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A Decade of Excellence

2005–2015 Recipient of
SFPE Gold Level
Chapter Excellence Award

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Greetings from your President

I would like to congratulate the CSRA SFPE Chapter on receiving the 2015 SFPE Gold Level Chapter Excellence Award for the 11th year in a row! The hard work and dedication from our chapter members earned us this award. Thank you all.

I know everyone has heard about the 'last visit' to the CAPA House at least three times, but I wanted you to know that we are very close to being complete. The last two items on the list are to repair a leaky sprinkler head and install a sprinkler head in a room that was recently added to the house. Chapter members, thank you for taking the time out of your weekends to assist. I cannot say enough about how thankful we were to have Lifeguard Fire Protection and Foster Engineering & Consulting supporting this project. These two companies have managed to push through every obstacle that we faced with installing a sprinkler system in an existing structure. If support was not provided by chapter members and local fire protection companies, the CAPA House would not be able to expand the number of occupants in the house. This mission has been about providing a safe environment for neglected and disadvantaged children.

Respectfully,

Jason

PDH Stamp

The Flight Deck Restaurant

From Aiken/Augusta take I-20 East toward Columbia. Take exit 55, SC-6 West. Turn left onto SC-6. McDonalds is on the corner. Turn left onto East Main St./US-1. AT intersection with Hwy. 378 stay straight onto Old Chapin Road. The Flight Deck Restaurant (109-A Old Chapin Rd.) is on the left in a strip mall near Rite-Aid Pharmacy. Rush's Hamburgers is across the street. From Columbia take I-20 West. Take exit 6, hwy. 378 toward Lexington. In Lexington turn right on Old Chapin Road. Restaurant is on left.

RSVP:

Rob

By NOON on Friday, Oct 16th

at RobPlonski@YourFPE.com

OR

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Speaker: Mr. Skip Westbrook
Organization: TYCO / Chemguard
Topic: Military Aircraft Hangar Fire Protection – Major Changes for 2015 and Beyond
Location: Flight Deck Restaurant (803-957-5990)
 Lexington, SC
Times: 5:30 PM-Social Time
 7:00 PM-Technical Presentation

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for October 2015

Thanks to Ralph Foster & Paul Anslow for completing the audit of the books after last month's meeting. The audit showed no irregularities for the 2014-2015 year.

The Chapter has gotten off to a tremendous start for the new fiscal year. Already we have 28 paid members for the year, with two Corporate Sponsors, a Corporate Supporter, and with one first time visitor at our first meeting. In addition, a gift of \$2 was received from an individual member and nine members took advantage of the early bird special discounted summary meeting payment.

Remember, the web site is available and allows on-line registration for meetings, membership renewals/applications, and payment for your convenience.

The Chapter had an income of \$195 in cash, \$258 in checks, and \$795 in on-line payments. The current balance on credit is \$447.75. The Chapter also had expenses of \$79.30, including charges for new checks for the Chapter, bringing the current total to \$3,526.80, in combined checking and savings for the Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

William "Will" Cosey, Treasurer

Meeting Highlights September 15, 2015

CSRA SFPE Chapter Meeting - September 15, 2015

Paul Anslow called the meeting to order at 6:03 and introduced Ralph Foster as our speaker. Ralph gave a presentation on Fire Protection Underground Piping, which included a brief overview of NFPA 24 requirements, common misconceptions, and good practices.

Jason Butler called the meeting to order after the presentation by welcoming new and renewal members. Steve Angel was recognized as a visitor. New officers were then welcomed and sponsors were thanked.

New Business

Treasurer's report by Tom Allison - Total Income - FY2014: \$2,003.39; Total Expenses - FY2014: \$3,048; Difference - FY2014: -\$1,044.61; and the Remaining Balance - FY2014: \$3,08.21. A motion to accept treasurer's report & meeting minutes was made and passed unanimously.

Old Business

President thanked those that attended the CSRA College Night on September 10th (Tom Allison, Jason Butler, Rob Plonski).

50/50 raffle winner was Steve Angell.

It was advertised that if you pay for five-meetings (\$15.00), you get to attend all eight-meetings, for a total savings of \$9.00.

Paul announced that the next meeting would be at the Flight Deck in Columbia, with a possible topic on high-expansion foam for military applications.

President reminded everyone that Leadercast is in Atlanta May 6th, 2016.

President noted that \$600.00 was donated to SFPE Foundation last year, and the chapter would like to increase it every year. It was proposed that the donation be increased from \$600.00 to \$625.00, which passed.

The revision to CSRA Bylaws was displayed for the chapter to discuss. President requested motion to accept the changes was made and passed unanimously.

Ralph discussed CAPA House progress. One more trip is needed by only a few individuals to complete this effort (approx. 1-dozen things to fix). Aiken Housing Museum was identified as the next project, currently in design phase – more to come at the next meeting.

President suggested all engineers to take the PE exam as soon as possible and also encouraged SFPE International memberships.

Next SFPE conference is in Philadelphia in November, where CSRA will receive the SFPE Chapter Excellence Gold Award (Ralph accepting on behalf of CSRA). Tom Allison will be given the "Hats Off" award for his 12-years of service to SFPE.

Jason closed the meeting at 1905.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Plonski

Community Involvement

2015 CSRA College Night

Members of the CSRA SFPE Chapter attended the 2015 College Night in Augusta, GA, to inform high school students and parents about the vast array of careers in Fire Science and Fire Protection Engineering. Thomas Allison, Jason Butler, and Rob Plonski represented the Chapter at this event. Students and parents were given information on colleges that offer degrees in fire protection and career opportunities available upon graduation. Over 6,000 students were in attendance.



Pictured - Jason Butler and Rob Plonski, PE

CAPA House Update

The work weekend went well. We finished installing the insulation in the attic and had one small accident. No one was hurt during the accident (except for Rob's pride). The CAPA house enclosed a space during the renovation and we need to add a sprinkler head to this area to finish our work. After that a pressure test and we are finished!!!

We especially want to recognize our donors for their contributors to the project:

Dave Able with TYCO for the CPVC piping and fittings;

Billy Morrel with Victaulic for the riser & BFP valve;

Craig Woodson with Viking for the sprinkler heads;

Lifeguard Fire Protection as our sponsoring contractor, manpower, and shop drawings;

Beaufort Fire Department for lunch and manpower; and

finally we want to thank the CAPA Organization for their patience and cooperation throughout the 6 month installation process.

THANK YOU ALL!!!

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Chapter's best kept Secret is
Our Website!

The CSRA website has:

- ⇒ Meeting registration,
- ⇒ Membership renewal,
- ⇒ Newsletters e-mails,
- ⇒ Archive of past newsletters,
- ⇒ Photos of chapter members at work, and
- ⇒ Chapter announcements, and more!

Come check it out!

www.csra-sfpe.org

Save the Dates



Membership Chair Message

Greetings - The Chapter is off to a great start for the new year with 28 active members at the present time. Let's continue to grow throughout the year by encouraging others to join the chapter and by bringing new attendees to meetings. Also, remember the many benefits of joining SFPE International, which includes networking opportunities, knowledge of new industry developments, continuing education programs, and discounted publications.

Thank you,

Stan Hill

SFPE INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

SFPE is the professional organization that includes fire protection engineers, fire safety engineers, fire engineers, and allied professionals. Join over 4,000 colleagues in over 60 countries who believe in engineering a fire safe world. SFPE pursues its vision by serving its members and customers globally through world-class information, education, credentialing and advocacy. Connect with the best minds in fire protection and fire safety engineering, advance your career, and make a difference by getting involved. Our strength and the future of the profession rely on the innovative thinking and active participation of engineers - just like you.

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Yes, my current grade is: Fellow Professional Associate Student Other

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No, please e-mail me membership information. No, not currently interested.

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