fire Protection



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CHANGES COMING FROM THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

PERMITS REGISTRATION AND PERFORMANCE TESTS FOR CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL ASSEMBLIES

J. F. Ahern Co. is notifying you as a valued customer of some changes coming in 2010 by the State of Wisconsin Department of Commerce relating to permits registration and performance test for cross connection control assemblies (RPZs) as listed in the State of Wisconsin as (reduced pressure principle backflow preventers, reduced pressure fire protection principle backflow preventers, spill resistant vacuum breakers, reduced pressure detector fire protection backflow prevention assemblies and pressure vacuum breakers).

The changes we want to identify to you relate to our annual testing of your cross connections (RPZs) and the additional fees that will be incurred for each annual inspection of each of these devices due to the 2010 changes by the State of Wisconsin.

We have attached the website to this document for you to reference that states the additional changes that are going to be enforced to building owners starting January 1, 2010 under this program. The link will take you directly to the website.

<http://commerce.wi.gov/SB/docs/SB-CodeDevComm282LegisDraft0909.pdf>

It is our recommendation you spend the time to review this document to make sure you understand the financial requirement by the State moving into 2010.

Thank you and please contact your service or company representative if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

AHERN FIRE PROTECTION
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Margaret Bovee
Inspection Coordinator

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Chris Kruszewski
Service Department Manager

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