

MINUTES
FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION of NEVADA
Wednesday, June 20, 2007

Location: Nevada Power

Attendees: Available Upon Request

Vice President Reggie McCollins called the meeting to order at 1300 hours.

WELCOME to all Fire Prevention Association of Nevada Members! Rick Rozier gave the Treasurer's Report. The checking account balance as of 05/31/07 is \$21,733.81. No further comments or questions.

Raymond B. Bizal, P.E., Western Regional Manager of NFPA gave an update on NFPA action items. Following is a summary:

- **FSC legislation.** Nearly 1,000 people die each year in residential fires attributed to cigarettes. This is nearly 25% of all fire deaths in the United States. Technology for fire safe cigarettes, also known as reduced ignition propensity cigarettes, has been around for nearly 40 years. Cigarette manufacturers have been reluctant to sell these cigarettes, which do not increase health risks, do not cost more to manufacture, and do not taste significantly different. The only characteristic is that they tend to self-extinguish if they are not puffed. This will significantly reduce the number of fires, fire injuries and fire fatalities. Not being successful at the federal level, NFPA has developed a coalition to introduce legislation state by state. This coalition now includes Philip Morris, who has developed model legislation in conjunction with NFPA. To our surprise, the state legislation is finding success. Currently 16 states have passed legislation and 14 more states have legislation in this legislative cycle. We are expecting two more Governor's to sign bills very soon. NFPA is hoping to meet with the fire service professionals to develop a strategy to for legislation in Nevada's next legislative cycle.
- **NFPA Annual Conference Highlights:** Held in Boston, over 5000 registrants attending nearly 200 seminars, and participating in Technical Sessions. Next year the NFPA Annual Conference will be meeting in Las Vegas. Other cities in the conference rotation are Boston, Orlando and Chicago. New editions of 30 standards will come from the Technical Sessions at the conference. Look for updated wild land standards 1144 and 1141. NFPA 1141, planned building groups will address providing infrastructures to remote or new developments. NFPA 1144 will address on site wild land fire protection, such as defensible space and construction requirements.
- **Emergency Evacuation Planning Guide for People with Disabilities:** Reminder to take advantage of this free resource available at the NFPA website.
- **Fire Prevention Week** theme this year is "**Practice Your Escape Plan**" scheduled October 7-13.
- **Legacy of the Stations Nightclub Fire** presentation at the NFPA conference highlighted the fire. Within six months, NFPA revised its codes and standards based on lessons learned: Sprinkler threshold reduction for new and existing clubs, exit

width increases, etc. Rhode Island and Massachusetts followed quickly with state laws. The legacy is that now opponents are trying to overturn the new requirements. May 28 was the 30 year anniversary of the Beverly Hills Supper Club fire, 7th deadliest fire in U.S. and 3rd deadliest nightclub fire. See NFPA's web site: <http://www.nfpa.org/newsReleaseDetails.asp?categoryID=488&itemID=34479>

- **Jim Shannon** remarks from the NFPA conference were spectacular. See his remarks at <http://wsce.blogspot.com/2007/06/nfpa-president-urges-attendees-to-fight.html> . NFPA is unhappy with the fire record in the U.S. What is troubling is that the record is not getting better. NFPA's responsibility as an advocate for change is just as important as developing our codes and standards. He also stated that just as NFPA did with the Fire Safe Cigarette initiative, NFPA will make an all-out push for statewide adoption of residential sprinkler laws.
- **Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition:** NFPA is the secretariat to this effort. The Coalition paid for the last run of the OCFA Marble Mountain DVD. The Coalition has training material available: Built for Life (for home builders), Living with Sprinklers (for home owners), and other Free Teaching Tools (for AHJ's). Order forms are on the Coalition website and all materials are FREE.
- **CPSC Presidential nominee Michael Baroody:** Thanks to the National Association of State Fire Marshals and the NFPA's opposition, his name has been withdrawn. He was not favored due to his lobbying against fire safe cigarettes.
- **Alliance to Stop Consumer Fire Works** is now on the NFPA website at <http://www.nfpa.org/categoryList.asp?categoryID=297> . There is a lot of information about injuries and property loss due to fireworks.
- **NFPA Research Foundation** and UL conclude groundbreaking study on smoke characterization. Lots of new information concerning the ability of smoke detectors to operate and the amount of time people have to evacuate based on combustible loading today compared to yesteryear.
- **Water Purveyors:** NFPA is interested to see if FPAN and other fire service professionals are interested in building a coalition to introduce legislation to prohibit water companies in Nevada from charging standby fees and higher connection fees to one and two family dwellings just because they are protected by residential sprinkler systems. California will again be attempting to legislate this next legislative cycle. This did not go very far in California last year, but it is an issue that must be addressed.

REPORTS:

Strategic Plan

A new plan will be implemented after the E-Board Elections.

State Fire Marshal

No report given

Uniform Fire Code Association

Code hearings will be held in Las Vegas, August 2, 2007 at the Orleans Hotel to obtain proposals for the next code cycle.

International Code Council

The IAFC, the International Association of Fire Fighters and the IAFC Volunteer and Combination Officers Section are pleased to sponsor the third International Fire Fighter and EMS Safety Stand Down.

- **This year's event will be held June 17-23, 2007.**
- It's scheduled to give maximum flexibility to all departments:
 - Supports most duty day combinations
 - Supports volunteer companies with weekend opportunities
- **This year's theme is "Ready to Respond."**
 - Focusing on proper training, preparation and equipage before a call
 - Promoting the idea that all members can respond to, work and return home safely from the emergency they are called to mitigate

International Fire Marshal's Association

No report given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Youth Fire Setters

Changes have been made to the program and appear to be working well. Twelve families are participating in the program this month.

Risk Watch

Sherri Wilcox and Meggan VanNess were awarded scholarships through NFPA Public Education Section. On Saturday, June 16, 2006, the Fire Prevention Association of Nevada joined several other safety agencies in staffing informational booths at the Summer Safety Fair hosted by the Boulevard Mall in Las Vegas. The Association's booth was staffed by Vice President Reggie McCollins, Risk Watch Program Director Sherri Wilcox, and Fireworks Committee Chairman Dennis Bergquist. Our Association volunteers met with the general public promoting Association programs in addition to distributing fire safety handouts and information. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact Program Manager, Sherri Wilcox at 229-0349.

Sesame Street

Our Annual Fire Safety Workshop was held on Saturday, April 28, 2007 at the Community College of Southern Nevada, Cheyenne Campus, Nicholas Horn Auditorium. The new format was well received.

Golf Tournament

Our Fourth Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser is tentatively scheduled on Saturday, August 25, 2007 at the Revere Golf Course in Henderson. If you are interested in receiving emails regarding the upcoming event, please sign-up at our website <http://www.fpaneveda.org>.

Fireworks

None

Association Correspondence

None

Old Business

None

New Business

The election has been postponed. Election ballots will be sent out next week.

Good of the Order

Our next meeting is Wednesday, July 18, 2007, Nevada Power Company. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1418 hours.