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Greetings from your President

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a great holiday and New Year's. I look forward to this year being an exciting year for the CSRA Chapter and its members.

Up Coming Events: In March, we will conduct our annual PE Problem Writing Session as well as support the 2015 Atlanta Fire Safety Conference. In May, we will hold our end of the year Order of the Engineer ceremony. Please contact our Vice President, Paul Anslow, if you are interested in becoming a member of the Order of the Engineer.

Spreading the word about fire protection in our community through classroom demonstrations is a great way to inform students about future careers in fire protection engineering. A few of our chapter members have compiled a number of demonstrations into a very well thought out presentation for classroom settings. If you are interested in attending one of these classroom demonstrations to assist or just observe, please contact me. Giving back an hour of your time on a Friday to teach children what fire protection is all about can go a long way.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.

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 Plonski

By NOON on Friday, Jan 15th

at RobPlonski@YourFPE.com

OR

[Sign up using the Website!](#)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 2016

Speaker: Dennis Phillips,
Business Development Manager

Organization: Tyco Fire Protection Products

Topic: Understanding Water Mist Systems

Location: Aiken Brewing Company
Aiken, SC

Times: 5:30 PM-Social Time
7:00 PM-Technical Presentation

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for January 2016

Treasurer's report was not submitted for publishing in the newsletter. The Treasure's Report will be made during the January Meeting by William "Will" Cosey, Treasurer.

Current balances as of 11/5/15:

Checking	\$897.66
Savings	<u>\$2,237.90</u>
Total	\$3,135.56

Meeting Highlights November 17, 2015

CSRA SFPE Chapter Meeting - November 17, 2015

Paul Anslow called the meeting to order at 1820. Paul welcomed returning members, new members, and visitors.

New Business:

Approve meeting minutes and Treasurer's report – Motion passed

50/50 - (\$6.50) Donated back to CSRA SFPE Chapter from Denny

Upcoming meetings:

Dec - None

Jan - Aiken

Feb - Augusta

March - Columbia (3/8)

April - Augusta

May - Aiken

2016 Annual SFPE Greater Atlanta Chapter Fire Safety conference will be 3/15-3/16

SFPE Annual Conference was in Philadelphia and 5 CSRA SFPE members attended. CSRA SFPE Chapter won its 11th Gold Chapter Excellence Award for 2015 and Tom Allison won a Hat's Off Award for his 12 years of service to the chapter.

Tom Allison issued patent for his door assist opener

Old Business:

CAPA House - No change

Aiken Heritage Museum - No change

Leadercast Conference - May 6, 2016 – talk to Jason for more information

Paul encouraged PE candidates to take their licensing exam early. South Carolina now allows early testing.

SFPE Handbook of Fire Protection Engineering 5th Edition is now available for \$299 for members and \$959 for nonmembers.

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Paul asked for a motion to close the Business Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Paul introduced speaker Karen McCabe from Insurance Management Consultants Incorporated. Ms. McCabe presented on Professional Liability Insurance.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Plonski

Special note – Thanks to Rob Hanson for taking meeting minutes. We greatly appreciate his involvement and willingness to help out our chapter!

Chapter Announcements

Member News

Jim Allen's wife contacted us to let us know that Jim had a massive stroke on June 7. He was hospitalized for 19 days and then transferred to Rehab for 97 days. He was discharged home on September 28 on hospice. He is stable but has no recollection of current events. He is paralyzed on his left side. He is able to speak and is aware of what is going on around him. Jim was very active in the Delaware Valley, Carolina, and CSRA chapters. He also worked nationally on the PE Exam development. Please keep him in your prayers.

Thank you!

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Future Meeting Dates

2016 Dates & Locations

February 16th – Augusta

Corrosion Protection Alternatives - Dan Burton

March 8th – Columbia—*Note Date Change*

PE problem writing session held before meeting
TBD - Chris Jelenewicz, P.E.

April 19th – Augusta

Encapsulator Technology - Keith Greiner

May 17th – Aiken

Order of the Engineer Ceremony

[\(Paul needs volunteers for the program\)](#)

Note - Topics and speakers may change based on speaker availability

CSRA Website—Are You Signed up?



CSRA Website

The CSRA website has:

- ⇒ Meeting registration,
- ⇒ Membership renewal,
- ⇒ Newsletter 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

SFPE's Greater Atlanta Chapter 12th Annual Fire Safety Conference is coming to the Gwinnett Center, located at 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway in Duluth, GA on Tuesday, March 15th and Wednesday, March 16th! The conference will offer several partial and full day seminars to choose from and will include important topics such as:

- Design, Selection, Installation, and Testing of Fire Pumps
- Industrial Special Hazards Fire Protection;
- Structural Fire Protection;
- NICET Sprinkler and Fire Alarm Certification Prep Courses; and
- Much, much more!

Professional development and NICET hours will be earned for those attending seminars. There will also be an exhibitor showcase so attendees can learn more about the latest and greatest in fire safety technology.

Be sure to pre-register to reserve your spot!

Registration will open in January 2016!



Membership Chair Message

Welcome Back — I hope everyone enjoyed quality time spent with family and friends during the holiday season!

Speaking of the holidays, is the Grinch trying to steal our Chapter? At this time, we only have 33 active members compared to 47 during the previous time last year. Let's reverse this trend by encouraging others to join the chapter and by bringing new attendees to meetings. For those members who's membership has lapsed, it's not too late to renew for 2016.

Of our 33 members, 21 are members of SFPE International. Please consider the benefits of joining SFPE International. Your membership includes job listings, an online learning center, member only webinars with CEUs, and other member resources.

Thank you,

Stan Hill

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