



**MINUTES**  
**FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION of NEVADA**  
**Wednesday, November 19, 2008**

**Locations:** Las Vegas: *CCSN, 3200 West Cheyenne*  
Reno: *Regional Training Center, 5190 Spectrum Blvd., Rm110*  
Elko: *Great Basin College, 1500 College Pkwy, Greenhaw Tech Arts Center*  
**Attendees:** Available upon request

President Reginald McCollins called the meeting to order at 1300 hours with Reno/Las Vegas connected via interactive video

**WELCOME** to all Fire Prevention Association of Nevada members and guests. Special welcome and recognition to today's presenters Ray Bizal, of NFPA, and Tim O'Leary of Huguenot Labs; to Clark County inspectors and to Simplex Grinnell members attending for the first time, as well as to Nevada State Fire Marshal Jim Wright and Assistant State Fire Marshal Chad Hastings.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Minutes**

Minutes are not yet available from the Sept. meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**

Tawni Petropolous gave the Treasurer's Report. The checking account balance as of 10/31/08 is \$ 33,431.24. Following the success of the golf tournament, FPAN donated \$2,500 to both the Burn Foundation and the Partnerships for Youth at Risk Program (formerly Youth Firesetter Intervention).

**Strategic Plan**

E-Board members met December 8. Discussions of the strategic plan and bylaws included changes regarding:

- 1) Scaling the strategic plan "back to basics" due to limited manpower
- 2) Changing the bylaws to add a "participation requirement" for members. Suggestion has been made requiring members to attend at least three meetings annually. Training sessions might be included as part of this requirement.
- 3) A Blog for member questions and sharing of field experiences—which can be rendered anonymously—will be added to the FPAN Website.

4) A Gift-card prize will be offered for the member coming up with the winning phrase adopted as FPAN's slogan. This should be a short "tagline" that sums up the mission statement/purpose of the Association. An email will be sent regarding specifications and entry dates.

5) Annual Reports will be completed soon relative to FPAN activities in 2008.

6) Year-end membership lunches and the Toys for Tots toy drive will be held mid-December to wrap up 2008 and recognize FPAN program participants. Vegas attendees must let Pres. McCollins know of their intention to attend by week's end. Northern NV luncheon and plans will be announced before the week's end.

### **Reports from Member Agencies**

#### ***Nevada State Fire Marshal's (SFM's) Report***

[www.nv.state.fire.us](http://www.nv.state.fire.us)

#### **Kudos**

State Fire Marshal Jim Wright voiced his gratitude and appreciation for fire-prevention personnel, recognizing that prevention efforts often go unnoticed, yet stressing the fact that prevention is more than half of a good fire-protection program.

#### **Budget**

More and more cuts continuously hit the SFM Office operationally, especially as they are funded from multiple sources (i.e. some General Fund, some fees). They are now at 28 versus 36 positions. They have recently lost a training, receptionist, and information/education position, in addition to 6 plan-review positions. When the receptionist position is vacated, the office will rely on an automated phone-answering service.

#### **Regulatory Efforts**

SFM has a new, strengthened focus on regulatory efforts. They encourage AHJ's to card all industry technicians. The SFM Website now lists all licensed techs. This list is updated with each annual renewal.

#### **Fire Fatalities**

Last year—for all of 2007—21 fire fatalities were recorded. To date for 2008, Nevada already has 26 fire fatalities. Ch. Wright expressed concern over the trend for increasing numbers of structure fires as heating kicks in for cold weather.

#### **Code Adoptions in South**

NAC changes are moving forward in Southern Nevada. Please voice your recommendations for the adoption process via a newly activated link on the FPAN Website.

#### ***National Fire Protection Association***

[www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)

NFPA welcomes questions on all Standards from any Authority Having Jurisdiction and from all NFPA members. Please specify the edition.

***National Fire Sprinkler Association***

[www.nfsa.org](http://www.nfsa.org)

The NFSA Training Catalog will be posted on the FPAN Website. Chief Sutton encourages anyone with questions to contact him: [Sutton@nfsa.org](mailto:Sutton@nfsa.org)

***National Code Services Association (formerly UFCA)***

[www.ncsaonline.net](http://www.ncsaonline.net)

The NCSA Training Catalog will be posted on the FPAN Website. Code-related class on Assembly occupancies will be scheduled in 2009.

***International Fire Marshals Association***

[www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)

Updates via Email will continue.

***International Code Council***

[www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org)

Online courses

Online courses are available for electrical, mechanical, and building-code classes, as well as 5 exams available mid-March 2009. Details will be E-mailed to members.

Passage of Residential-Sprinkler Initiative

An NFPA-coalition is developing to address issued of adoption to local codes. Anyone who would like to help is urged to contact Ray Bizal, via E-mail: [rbizal@nfpa.org](mailto:rbizal@nfpa.org)

## **Committee Reports**

### ***Training:***

Keep an eye on your E-mails and on the Website for ongoing training events and classes. CEU credits are available. Topics offered in December and January include Hazardous Materials, Fire Protection Technology and Design, and Fire Testing for Code Enforcement. Methods of Enhancing Safety Education, an NFA class, was just offered in Las Vegas, as well as two successful NFA classes in Reno with numerous participants from Elko and Northern Nevada: 1) Preventing Fire Risk Based on Socio-Economic Factors, and 2) Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I.

### ***Golf Tournament Committee:***

The Southern Nevada golf tournament was a tremendous success, enabling FPAN to make sizable contributions to the Burn Foundation and to Partnerships for Youth at Risk. Many thanks to all the dedicated committee members, sponsors, and players!

Plans are in progress for a late spring or early fall Northern Nevada tournament. Pat Mooneyhan, Reno Fire Inspector is the Northern Nevada Golf Tournament chair. Please contact Pat to join the committee and/or sponsor the event! Email: [mooneyhanp@ci.reno.nv.us](mailto:mooneyhanp@ci.reno.nv.us). More soon...

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

Meeting with manufacturers is rescheduled for new year. Some are trying to talk the Vegas area into not testing. Testing begins in January.

Ray Biezal, of NFPA, indicated that an NFPA hearing in June of 2008 reflects beliefs that Chapter 7, which addresses retail sales of fireworks, is lacking. A technical committee is in process. Submit your proposals and be involved!

### ***Sesame Street Committee:***

Meghan Vanness, Co-chair of the Sesame Street committee, will be moving from Nevada in the near future. Southern NV has the longest-running Sesame Street Program. Please volunteer to help so this program can continue! Contact Cedric Williams: [williamsc@northlasvegas.gov](mailto:williamsc@northlasvegas.gov)

## **New Business**

### ***Slogan Contest***

Watch for the email regarding specifications and entry dates. Come up with the winning tagline and win a Gift-card!

### ***Community Involvement Opportunities***

Take part in *Opportunity Village* in North Las Vegas. Combo volunteer effort of suppression and prevention personnel. Just show up Thanksgiving night through New Year's Eve, or contact Cedric Williams: [williamsc@northlasvegas.gov](mailto:williamsc@northlasvegas.gov)

## **Old Business**

### ***Guardian of the Ribbon Tour***

The Pink Fire Truck promoting Breast-Cancer Awareness and Research visited Mesquite and Las Vegas as part of its National advocacy tour. The Red Knights Motorcycles escorted the pink fire truck. Contributions provided mammograms for 25 residents who would not otherwise have been able to afford them. This is anticipated to become an annual event.

### ***Firewear FPAN Apparel is available***

The link to apparel will be placed on the FPAN Website and an Email sent to members. Remember that funds are contributed to FPAN with each sale!

**Good & Welfare of the Association**

***Association Correspondence***

Hinges on correct E-mails and Website updates. Please contact [rmccollins@lasvegasnevada.gov](mailto:rmccollins@lasvegasnevada.gov) with your corrected E-mail.

***Membership Participation***

Members, please attend the meetings and help out wherever possible. All involvement is encouraged!

**Next Meetings**

Year-End luncheons: Visit [www.fpaneveda.org](http://www.fpaneveda.org) for details.

Southern NV—December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Northern NV—December 10<sup>th</sup>

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.