

JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE INSPECTORS ASSOCIATION

Rob Dwyer-President

September 11, 2008

The September meeting was called to order by President Rob Dwyer at 10:04 at Fern Creek #1.

Presentations

1. LRC, lawsuit, NEC, etc.- Jeffersontown Fire Chief Jack Reckner presented information regarding the 2008 NEC, its supposed adoption and the reversal of the state in reverting to the 2005 NEC. He also spoke about the mini/maxi language in our building codes and the LRC meeting in Frankfort on 8/12/08. Chief Reckner relayed the events of that LRC meeting and how he and Russ Sanders spoke to the committee about the mini/maxi standard. Chief Reckner felt that our concerns about mini/maxi as fire service professionals were ignored by the committee. Consequently, Chief Reckner filed a lawsuit on 9/2/08 contending that the state of Kentucky has exceeded their authority to impose the mini/maxi language in building codes. More information is to come after 9/22/08.

Russ Sanders spoke regarding the lawsuit and the other issues at hand with the LRC and building codes. Russ relayed that the 2008 NEC is supposed to be adopted, but he still has reservations that this will happen.

Russ also wanted everyone to know that an NFPA Regional Code Committee meeting is scheduled to be in Louisville on February 17, 18 & 19, 2009. He invited everyone to participate and submit proposals and said he would have more info in the future.

2. Ryder Cup- Eastwood Fire Chief Brent Davenport and Rob Goodwin from the State Fire Marshal's Office spoke about the Ryder Cup event being hosted at Valhalla Golf Club. Chief Davenport covered the suppression and operations side of any incident during the Ryder Cup and the various agencies involved. Rob reviewed the numerous inspections of the tents and equipment that have taken place on a daily basis.

Motion by Buechel, second by St Matthews to accept August's minutes as emailed.
Motion passed.

Motion by Lyndon, second by Harrods Creek to accept September's financial report.
Motion passed.

Old Business

1. **Novelty lighters ordinance**-Some questions have been raised regarding this ordinance and its origin. President Dwyer explained that the JCFINSPA felt this was an important issue to be addressed and that we would look into the possibility of a local ordinance regarding novelty lighters. Mike Allendorf has done quite a bit of work on this project and Mike submitted his latest version at the August meeting. This latest version was submitted to the JCFINSPA for review from the general membership. Once this language has been agreed upon, the JCFINSPA will officially submit the ordinance to the Chiefs Association.
2. **Fire Prevention Week Kick-off**- the annual LFD Fire Prevention Week Kick-off/Memorial Walk will be Tuesday, October 7. Antique equipment and fire department flags are encouraged to be on display during this event. Chili will be served at two locations, 5th & Market and 5th & Main. Anyone who wants to bring chili is encouraged to do so. A request has been made to be sure we have two burners, one for each corner. If anyone can help with that, please do so. Ed Hammack has asked that we begin staging around 9am and we will start serving chili at approximately 10am.
3. **Hydrant ordinance**- consensus seems to be that we do not need to re-open the hydrant ordinance at this time.
4. **Hydrant request denied**- no further information on this topic. Situation was resolved.
5. **Fire dept. access easement**- no new info.

New business

1. **Knox Box/JCPS**- Okolona Chief Rich Carlson has approached JCPS about having Knox Boxes installed on all schools. JCPS has been receptive to the idea. More info to come.
2. **Inspection fees**- proposal from the SFMO about charging a fee for an occupancy's annual inspection. Consensus from the JCFINSPA is that we would not support this endeavor. There was a motion by Buechel, second by Worthington, for JCFINSPA to draft a letter to the SFMO stating our concerns about inspection fees. Motion passed. The letter will be submitted to the Chiefs Association for approval.
3. **New business from the floor**-
 - a. **Art Harbolt**- Art recently had surgery and will be out for a while. Motion by Buechel, second by St. Matthews to spend up to \$50 for a fruit basket.
 - b. **International Fire Marshal's Association**- motion by Rob Goodwin (SFMO), second by Buechel to form a committee to investigate JCFINSPA becoming a member of the International Fire Marshal's Association. Motion passed. If anyone is interested in this, contact Mike Allendorf.
 - c. **Bob Weitzel/ICC**- Bob Weitzel of the ICC spoke about some recent legislation, the Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act. This legislation requires that educational facilities must report various info to the U.S. Dept of Education. Such info includes: number of residence hall beds protected by sprinkler and fire alarm systems, number and severity of fires each year, number of students killed,

etc. (please see the attached for more info). Bob also presented to the JCFINSPA our new banner that is being supplied by the ICC. The banner is being stored at Fern Creek #1.

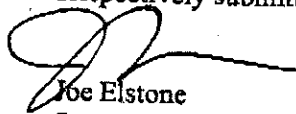
- d. **JCFINSPA patch/seal-** Rick Harrison will head a committee to design a JCFINSPA patch/seal to be added to the new ICC banner. Anyone interested should contact Rick.

Motion by Buechel, second by Okolona to adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:56.

No meeting schedule for October. Next meeting will be November 13 at Fern Creek #1.

Respectively submitted



Joe Elstone
Secretary

Jefferson County Fire Inspectors Association

Bob Weltzel

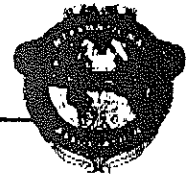
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TO: All Fire & Life Safety Section Members
FR: Fire Chief Tom Lariviere, Section Chair
RE: Section Announcement
DT: September 10, 2008

Underwriters Laboratories Webinar to Update Regulatory Authorities and the Fire Service on E85 Dispensers
 Thursday, September 11, 10-11 Central Time. Underwriters Laboratories (UL) is continuing their series of free biweekly webinars for fire safety professionals. This will be the fifth in that series and will provide the opportunity for listeners to ask experts from UL and the Department of Energy questions on the certification of E85 dispensers and to get up-to-date information on the dynamic topic of deployment of alternative fuels.

To sign up, go to the event's [registration page](#) and click Register.

Once you sign up you will receive a confirmation email and additional information, including the password for the event. The Conference ID is 62433686. As part of the webinar, you will also need to call a toll-free number to check in with an operator and be able to ask questions and be part of the forum.

Participant Dial-In Number: 866-875-7160
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For more information on UL's Science of Safety webinar series, call Joe Hirschmugl, UL Media Relations Manager, at 847-664-1508.

ICC Final Action Hearings ~ Residential Sprinklers

This will be the last blast communication you'll receive from the section until after the ICC Final Action Hearings in Minneapolis. So much has been said about this Final Action regarding residential sprinklers for such a long time now that there is very little to add at this point. We realize that by now all minds are made up and all we can do is wait to see the outcome.

To all who are making the effort to attend the hearings, the board of directors of the Fire & Life Safety Section says, "Thank you." For those who wish they could, but can't, I'll tell you that we have done our best to win this fight—it's as simple as saying that this is a fight to save lives, the lives of the public and the lives of our firefighters.

Important Code Change Proposals on NIST-Recommended Changes for High Risks at the Final Action Hearings
 Residential sprinklers are not the only issue being considered in Minneapolis with the potential to directly impact the fire service. A number of code change proposals have resulted from the NIST final report on the collapses of WTC towers and from the work of the ICC Ad Hoc Committee on Terrorism Resistant Buildings. Some of these proposed changes have been debated and voted on by the ICC Code Committees and by the membership during previous hearings.

During the final action hearings in Minneapolis, the membership will be asked to act on several public comments to modify

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or reverse the actions of the membership in Rochester or the Code Committees in Palm Springs, Calif. While the fire service needs to vote knowledgeably on each public comment submitted, it is recommended that IAFC members who attend the Minneapolis hearings pay particular attention to the Public Comments on the following Code Change Proposals, which would have the effect of reversing the actions of the membership in Rochester, N.Y.

- G66 – Public comment 1 would allow a horizontal exit in lieu of a third stair; Public comment 3 suggests a compromise for small floor plates.
- G67 – All six public comments would remove the additional stair in high rises over 420 feet tall that was approved by the membership in Rochester by deleting section 403.17.
- G69 – All four public comments would remove the provisions requiring a minimum bond strength for spray-applied fire-resistive materials by deleting section 403.18 and Table 403.18.

The New York Times wrote a useful summary of the issues on September 8.

For details on this issue, contact the IAFC/FLSS representative to the ICC Code Technology Committee, Carl D. Wren, P.E., from the Austin (Tex.) Fire Department, at 512-974-0191.

Second Annual Award for Excellence in Fire & Life Safety Winner

Division Chief Michael T. Love of Montgomery County (Md.) Fire & Rescue was the 2008 winner of the Excellence in Fire & Life Safety Award, sponsored by the International Code Council (ICC) and presented at Fire Rescue International 2008. The judges felt that Chief Love best exemplified the award criteria of an individual whose service, professional abilities and leadership were exemplary in promoting fire prevention and who serves as an example to all fire prevention and fire protection professionals.

Chief Love, on his own initiative, recognized the need for much better collaboration among fire safety professionals. The problems that one AHJ faces in his or her community probably are very similar to problems which have been addressed elsewhere. Chief Love established two chat groups on Yahoo, the National Fire and Life Safety Educator group (NFLSE) and the EPARADE group, to foster information exchange. Read more

President Signs Provisions of the Campus Fire Safety-Right-to-Know Act into Law

On August 14, President Bush signed the Higher Education Act into law. This bill contained provisions from the Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act introduced by Congressman Bill Pascrell (N.J.-8) and Senator Frank Lautenberg (N.J.), which will require schools across the nation to report fire safety information to the U.S. Department of Education, including:

- The number of residence hall beds protected by automatic fire sprinkler systems and fire alarm systems
- The number and severity of fires each year
- The number of students injured or killed by fires
- The amount of fire prevention training provided to students
- Policies relating to fire safety

This legislation was first introduced in 2001 following the tragic fire at Seton Hall University that claimed the lives of three freshmen and has been debated in every session of Congress since that time. A coalition of 13 other national fire safety organizations joined with Campus Firewatch in working with Congress to pass this ground-breaking legislation.

To help in developing the regulations for the implementation of this law, Campus Firewatch has formed a collaborative project for campus fire safety professionals to develop suggested language for the regulations that will be provided to the U.S. Department of Education. This is a unique opportunity for campus and community fire professionals to have a role in crafting the regulations that will directly impact them.

National Campus Fire Safety Month Launched

During a press conference on September 9, eighty students and campus fire-safety advocates joined law- and policy-makers on Capitol Hill to launch National Campus Fire Safety Month in order to raise awareness of students, parents, and administrators of the importance of campus fire safety and the steps they can take to prevent the needless loss of life. This year's theme, "Fire Safety – Take it Everywhere," sends the important message that fire safety does not stop at the campus borders nor when the school year ends.

A national coalition including the Congressional Fire Service Institute, the Ohio Fire Safety Coalition, Campus Firewatch, the Chapel Hill (N.C.) Fire Department, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the University of South Carolina, parents of fire victims, and survivors of campus-related fires visited U.S. representatives and senators from across the country to urge continued improvements in campus and off-campus fire safety prevention and education efforts.

Those participating in National Campus Fire Safety Month activities will have a new tool in their educational arsenal, the new campus fire prevention website www.lgot2kno.org, co-sponsored by the Peoples Burn Foundation of Indiana and Campus Firewatch.

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CHAPTER #60

Fire Prevention Inspectors Association of Jefferson County

09-11-2008

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Fern Creek Fire District

Meeting called by: Type of Meeting: Note taker:	President Rob Dwyer Regular Meeting Secretary: Joe Elstone	
Attendees:	1 st Vice President Fuchs 2 nd Vice President Allendorf Secretary Joe Elstone Membership from fire departments represented	
AGENDA TOPICS		
10:00 AM	Call to Order	President Dwyer
10:00 AM - 10:55 AM	Presentation: Mini Maxi - Chief Jabk Reckner Ryder Cup - Chief Davenport - Rob Gbodwin	President Dwyer
10:55 AM - 11:00 AM	Roll Call: 1. Reading of August Minutes 2. Reading of Treasurers Report	President Dwyer 1 st Vice-President Fuchs 2 nd Vice President Allendorf
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Old Business: 1. Novelty Lighters Ordinance 2. Fire Prevention Kick-Off 3. Hydrant Ordinance 4. Hydrant Request (denied) 5. Fire Access Easement 6. Old business from the floor	President Dwyer 1 st Vice-President Fuchs 2 nd Vice President Allendorf
11:30AM - 12:00 PM	New Business: 1. Knox Box's for JCPS 2. Inspection Fees 3. New Business from the floor	President Dwyer 1 st Vice-President Fuchs 2 nd Vice President Allendorf
12:00 PM	Announcements / Adjournment No October Meeting Fire Prevention Week	President Dwyer 1 st Vice President Fuchs
Special notes:	<i>Next Meeting: November 13, 2008 Fern Creek Fire District Station # 1</i>	

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FINANCIAL REPORT

9/8/2008

JCPA BUDGET ACCOUNTS

		FISCAL YEAR 08 - 09		
		Budget	Expense	Remaining
1401	Public Safety Awareness Programs	1,000.00	-150.00	850.00
1402	Continuing Education Programs	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.00
1403	Safety House Maintenance	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
1404	General Operating Fund	500.00	-300.00	200.00
1405	Fire Safety Training Supplies	1,000.00	-151.22	848.78
TOTAL		\$ 6,000.00	\$ (2,101.22)	\$ 3,898.78

CONTINGENCY FUND BEGINNING BALANCE:		\$0.00
<i>Income:</i>		
	Okolona FD (ICC Refund)	600.00
	ICC (Refund)	632.00
<i>Expense:</i>		
ENDING BALANCE:		\$1,132.00

TOTAL FUNDING AVAILABLE	
Fire Alliance Budget	2,898.78
Contingency Funds	1,132.00
	\$4,030.78

J.C.F.I.A. SIGN-IN

DATE: 9/11/08

LOCATION: FERN CREEK #1

NAME	DEPARTMENT
Tony Fuchs	LYNDON
Bob Weitzel	ICE
Jack Reckner	J-TOWN
John D Manstiller	HARRODS CREEK
Rob Dwyer	Highview
Joe Elstone	FCFD
RICK HARRISON	BUBCHER
Jodie Trnel	J-town
Tom Darst	J-town
Mike Allendorf	Oleona
Don Ryan	ST. MATTHEW
MARK LaFOLLETTE	SHIVERS FIRE
ROSS SANDERS	
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HANK KEFF	Eastwood Fire
Brent Oakenrow	EASTWOOD FIRE
Robert Goodwin	KY St. Fire Marshal
Edward Hammack	Jonesville Fire
Allen Porter	IPL