



**MINUTES**  
**FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION of NEVADA**  
**Wednesday, April 15, 2009**

**Locations:** Las Vegas: *CCSN, 3200 West Cheyenne*  
Reno: *Regional Training Center, 5190 Spectrum Blvd*  
Elko: *Great Basin College, 1500 College Pkwy*

**Attendees:** Available upon request

President Reginald McCollins called the meeting to order at 1300 hours. Reno and Elko connected via interactive video to Las Vegas within 10 minutes.

**WELCOME** to all Fire Prevention Association of Nevada members and guests. Special welcome and recognition to Beverly Bolton, Public Education Specialist newly appointed to North Las Vegas Fire Department.

**PRESENTATION**

Northern Stars Village, by Cedric Williams

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Minutes**

Minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Beginning balance for March \$17,340. About half of all membership dues are now paid. Ending March balance of \$18,425.

**Reports from Member Agencies**

Updates & notices continue to be available via Email and on FPAN Website.

***International Code Council***

Pres. McCollins will forward e-mail info received from Dave Nichols, of ICC regarding materials and opportunities available via Internet.

### ***National Code Services Association***

NCSA would like to offer the Assembly and Life Safety classes originally scheduled for May later in the year, as original offering was close to EduCode. Pres. McCollins asked for member input. Decided that this is hot topic—extremely relevant. Clark County Fire, via Ed Kaminiski, will work directly with NCSA to ensure curriculum meets needs.

### **Committee Reports**

#### ***Fireworks Committee:***

Testing process continuing from February; approximately 3-4 more weeks every Thursday. 1 new dealer from Pahrump coming in.

Believe that nightclubs have begun using sparklers in champagne bottles, etc. One pyrotechnic company is seeking to make this a permissible activity. As it is a known hazard—evidenced by the Bangkok tragedy—it is against the interests of fire/life safety.

#### ***Training:***

Sept. to October possible Assembly class.

FPAN meeting training June: NFPA Public Education for This Economy

August: Fire Modeling Interior Testing & Compliance

Investigative classes in April and May on Website.

A1 interested in providing a class on Ansul systems—bottom to top.

This Friday: training on Lessons learned during the Presidential Inauguration at CCSN.

Contact VP Cedric Williams for information/registration:

[williamsc@cityofnorthlasvegas.com](mailto:williamsc@cityofnorthlasvegas.com)

Tim Saddleback, Executive with Fire Rescue Magazine and Charleston S.C. Incident Review Panel Member, plans to offer training on Lessons Learned from the Charleston Sofa Warehouse fire. 3-hour sessions.

New Training Director for FPAN being sought as initially appointed director declined appointment due to unexpected circumstances. Two other original nominees will be contacted; please contact Pres. McCollins if interested.

#### ***Public Education Committee:***

Sherri Wilcox, the recently appointed Chair, has established the following goals for the new committee. Please contact Sherri to take part and help energize the programs!

[swilcox@LasVegasNevada.GOV](mailto:swilcox@LasVegasNevada.GOV)

- 1) Fulfill Association's Mission Statement with objective of at least 3 pub ed programs annually; one reflecting nationally recognized high-risk populations.
- 2) Build statewide committee with enough participation so no individual is burdened and so all feel they're an important part of a team effort.

- 3) Standardize committee functions for seamless transitions when volunteers and chairs are replaced.

Sherri has also been appointed—through the State Fire Marshal’s Office—as Nevada’s designated NFPA Public Education Representative. Congratulations Sherri!

Sherri Wilcox (LVFR) and Meggan VanNess (CCFD) will be team teaching during the NFPA Conference in June: “It Can’t Happen to Me: Taking Responsibility for Personal Safety”. The course helps those who deliver pub ed messaging get around the obstacle/common belief that nothing can happen to us.

***Golf Tournament Committee:***

Photos available on the Website from last tournament. New committee members are needed to enable the Southern NV Golf-Tournament to continue. This is our only ongoing fundraisers to date, highly successful and popular! Please contact Pres. McCollins to keep this moving!

Northern Golf Tournament Chair has met with local facilities. Tournament in the works.

**ASSOCIATION CORRESPONDENCE**

Everyone is encouraged to sign up for and review the USFA Coffee Break Training announcements for CEU’s and valuable refreshers. Also check the FPAN Website for ongoing updates.

**Old Business**

***Slogan Contest***

Congratulations and thanks to Mr. Jun Duffy for providing the winning slogan: “Saving Lives Through Prevention and Education”. Lots of great entries and participation. Kudos to all! Jun receives a \$25 gift card for Chilis/Macaroni Grill/On the Border.

***Online Blog/Learning Tree***

Need a volunteer to work with FPAN’s Website coordinator to do initial set up of a blog for member questions and sharing of field experiences—which can be rendered anonymously.

***Nominations for President, Secretary, 3 Regional Representatives, and Industry Representative***

2 year terms for each begin in June. Nominations below, also posted to Website.

**President**

Steven Shacklett  
Reggie McCollins

**Secretary**

Fred Wechselberger  
(no opponent)

**Southern Regional Rep**

Steven Shacklett  
(no opponent)

Northern Regional Rep

Brian Walsh  
Terry Taylor

Northeastern Regional Rep

Mike Hecht  
(no opponent)

Industry Rep

Gloria Heatherington  
Batt Ferrell  
Doug Sartain

### **New Business**

#### ***Election Process for President, Secretary, 3 Regional Representatives, and Northeastern Industry Rep***

Pres. McCollins will email voting instructions shortly. Deadline of June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Winners announced during June 17<sup>th</sup> FPAN Meeting.

### **Good & Welfare of the Association**

#### ***Hood cleaning***

LVFR is taking an aggressive stance on hood cleaning. Estimate 70-90% not completed correctly. Note that Carls Jr. in Valley are not being cleaned by licensed techs. SFM will be involved in investigations.

#### ***Member Participation***

Ralph Glidden and John Panici offer the resources of Local 669 and Desert Fire Protection in order to facilitate training and inspector/technician relations. All AHJ's welcome for training.

Seeking letters of support for 1174: Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act, which will change the depreciation schedule for fire sprinklers, and is estimated to increase sprinkler protection in our nation by 33%. Contact Mr. Glidden for further info.: [ralph@desertfire.com](mailto:ralph@desertfire.com)

#### ***Local NFA Training Sites Sought***

NFA is interested in designating specific sites around the nation as NFA-Off site Training locales.

### **Next Meeting**

June 17th, interactive video. Details on Website.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. Motioned by Tawni Petropolous, Seconded by Cedric Williams.