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Current Number of Members: 320

Meeting times: Third Wednesday of alternate months, 1:00-3:00 PM
Interactive Video: 3 Sites in South, North, and Central NV

General Annual Report:

The 2007-2008 fiscal year marks the successful conclusion of the Fire Prevention Association of Nevada's first 5-year strategic planning period. Accomplishments within the last five years include:

- Statewide expansion of membership and programs
- Adoption of Association By-Laws
- Expansion of the Board of Directors, which now includes an Industry member and 3 State regional Directors
- Membership expansion, inclusive of new fire districts and industry members extending past state lines

Focus of the newly developed and implemented strategic plan builds on the established structure and success of the Association. FPAN continues to emphasize training and inter-disciplinary partnerships, ongoing support for our community-based prevention programs, and improved communication and technology. FPAN is also dedicated to continuous evaluation and improvements relative to planning and accountability.

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 remains committed to providing several major fire-and life-safety programs, and proudly upholds chapter affiliations with the International Code Council, the National Code Services Association, and the National Fire Protection Association.

Current programs include extensive training, Youth Firesetter Intervention, a regional Fireworks testing, enforcement, and safety program, and day care/pre-school provider-training programs. With recent changes to Risk Watch, FPAN is currently revamping its injury-reduction program. We proudly announce the appointment of Sherri Wilcox, FPAN's Program Manager for Risk Watch to the NFPA Educational Section Board of Directors.

Youth Fire Setter Intervention Program – Southern Nevada

- 2007-2008 The programs continue to expand and improve in delivery, tracking, and additional wrap-around services to the youth and their families. Emphasis is placed on parents understanding consequences and how to make them work effectively for their child. Additional interactive programming has increased our time with the youth and family to approximately 18 to 20 hours per month.
- The YFS program has partnered with the Center for Health and Learning. They are a resource for promoting health, wellness, achievement, and lifelong learning. The center is a health and learning resource for adults and children. It provides diagnostic and therapeutic services, educational information, professional and volunteer training, and referrals to community-therapeutic resources. Youth are mandated to go through specialized screening for suicide, high-risk behaviors, depression and anger management. Through the Center for Health and Learning, Masters and Ph. D students will intern with the YFS program in areas of drug-and-alcohol counseling and social work.
- We continue to build strong ties with the various agencies that refer children to the program. In the fall of 2007, a new service was engaged to assist the courts and DCFS with recommendations for juveniles who are outside the general scope of the YFS program. A Fire Risk Assessment Team was created and with the tools of the Fire Risk Assessment [through FEMA and additional tools through SOS Fires] the team sets separate interviews for parents and the child. Once the interviews are complete, the team meets along with the court's senior psychologist and the interviews are discussed. A full report is generated and sent to the court with recommendations. To date, the court has approved our recommendations in the majority of the cases. A fee is charged for the service; since August, they have completed over 20 fire-risk assessments and continue to schedule new ones monthly.
- Meetings with federal agencies tasked with wildland-fire suppression and law enforcement who investigate arson have opened a bridge for federal agencies to refer youths who have caused fires on public lands to attend the program. BLM, USFS, and the National Park Service are teaming with the YFS program. By year's end all channels for related referrals should be in place.
- With last year's addition of the Administrator who manages caseload, 3 interns have been added to work within the classes, providing mental health support for families during and after classes. Interns also lead several of the workshops for the youths. This fall, they will be adding two more intern social workers who will assist the administrator in case management and follow up with past participants.

- The UMC Burn Unit Coordinators have been a very effective tool within the program. With each child attending a two hour session which covers fire-and-life-safety education and a tour of the burn unit, they have tallied over 550 hours of time in the YFS program.
- This year, the Youth Fire Setter Intervention Program will formally change their name to Partnerships for Youth at Risk. This allows for all areas of law enforcement and other agencies to participate plus expansion of the services. Since the start of this program, more than 2,000 children and their families have been referred. On a monthly basis, class size usually is around 15 to 20 families.

Youth Fire Setter Intervention Program – Northern Nevada

- June of 2008 marks the one-year anniversary of FPAN's Washoe County Youth Fire Setting Intervention group class. In partnership with Juvenile Justice and Children's Cabinet, the Reno Fire Department, Sparks Fire Department, and North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District provide group-intervention classes for youth with fire setting issues and their families. The peer environment brings the youth together and holds them accountable. The Washoe County YFS group classes simultaneously provide a similar group venue for the parents/guardians of the youth fire setters. An average of seven families is assisted during each class by volunteers countywide.
- Partnerships with the Nevada Chapter of International Association of Arson Investigators, the Nevada State Fire Marshal Division, and SOS Fires enable trained intervention specialists to work with youth fire setters statewide. More NFA endorsed training is scheduled for fall of 2008 and spring of 2009, to ensure proximity of trained intervention specialist within each county.

Sesame Street Program

- In addition to having a successful train-the-trainer event on April 28, 2007, the Fire Prevention Association of Nevada donated a check in the sum of \$1,000 to the College of Southern Nevada Performing Arts Center scholarship fund. The program committee has changed chair persons and has discussed changing the time of year to hold event to the week following Fire Prevention Week was discussed.

NFPA Risk Watch Program

- With the added benefit of having members of the Nevada Champion Management Team in the association, we have been able to assist the Clark County School District with instruction of the program. Now that NFPA does not participate with the program we have lots of Risk Watch materials on hand and stand ready to provide it to educators that want it.

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 period, the Committee completed the testing with the help of updated equipment. The committee is preparing for their upcoming training class to review all local fire codes and regulations. Thanks to the efforts of the committee, we are looking forward to another safe Fourth of July holiday with "Safe & Sane" fireworks.

Golf Tournament Committee

- For the fourth year in a row, the Fire Prevention Association of Nevada hosted its annual fundraiser golf tournament. The event was held on August 25, 2007, we had 232 players trying their best to win the prestigious 1st place tournament trophy. Players had to battle the wind and a very difficult Revere Golf Course. Hole in one prizes were available courtesy of our friends with the Desert Auto Groups and Team Ford. They included a 2007 GMC Sierra pick up, 2007 Toyota Tundra, and a 2007 Ford Mustang GT. With close to \$11,000 in prizes, the 2000 preprinted raffle tickets sold out before the banquet and another role of tickets had 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 \$20,000. All monies raised from this event went directly to the funding of the Association's Youth Fire setter intervention Program, NFPA Risk Watch Injury Prevention Program, Sesame Street Fire Safety Program and the Fireworks Safety Program. Plans are being discussed by the committee to have a tournament both locations sometime in the fall of 2008. Information on these events will be posted on the Association's website.

Educational Committee

- The committee has been able to schedule and provide some classes to the association members in both locations. Here are just a few of the classes that were done.

November of 2007

- NFPA 80 Fire Doors and Other Protective Openings / Code Compliant Solutions for Fire Rated Openings and Exit Devices Class: Southern Nevada (*Ingersoll Rand Security Technologies*)

January of 2008

- Smoke Control in High-Rise Buildings: Northern Nevada (Smoke *guard, Inc.*)
- CPVC Residential Fire Sprinklers Training: Southern, Northern, and Elko Nevada (*Spears Manufacturing*)

March of 2008

- Fire Team USA: Northern Nevada
- Smart Codes: Southern, Northern, and Elko Nevada (*International Code Council*)

April of 2008

- Play Safe, Be Safe – Fire Safety Education for Pre-school Educators: Northern Nevada (*BIC Corporation & Fireproof Children*)

Miscellaneous Association Activities

- At the December membership meeting, which was hosted by Southwest Gas? We participated with Toys for Tots to donate toys. During the meeting we had the privilege of having Chief Jim Wright the Nevada State Fire Marshal in attendance. He gave a presentation of plans for the states Fire Service and a short brief of his Strategic Plan.
- The past association President wanted a way for all the association members to attend the meetings within the state at the same time. In January of 2008 we took that step with Interactive Video at the meetings. This enabled the association to have training and the general meeting through out the state which provided for a more current flow of information for the members.
- Future plans are to have an Open Forum for industry and inspections to address concerns that they may have out in the field and provide an increased emphasis on training to better serve the association and other public safety agencies

Respectfully submitted on June 1st 2008.

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