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Message from the President

I would just like to remind you of a couple of items coming up in the next few weeks.

First, September 27, 2002 is our Seminar - World Trade Center Disaster Study and there is still time to send in your registration form. Please call Rich Reitberger or myself if you have any questions.

Second, at our October 7th meeting we will be having our second reading and vote on the by law change for increasing the dues to \$25.00 with a \$10.00 discount if you provide us with an email address so that you can receive the Chapter's publication and notices electronically.

Third, due to a scheduling conflict we were not able to get Chris Wood to talk on the "Legal Considerations in Fire Protection Design" for our Oct. 7th meeting but we were able to get our own Ed Armm. He will be doing a presentation he wrote when he worked for NICET and has presented at other SFPE Chapters. It explains NICET and the role NICET certified technicians and technologists have in the engineering community. Oddly it is entitled "NICET Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists and the Engineering

Community." It should be very interesting and I encourage you all to come.

Thanks and look forwarding to seeing you on September 27th and October 7th.

Sarge

NJ SFPE Membership Meeting Minutes September 9, 2002

1. The meeting was called to order by President Sarge Slicer.
2. Dave Gluckman read the Treasurer's Report and a motion was made and carried to accept it.
3. Ed Armm read the minutes form the June 3rd meeting and a motion was made and carried to accept them.
4. Rich Reitberger announced three members to the Society, Vicki Lynn Serafin of FM Global, Tom Matko from Hoffman La Roche and Michael Prowse form Siemens Building Technologies. Rich also informed

the attendees that the NJ SFPE was now capable of supplying members with luggage tags featuring their personal business cards on one side and our chapters logo on the other for \$1.00.

5. There was general discussion about the upcoming September 27th seminar concerning the WTC collapse.
6. Joe Janiga reported that our chapter now owns a copy of Nationals SFPE VHS PE review program. The 50% success rate on the PE exam by those that have attended our chapter's program was also reported.
7. Sarge reported that dues would be increasing this year. A vote after the second announcement next month will make it official. Dues will increase by \$10.00 to those members electing paper communications over electronic.
8. Rich reported on the wealth of information available at our chapters Yahoo.Com site <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sfpenjchapter/>. Signing on is easy.
9. Sarge presented Chuck Gandy with the Past President's Pin as well as a plaque to show our appreciation to Chuck for his dedicated service as last year's Chapter President.
10. Nick Chergotis won the door prize (a wooden box with the chapter logo).
11. Tonight's presentation by our own Chuck Gandy was on plastic pallets. The TVA presentation dealt with sprinkler requirements and rating size increases demanded by the increased loading. Chuck explained the differences as well as pros and cons of the different pallet types and their fire loading. Some of the changes to NFPA 13 due to this series of testing were also discussed.

Murray A. Cappers, Jr.

Murray A. Cappers, Jr., died on Tuesday, August 27, in New Jersey. Murray was a managing consultant of Risk Control Strategies with Marsh USA, Inc. in Morristown until 2001. He was Director of loss prevention and corporate health, safety and environment with Allied Signal Inc., Morristown, from 1975 through 1998. Previously, he had been the engineer in charge at the Factory Insurance Association, Cranford, as well as assistant engineer in charge and a petrochemical risk specialist for Factory Insurance Association, Atlanta, Ga. Murray served on the SFPE National Board of Directors from 1997 until 2002 including service as Vice President, Professional Practice and was elected as a Fellow of SFPE in 1997. He was also Charter Member and Past President of the New Jersey Chapter of SFPE. Murray also was a member of the NFPA Board of Directors from 1990 to 1997 and served as secretary from 1995 to 1997.

Murray is survived by his wife, Peggy; a son, Mark Alan, and two grandchildren. Murray lost his son Chris on September 11th as a result of the World Trade Center tragedy.

Murray had an avid interest in the Messiah Community Resource Corporation, a ministry of Church of Messiah, for assisting the elderly and their families facing the challenges of aging. Anyone wishing to make a donation can send it in the name of Murray A. Cappers to:

Messiah Community Resource Corporation c/o The Reverend Jeanette DeFriest, Church of the Messiah
50 Route 24
Chester, NJ 07930-2410
908-879-7208
mailto:messiah@goes.com
www.goes.com/messiah

Condolences to John Ed Ryan

Our sincere condolences go out to John Ed, who lost his daughter recently. John Ed has been a past president of the Chapter, SFPE Fellow and past editor of the *Fusible Link*.

Golf Outing Monday, October 21

FM Duck Fall Classic 1st ANNUAL FALL GOLF OUTING West Point Golf Course

At The United States Military Academy
Building 1230 West Point, NY
845-938-2435

- **LIMITED OPENINGS THIS YEAR - SIGN UP EARLY - GUESTS WELCOME!!!**
- 12:00 NOON SHOTGUN START – BBQ DINNER IMMEDIATELY AFTER PLAY
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Please include your name, company, player names and a contact phone number.

Note: Please have your reservation and money in by Thursday Oct. 17, 2002 so we have time to buy prizes and can confirm with the Club.

Directions – off Rte 9W - located at intersection of Route 218 & 9W West Point, NY

Check out the web sites for:

Front 9 -

http://www.usma.edu/DCFA/ACTIVITY/GOLF/Front_NI_NE.HTM

Back 9 -

http://www.usma.edu/DCFA/ACTIVITY/GOLF/back_nine.htm

*Hotel accommodations - <http://www.hotelthayer.com>

SFPE Job Openings

Over the past year you may have noticed a significant increase in the number of openings for SFPE's and related jobs. Many don't seem to be filled after many months. We believe that this is a valuable service to our local membership and will continue to post ads. So as not to turn the *Fusible Link* into a "want ad press" the Board has developed a set of protocols for these ads going forward:

1. Anyone can post a full ad with local employer information
2. Non-local ads will be posted in an abridged fashion
3. Professional Placement Agency ads with no employer ID will be posted in an abridged fashion
4. Ads will run for four (4) issues of the *Fusible Link*
5. Abridged ads in the *Fusible Link* will reference the Chapter's Web site where more complete details can be found on the position.

PE TRAINING MATERIALS

The NJ Chapter has purchased the joint training program from SFPE National. This program was created by the collaborative efforts of WPI and SFPE National. If anyone is interested in borrowing this material it can be signed out by calling Joe Janiga at 973-403-2200.

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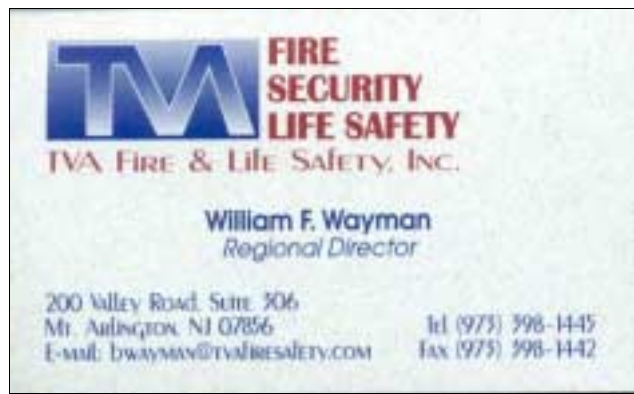
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Carl Guinta Associates, Riverdale, New Jersey - Established in 1964 - Has a position open for a P.E. experienced in fire sprinkler design. Position includes supervising installations, writing proposals, reports, design, hydraulics and code work. Requires good communication skills and knowledge of sprinkler design.

Company offers highest pay in industry and position could lead to equity interest in firm. All benefits are included.

Send resume with salary history. All applications will be kept in strict confidence.

Positions also open for sprinkler designers without P.E.

Write to Carl Guinta, 11 Mathews Avenue, Riverdale, New Jersey 07457 or E-mail cga-fpe@worldnet.att.net



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Risk Logic Incorporated (RLI) is looking for a Property Loss Control Consultant to conduct Highly Protected Risk (“HPR”) type loss prevention inspections and write technical reports. Candidates will need to work from home and be expected to travel overnight 5 nights per month. Primary responsibilities will include conducting property loss prevention evaluations with detailed Construction / Occupancy / Protection / Exposure (“COPE”) information as well as fire protection analyses, process hazard reviews and roofing system evaluations. The technical risk analysis will be conducted for large commercial and industrial manufacturing facilities and warehouses.

RLI is a property loss prevention and fire protection consulting engineering company that provides comprehensive unbundled services for insurance brokers, insurance carriers and direct with clients. Most of our services are performed nationwide. RLI has been in business for 5 years and has over 40 clients. Go to www.risklogic.com for more information.

Position Requirements: BS – Engineering Degree from an accredited college, PE license a plus. Minimum five (5) years Factory Mutual or equivalent experience. Expertise in conducting PML’s, NLE’s and MFL’s. Understanding of FM & NFPA codes. Strong technical writing skills. Self motivated person who can work efficiently from a home office. Computer literate (Microsoft Windows, Word, Excel, etc.). Adequate interpersonal skills to communicate effectively with various clients.

Position includes a competitive salary paid semi-monthly and a full benefit package including health insurance, dental plan, life insurance, long term disability, 401K, company bonus plan, and holiday / personal day vacation package.

If interested, please contact John Durante at jdurante@risklogic.com or (201) 930-0700.

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SUMMARY:

Join a full-service Fire Protection Engineering and Consulting Firm that has become one of the industry's premier Fire Protection Engineering

operations, with active projects in North America, South America, and Europe.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

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- Assist site associates as an integral team member in an intelligent, proactive effort to keep the negative impact of hostile fires within acceptable limits through the most economical means possible.
- Develop relationships with corporate risk management, as well as key management and engineering personnel at numerous manufacturing and distribution facilities. You will become a trusted advisor to management, safety and engineering associates at each site.
- Provide a wide array of services including surveys, fire hazard evaluations, fire protection system design, training, construction review, development of creative solutions to reduce fire risk, and negotiation with the insurance underwriter, and with local building and fire/code officials.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- This position requires 10 to 12 years experience and training with a major HPR property insurance underwriter. Experience as an account engineer with an insurance broker or underwriter handling large property accounts is important.
- A Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical, Electrical, Chemical or Fire Protection Engineering is desired.
- A P.E. in Fire Protection Engineering is preferred.
- Proven experience in satisfying the loss control needs of property-driven accounts to a high degree. You must demonstrate excellent communication skills, both oral and written.

COMPENSATION/BENEFITS: Compensation will be based on ability and experience, and will consist of a competitive salary, 401K plan, medical/dental plan, and bonus plan based upon individual and company performance.

Travel throughout North America on a frequency of up to approximately 50%.

Candidates should contact:
Donna J. Baker, PHR
Recruiting Solutions, Inc.

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757 SE 17th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316
Local 954-772-0241 EST
Toll Free 866-772-0241

SENIOR FIRE PROTECTION ENGINEER - GEORGIA

SUMMARY:

Join a full-service Fire Protection Engineering and Consulting Firm that has become one of the industry's premier Fire Protection Engineering operations, with active projects in North America, South America, and Europe.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

Responsibilities involve the application of fire protection engineering fundamentals to deliver the Best Total Solution to our clients. Theoretical knowledge and practical experience will be combined to solve fire protection problems. Responsibilities will include acting as Project Manager for up to 50% of the projects worked on.

Engineering activities may include the design of fire suppression and fire alarm systems; performing quality oversight during construction; code evaluation; code equivalency studies and negotiations; performance-based design; fire modeling; failure analysis and expert witness work.

Projects are for multiple clients throughout North America. Travel is expected to be in the 10 to 30 percent range.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- The right candidate must have at least 8 years experience in fire protection engineering.
- A Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical, Electrical, Chemical or Fire Protection Engineering is desired. A Masters degree in Fire Protection Engineering is a plus.


- A P.E. in Fire Protection Engineering is required.
- Proven expertise in developing creative and unique engineering solutions to complex problems that deliver value to a wide variety of client types including owners and architects. You must demonstrate excellent communication skills, both oral and written.

COMPENSATION/BENEFITS: Compensation will be based on ability and experience, and will consist of a competitive salary, 401K plan, medical/dental plan, and bonus plan based upon individual and company performance.

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2002-2003 MEETING DATES/PROGRAM

(Programs Subject to Change)

Watch web page concerning cancellation In case of possible inclement weather conditions

Oct. 7	NICET Certified Engineering Technicians & Technologists and the Engineering Community
Nov. 4	Sprinkler Recalls – Russ Fleming, PE
Dec. 2	Fire Protection for Transformers
Jan. 6	NFPA 20 Fire Pumps – Ken Isman, PE (Chuck to contact)
Feb. 3	Tour of Siemens/Pyro (Ed to set-up)
Mar. 3	MIC (Microbiological Corrosion) - speaker to be determined
April 7	Seminar <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Officer Nominations due to Secretary• Chapter Anniversary 4/4/77
May 5	Malden Mills Loss, John Cholin, PE
June 2	Gaseous Suppression Systems Update (NFPA 2001 – Phil DiNenno, PE Annual/Election

*Watch Web Page for Weather Announcement

POSITIONS TAKEN BY SPEAKERS ARE NOT NECESSARILY THE POSITION OF THE NJ S.F.P.E.

All meetings are held at the Hanover Manor, Eagle Rock Road, Hanover, NJ (approximately 1/2 miles west of Eisenhower Parkway). Get Acquainted Hour 5:00-6:00 p.m. Adjournment is usually before 8:30 p.m. The Executive Committee meets at 4:00 p.m.

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Program:

Mike Newman, Peter Rullo, Co-Chairs, with input from all members
Consulting – Nick Chergotis & Chuck Gandy

NY Chapter Liaison:

Rich Reitberger (Pat Egan back-up liaison)

Arrangements:

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Chuck Gandy

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Monday, October 7, 2002
Place: Hanover Manor
16 Eagle Rock Avenue
East Hanover, NJ

Price: In Advance - \$22 At Door - \$25

Dinner: Prime Rib or Fish

Social Hour: 5:00-6:00 (Cash bar for mixed drinks)
Dinner at 6 PM

Speaker: Edward Armm, Senior Consultant
Rolf Jensen & Associates

Topic: NICET Certified Engineering Technicians & Technologists and
The Engineering Community

All officers, directors, and committee chairman are requested to attend a meeting at 4:00 p.m. at the Hanover Manor.

Please note for this meeting:

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Prime Rib Fish

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