



CSRA NEWS



September 2015

Volume 12, Issue 6

CSRA Chapter

**2005–2014 Recipient of
SFPE Gold Level
Chapter Excellence Award**

Executive Committee:

President:

Jason Butler
(978) 413-8545

JasonButler@YourFPE.com

Vice-President:

Paul M Anslow, P.E.
(803) 787-4757

Paul@FosterEngr.com

Secretary:

Rob Plonski
(505) 660-1057

RobPlonski@YourFPE.com

Treasurer:

Will Cosey
(803) 645-1006

will.cosey@gmail.com

Past President:

Eric R. Johnson
(803) 208-0085

eric06.johnson@srs.gov

Inside this issue:

President's Corner	1
Treasurer's Report	2
Meeting Minutes	2
CSRA News	3
Membership	3
Allied Professionals	4
SFPE Corporate100	4
Save the Date	
Chapter Sponsors	5

Greetings from your President

Welcome back CSRA members. I hope you had a great summer! Thank you for electing me for a second term as the Chapter's President. It was an honor serving you last year, and I look forward to another great year.

From now until the October meeting, you are eligible to receive 8 meetings for the price of 5. This is a great way to save some money, and remove the need to pay for each meeting individually. You can claim this deal by using our website or by paying the Treasurer at either the September or October meeting.

As always, we encourage members to bring family, friends, new members, co-workers, and neighbors to our meetings. All are welcome. If you have not been to a meeting in a while, please attend the next one to see what you have been missing! I am looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

Special thanks to those who will attend the 2015 CSRA College Night at the James Brown Arena in Augusta on September 10th. Promoting fire protection awareness and supporting our local community is what sets us apart from other organizations. Keep up the exceptional work!

Respectfully,

Jason

PDH Stamp

Directions to Aiken Brewing Company

Aiken Brewing Company is at the corner of Laurens St and the Alley in downtown Aiken. 140 Laurens St SW Aiken, SC 29801. Parking is available on the street.

RSVP:

Rob

By NOON on Friday, Sep 11th

at RobPlonski@YourFPE.com

OR

[Sign up using the Website!](#)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Speaker: Mr. Ralph Foster, PE
Organization: Foster Engineering & Consulting, LLC
Topic: Fire Protection Underground Piping
Location: Aiken Brewing Company (803) 502-0707
 Aiken, SC
Times: 5:30 PM-Social Time
 7:00 PM-Technical Presentation
Meeting Price: Member \$3 and Guest \$5—Attendee pays for meal

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for 20 May - 1 September 2015 (Report excludes FY - 15/16 amounts collected)

The Order of the Ring ceremony at the final meeting brought the attendance up to 20 persons. The Chapter was active over the summer by nearly completing the work on the CAPA House (\$320.87) and we also had the website maintenance fee come due with Wild Apricot (\$556.20).

Total inflows were \$121.14, while total outflows were \$994.01, for a net decrease of \$872.87. This brings the bank balance to \$160.26 in Checking, \$2,197.82 in Savings, and a credit of \$650.13 on the VISA. The total accounts for the Chapter are \$3,008.21.

As a reminder, the new season means that annual dues are due in September. Chapter Sponsors and Supporters need to renew for the new fiscal year as well. E-mail reminders have been sent to the last e-mail address on file. All renewals can be made on-line, by mail or in person. Please include the renewal form with current information with payment.

Please welcome Will Cosey as the new Treasurer while I retire. Thank you for your support these last 12 wonderful years!

Respectfully submitted for the last time,

Thomas L. Allison, Retiring Treasurer

Meeting Highlights May 19, 2015

CSRA SFPE Chapter Meeting - May 19, 2015

Jason Butler opened the meeting and welcomed members and our guest Raeshawn Kennedy. He thanked our Newsletter sponsors.

The April Newsletter contained the March Meeting Minutes & Treasurer's Report. Jason asked for a motion to accept as published and the motion passed unanimously. The full meeting minutes available by link on the SFPE Chapter website.

Bernie Till won the the 50/50 drawings for \$11 drawing, which he donated back to the Chapter. Thank you.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, September 15, 2015 and the location, topic, & speaker will be published later.

Old Business:

SFPE International 2015 will be November 8-13 in Philadelphia, PA.

SRS Heritage Museum: Mark reported the walk down of the facility was completed, scoping of activities continues, and the City of Aiken will donate an old architectural drawing to use. Additional details will be posted to the CSRA SFPE website as they become available.

Revision of SFPE International By-Laws & Constitution: The current status of voting and feedback on the consolidation of the SFPE International By-Laws & Constitution were discussed. Members were encouraged to research the details and results before voting – votes are due by June 14th.

SFPE International Membership: Members were encouraged to gain membership with SFPE International. Benefits, including the webcasts were promoted.

CAPA House: Thank you for all those who participated in working at CAPA house. The system is in now, and just need sprinklers installed and pressure test. June 27th we will install insulation for freeze protection. Future work and visits are TBD, based on level of completion after this visit. We do need your help to finish up the project, and would appreciate anyone that can assist, once details of a future visit are finalized. Please let Jason Butler know if you are available to participate.

New Business - None.

Motion to adjourn business meeting was made and passed unanimously.

Order of the Engineer Ceremony was held. Paul Anslow introduced Mr. William "Bernie" Till, MSFPE, CFPS, FSFPE, who presented "Knowing What is Right Isn't Enough; Crashes, Culture, Communication, and Character". We inducted 7 new members during the ceremony.

Closing: Paul Anslow

Respectfully submitted,

Will Cosey

Community Involvement

2015 CSRA College Night

The chapter is looking for volunteers to help with the 2015 College Night. If you are interested, please register on our website:

(Upcoming Events)

When - September 10, 2015

From - 5-8:30 PM

Where - James Brown Arena,
601 Seventh Street,
Augusta, GA 30903



CAPA House Update

Well we are really close to finishing. Lifeguard went to do the system pressure test, but found a few dry fittings before they pressurized the system — a near miss for us!

By the time we meet in September, the system will be finished, pressure tested, inspected, and put in service. The CAPA house will be fully sprinklered!!

Just so you know how important this project is to the CAPA house — because of the NFPA 13R sprinkler system we put in, they will be able to serve more children in the community. I hope that makes you all feel extra proud of what we did for them.

Met us at 9 AM for our last work day on Saturday 9/12/15, so we can put the bow on our project. Please check your calendars and respond to the e-mail about the work weekend as soon as possible.

Thanks for your help — Ralph Foster

Save the date - Saturday 9/12/15

CSRA Website—Are You Signed up?



**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 and welcome to a new year for the CSRA chapter! Let's get off to a great start by renewing our memberships for the 2015 - 2016 term.

Also encourage friends and co-workers who are not members to join as well. For those who are not members of SFPE International, please consider joining. Benefits of membership include networking opportunities, knowledge of new industry developments, continuing education programs, discounted publications and more.

Thanks,

Stan Hill

SFPE INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

SFPE is the professional organization including 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. A member is any person who supports the goals and objectives of the Society. Membership starts immediately upon completing the online member application and submission of dues payment.

Start your membership today!

[\(Click Here\)](#)

SFPE Corporate 100

The SFPE Corporate 100 Program was founded in 1976 to strengthen the relationship between industry and the fire protection engineering community. Membership in the program recognizes those who support the objectives of SFPE and have a genuine concern for the safety of life and property from fire. To join the Corporate 100 Program please contact Julie A. Gordon, CMP at (301) 915-9721 or jgordon@sfpe.org. To view information on the Corporate 100 Program follow the link below:

[\(Click Here\)](#)

Saluting our Corporate 100 Members:

LeGrand Engineering, Inc. and Foster Engineering & Consulting, LLC

Chapter Sponsors

Please consider promoting your company in the CSRA Newsletter and on our website. Just complete the Sponsor Form attached to this newsletter and send your business card and check payable to SFPE – CSRA Chapter in care of Will Cosey, 2705 Roses Run, Aiken, SC, 29803. Your money is used to support chapter operations and special projects in the community.



Jamie Patterson
President

2725 Priceville Road, Gilbert, SC 29054
ph 803.892.2136 | m 803.309.0243
fx 803.892.5632
email jamie@lifeguardsc.com
web lifeguardsc.com

McCall & Son, Inc.

ENGINEERING SERVICES

George H. McCall, P.E.

864 • 908 • 9999

Nine Stratton Place • Greenville, South Carolina 29615-4216
Fax 864 • 234 • 0437 • GMcCall@McCallandSon.com

Foster Engineering & Consulting, LLC



Ralph K. Foster, III, PE
Principal Fire Protection Engineer

1539 Brockwall Drive
Columbia, SC 29206-4410
Phone (803) 787-4757
Mobile (803) 315-1549
Ralph@FosterEngr.com
www.FosterEngr.com

G. Mark LeGrand, P.E., FSFPE
President



**LEGRAND
ENGINEERING, INC.**

Fire Protection Engineering and Consulting

215 Park Avenue SE
Aiken, SC 29801
(803) 502-0657 (phone)

mark@legrandengineering.com
www.legrandengineering.com
(803) 292-1350 (cell)

- Fire Alarm & Detection
- Fire Sprinkler Systems
- Fire Extinguishers
- Range Hood Systems
- Special Hazard Systems
- Sound & Communications
- Integrated Security Applications
- Preventative Maintenance
- Inspection & Testing

tyco

*Fire &
Security*

SimplexGrinnell

West Columbia, SC 803-476-0000
Augusta, GA 706-724-7348

It's renewal time!

**Don't let your ad fall
of the page – send
your 2015-2016 renewal
in this month to save
your place!**