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Current Number of Members: 295

Meeting times: Third Wednesday of each month, 1:00-3:00 PM, no meeting in October

Annual Meeting Date: July meeting/awards and recognition meeting in December

General Annual Report:

2006/2007 has been and continues to be very busy for the Fire Prevention Association of Nevada, as we expand our membership and programs throughout the Great State of Nevada. The Association members continue to work on the items addressed in the Strategic Plan which expired in 2006. With the adoption of the new Association By-Laws and the upcoming expansion of the Board of Directors which, for the first time will include an Industry member and State regional Directors, plans are now in place to begin formulating the next two (2) year plan. The recruitment of new members has been successful with the addition of both new partner organizations and new Industry members. The Association now has members in six (6) western states and one (1) in the State of Virginia. The Association continues to meet its stated purpose and mission by providing training classes to the membership, supporting new Fire Code adoptions in the region, and strengthening the networking and dialogue between various agencies and the fire & life safety industry. The Association has been active in many national, state and regional fire and life safety issues which culminated in meetings with our Nevada representatives in Congress this past January. The Association remains committed to providing several major fire and life safety programs statewide, and through additional membership dues, vigorous fundraising activities and grant awards, the Association continues to generate the necessary monies not only to maintain but also to expand these efforts. Current programs include a Youth Firesetter Intervention Program, the NFPA Risk Watch Program, a regional Fireworks testing, enforcement and safety program, and a regional Sesame Street day care provider-training program. 2006-2007 Program highlights are as follows:

Youth Firesetter Intervention Program:

- 2006-2007 – The program continues to expand and improve in delivery, tracking, and additional wrap around services to the youth and their families. The trend continues to extend to an overall holistic program. Since the expansion from 2 sessions to 3 sessions, there has been a dramatic change in presentation to kids and their parents. Focus is on behavior change and moving toward character

based decision making for both groups. More interactive programming for both the parents and the youth during the actual class time

- On the third class, parents fill out a questionnaire that consists of 70 questions. This covers life safety issues to head trauma to prenatal concerns. We will use his tool to develop the program further and stay on track with the changing needs of our population.
- We Care, Inc continue to partner in the Program. The YFS program has referred many children to We Care for mental health evaluation, life coaching and specialized counseling. This partnership has opened the door to place children in to residential treatments more quickly than going through local or state agencies. We've also been able to move children into intensive counseling, not often provided by those same agencies.
- New partnerships generated with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Nevada and UNLV will allow us to again expand and extend our program reach. In 2008, we will team with Boys and Girls Clubs to put on a mini YFS Class each quarter, dealing with kids that are not mandated to our regular class by the law enforcement, juvenile justice, school districts and fire. This targeted group is considered "Curious" in nature. Estimated quarterly contact would be approximately 1000 children and their families. UNLV Early Childhood Development will be assisting and housing a quarterly program for ages 3 to 8. The UNLV Clinical and Community Services Center for Health and Learning, Masters and PhD students will come as Interns into the program. This program will be in full swing fall 2007. Right now 25 Interns have registered. This will open doors for youth and their families for additional counseling. We see more and more youth who are self mutilating and talking suicide, these interns will be able to assist specifically in these areas.
- We continue to build strong ties with the various agencies that refer children to the Youth Firesetter Intervention program such as The Clark County School District and Juvenile Justice Services from Clark, Nye, and White Pine Counties. A new referral partner has been area Pediatricians. We are also going statewide with very positive results. Multiple meetings and trainings have gone on in the northern half of the state the past year. We will continue to provide training and support. The goal is the same program will be taught statewide.
- Since October 2000, we have had over 1700 families referred to the YFS Program. We anticipate an increase in referrals this year due to School District and Juvenile Justice Services high participation in the program. Because of the large numbers of referrals, we can no longer take families into the program, who come just for prevention. We have a 3 month waiting list as of April.
- We are also seeing more media coverage of our program.

- MOU's with Las Vegas Metro Police Department were signed this April. Other MOU's will be developed for the Federal agencies who offer support and referral to the program as well.
- Due to the high volume of tracking children and their families, we've added to the staff by bringing in a Case Manager. That position deals with the day to day case management and assists the monthly classes.
- The UMC Burn Unit, Coordinator, brought in two more burn nurses to help offset the large number of youth needing to complete their tour of the Burn and Trauma Units. Our Burn Coordinator tallied over 450 hours of time in the YFS Program.

Sesame Street Program

- This annual day care provider fire safety train-the-trainer program was conducted on April 28, 2007 at the Clark County Community College Cheyenne Campus Nicholas Horn Auditorium. This year's theme focused on using puppetry in teaching fire safety behaviors. Sixty One (61) day care providers and pre-kindergarten teachers participated. The Association has presented this program each year since 1987 (with this year as our 20th Anniversary) and to date over 2000-day care providers have attended this program. This FPAN Program is the longest running Sesame Street Fire Safety Program in the United States.

NFPA Risk Watch Program

- **May through September, 2006**
The Nevada Champion Management Team continues to develop Risk Watch website materials and set up for creating a new continuing education program with the Clark County School District.
- **November, 2006**
Team members Sherri Wilcox, Meggan VanNess, and Terry Taylor travel to Boston for the annual Risk Watch training conference.

Fireworks Safety Program

- Each year in spring, the Association's Fireworks Committee meets with the local fireworks wholesalers and test "Safe & Sane" fireworks for performance compliance before they are permitted for sale over the Fourth of July holiday. This month, the Committee completed the testing, and in cooperation with the regional fireworks wholesalers, updated the local fire codes and regulations for "Safe & Sane" fireworks sales in Clark County, NV.

Golf Tournament Committee

- For the third year in a row, the Fire Prevention Association of Nevada annual golf tournament was played under perfect weather conditions in southern Nevada. This year's sold out event on September 23, 2006, had 188 players trying their best to win the prestigious 1st place tournament trophy. Players not only had the great weather helping them make their shots but also had an incentive with the chance to win a 2006 BMW, Mercedes Benz and a F150 Lariat 4X4 Pickup on the (3) hole-in-one contests. With close to \$11,000 value of prizes, the 2000 pre-printed raffle tickets sold out before the banquet and another role of tickets have to be quickly rounded up to give everyone the opportunity to purchase tickets and participate in the raffle. This year's event, the major fundraiser for the Association, generated just under \$17,000. All monies raised from this event goes directly to the funding of the Association's Youth Firesetter Intervention Program, NFPA Risk Watch Injury Prevention Program, Sesame Street Fire Safety Program and the Fireworks Safety Program. With the Association's expansion last year to a statewide organization, the success of this event will allow the Association to meet the organizations commitment to its members and the citizens of the State of Nevada. Due to the success of the Golf Tournament, plans are now in place to expand this fundraising event to add a second tournament in Northern Nevada sometime in the spring and the 2007 event, scheduled for Saturday, August 25, has been moved to the world famous Revere Golf Course and expanded to 36 holes. Information on the 2007 Tournament can be found on the Association website with online signup and payment available.

Educational Committee

- In August 2006, the Association hosted an Underwriters Laboratories 300 class in both Las Vegas and Carson City. The class covered the provision of the UL 300 listing and inspection procedures of UL 300 systems.
- In November 2006, the Association sponsored a State of Nevada Fire Marshals Office Hazardous Materials Awareness class in Las Vegas. This class is required by the Nevada State Fire Marshals Office for State certification as a Fire Prevention Officer.
- Based on an unfavorable set up at the 2006 EduCode International, the Association decided that they would opt out of participating in the 2007 EduCode. The Association E-Board will evaluate participation in this event on a year by year basis.
- In February 2007, the Association hosted, along with the State Fire Marshal Office a AFG grant workshop in Elko, Reno and Las Vegas.
- The Association continues to support Uniform Fire Code Association, NFPA and IFMA sponsored classes, by notifications to the members and posting on the Association website.

- The Association has committed to provide a training tract for FireRescue Magazine, in conjunction with the Nevada Fire Chief's Association, during their annual conference & exposition in November at the Las Vegas Convention Center. It was our intent to have a training tract in 2006 but due to communication problems between the Association and FireRescue, this training tract did not materialize. The Association is continuing to pursue this venture for 2007.

Miscellaneous Association Activities

- The Association continues to work on expanding the Association statewide in Nevada. In February 2007, the new Association By-Laws were voted on and approved by the Membership. In April 2007, the Association's 501(c) (3) status was finalized and this May, the President, Secretary and the new Industry Representative and Regional Directors are up for election completing the transition to a statewide association.
- On Wednesday, September 27, 2006, a small group of Nevada fire officials joined newly appointed State Fire Marshal, Chief James Wright, and Nevada State Governor, Kenny Guinn, at the Capitol Building in Carson City to kick off National Fire Prevention Week. During the meeting, Jeff Donahue, President of the Fire Prevention Association of Nevada, IFMA Chapter 22, presented Governor Guinn with his Association "Honorary Lifetime Membership Certificate" and membership pin. After the presentation, Governor Guinn and Association President Donahue discussed the importance of expanding the Association's fire-safety public education programs statewide and to further assist the rural communities and fire departments of Nevada. At the meeting, Governor Guinn also issued an official Proclamation, recognizing the importance of fire prevention and life safety. Officials read the Proclamation in both Carson City and Las Vegas on Monday, October 9, 2006, to kick off public Fire Prevention Week events.
- At the December membership meeting, which was hosted by Southwest Gas, members attending brought so many toys to donate to the Marines Toy for Tots Program, the table was overflowing. In addition to the toys, the Executive Board presented a check to Marine Staff Sergeant Fred Krailert for the amount of \$1000. Sergeant Krailert stated that the monies donated would be used to purchase toys that cover age groups lacking in donated toys. It appears that Association members were very busy before the Christmas holiday when it came to donating toys. It was reported that several members also donated toys to the Southern Nevada Firefighters Burn Foundation's Fill the Fire Truck Program. Hundreds of local children who would have gone with out a present under their tree had a Merry Christmas thanks to the generosity of the members of the Fire Prevention Association of Nevada.

- FPAN President Jeff Donahue- along with Association members Michelle Peltier and Meggan VanNess kicked off the New Year with the Home Safety Council “All Ways Fire Safe at Home” Conference in Washington DC. The group took the opportunity to schedule meetings with Nevada Senate and Congressional members to discuss fire safety and injury prevention issues in the State of Nevada. In meetings with Senator Reid’s Senior Policy Advisor Robert Herbert and Nevada Congresswoman Shelly Berkley, important information was exchanged regarding the serious fire safety/injury prevention problem in Nevada and the relatively small amount of Federal grant awards to Nevada public/private agencies. After reviewing the information provided and listening intently to the Association team, both Senator Reid’s office and Congresswoman Berkley committed to looking into this issue and providing assistance to further the Fire Prevention Association of Nevada’s mission of providing fire safety and injury prevention programs to the citizens and visitors of Nevada. Senator Reid’s office assigned a staff member specializing in grants, to work directly with the Association in obtaining grant awards. The team was also invited to attend the monthly Nevada Congressional Breakfast on Capitol Hill hosted by Senators Reid and Ensign. On Thursday, January 11, 2007 during the monthly Nevada Congressional breakfast, FPAN President Jeff Donahue presented both Senators their Association “Honorary Lifetime Membership” certificates. Congresswoman Berkley was pleased to add her Membership Certificate to the décor of her new office. The Association Team brought back a tremendous amount of information on fire safety/injury prevention programs that was presented at the conference to include scheduling an upcoming Fire Team USA conference for Nevada. This information is currently being reviewed and disseminated by the Team to the Association Program Directors. Overall, participating in this event and taking the opportunity to meet with the Nevada elected officials was a major success for the Association’ mission and the citizens of the Great State of Nevada.
- The Association has formalized partnerships with the Nevada Fire Chief’s Association and is now designated as a reporting State Association at their annual meeting. The Association has also formalized partnership with the Nevada State Fire Marshal’s Office and helps support the mission of that office in Fire Safety Education and was instrumental in getting the Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist and Fire Education Officer I certified through the State. In July 2006, the Association was accepted as a voting member of the Nevada State Injury Prevention Task Force.
- In January 2007, the Association submitted for a FEMA Fire Prevention Grant for \$209,000. If awarded, these monies will be used to continue to expand our services and programs in to the rural parts of the State of Nevada.

Respectfully submitted on April 27, 2007.

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