# DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY NEW JERSEY FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

### Meeting of March 19, 2014

The New Jersey Fire Safety Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at the Middlesex County Fire Academy in Sayreville, NJ.

**Commission Members Present:** Assemblyman John Wisniewski, Chairman

Mr. Pasquale Intindola, Vice-Chairman

Mr. Stanley Sickels Mr. Kevin Krushinski Mr. Lawrence D. Wood

Mr. Roger Potts

Ms. Kathleen O'Leary Mr. Fredrick Collender Mr. Armando Roman Mr. Daniel DeTrolio Mr. Richard Blohm Mr. Arthur Londensky Mr. Kenneth Swider

<u>Commission Members Excused</u>: Senator Anthony Bucco

Mr. Charles W. Schilling Mr. Steve O'Gorman Mr. Kevin Bellew

**DCA Staff Members Present:** William Kramer, Acting Director

Lou Kilmer, NJDFS

Rick Farletta

Tim Weiss, NJDFS

Glenn M. Smyth, NJDFS Charles Lavin, NJDFS Jerry Clark, NJDFS Pete D'Amore, NJDFS Jason Spiecker, NJDFS

Michael Whalen, Codes and Standards

Guests: John Garton, NJ Department of Labor

Alden Blackwell, Tenafly FD
Cathy Chin, Alman Group
Skip Hopping, Morristown F.M.
Marc Kiempisty, Joshua Marcus

Doris Flatley, Somerset Co. Fire Academy
Donald Scher, Somerset Co. Fire Academy
Charles Augenbaugh, NJ Deputy Fire Chiefs
Ronald McGowan Jr., Wildwood Crest Fire Co.

Conrad Johnson Jr., Cape May Co. David Kurasz, NJFSAB

#### A. Call to Order

Chairman John Wisniewski called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM and began the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance" and pointed out the fire exits. A moment of silence was observed for the Jersey City firefighter who had recently passed away in Wallington.

# **B.** Approval of Minutes

With no discussion requested or necessary corrections, the minutes of the regular meeting of January 15, 2014 were approved.

### C. Correspondence

Chairman Wisniewski noted that all correspondence for today's meeting is contained in the Fire Safety Commission packets. With no discussion requested on any of the correspondence at this time, the meeting was moved to Public Comment I.

#### D. Public Comment I

Chairman Wisniewski opened up the meeting to any members of the public wishing to address the Fire Safety Commission.

David Kurasz from the New Jersey Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board thanked Assemblyman Wisniewski for his work on Assembly Bill 1698, which moved out of committee favorably. Mr. Kurasz said that the Committee and Legal Aid felt that the bill was not inclusion of manufacturer homes, whereas they feel the bill does include them. Chairman Wisniewski asked if the bill would be deficient if OLS is found to be correct in their opinion. Mr. Kurasz said he was not sure, but just wanted to get the Assemblyman's take on the issue. Commissioner Stanley Sickels added that manufactured homes should absolutely be included, and were considered to be so the first time the bill was introduced.

Mr. Kurasz also asked if there was a way to streamline the process of getting approval on a lot of the items the Fire Safety Commission submits to the DCA Commissioner and Governor. He asked if there was a way to legislate some sort of time limit on these types of items. Chairman Wisniewski said that there is certainly a legislative appetite to do something like that, but ultimately the Governor has the pen.

#### E. Division of Fire Safety Activities

Acting Director William Kramer began his report by reported two firefighter fatalities in the past three weeks – one in Wallington and one in Spotswood. This makes three firefighter fatalities already this year, so it has not been a good year on that front thus far.

Chief Kramer reported on the Division of Fire Safety's involvement in the Super Bowl – both on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and the week-and-a-half leading up to the game. The process went about as well as it possibly could from the Division's perspective. The NJDFS had 36 people working almost non-stop in the areas of emergency response, code enforcement, and fire investigation. They were stationed at various positions throughout the event. Codes and Standards was heavily involved as well.

The Division of Fire Safety has taken delivery of two new canines – and they will serve as trainees under two of the older canines currently working.

There is a meeting of the County Presidents of the NJFPPA this Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 AM at the Middlesex County Fire Academy in Sayreville. The meeting was originally scheduled for back in February, but was cancelled due to a snowstorm. Also, a meeting was held recently with the team leaders of the three Neptune systems. There is one in Union County, one in Gloucester County, and one in Morris County. The 10-year Memorandum of Understanding is just about to expire, and the Division is looking to make any adjustments necessary based on what has been learned in the past ten years. The Division is also looking into funding mechanisms to keep these systems going. The meetings with the Neptune team leaders will be ongoing.

Chief Kramer reported that NFPA had requested the Division of Fire Safety do a presentation at their national conference on the New Jersey FIRE Bowl program. The FIRE Bowl was selected to represent the Mid-Atlantic region as a model public education program, and the program's coordinator, Charles Lavin, will be doing the 20-minute presentation.

The joint New Jersey-Mississippi Weekend at the National Fire Academy is scheduled for next month. There are about 230 New Jersey firefighters and officers who have signed up. However, due to light attendance from Mississippi, a few of the courses may be scaled back a bit.

The Highway Traffic Safety Guidelines need to be revised to coincide with the federal standards, and the Division of Fire Safety is in the process of working with the agencies that they originally developed the guidelines with. The Division of Fire Safety has also developed a training program that has been determined to be the equivalent of the Federal Highway Traffic Administration. The Division will be holding two train-the-trainer courses on this soon – one at Rutgers and one in Mount Laurel. New Jersey (and, more specifically, the NJDFS) has been recognized nationally as a model Highway Traffic Safety program.

Chief Kramer spoke about the Highway Traffic Incident Management Team that State Police and the Department of Transportation deploys when there is an emergency. The Division of Fire Safety was recently added to this team.

Bureau Chief Lou Kilmer gave an update on the Division of Fire Safety's new computer system – RIMS. He stated that staff continues to make adjustments on a daily basis. At

this point, every town has someone that has authenticated and is capable of accessing and using the RIMS system. They have been able to train on the system, and are using it successfully. The success-rate with submitting Annual Reports has actually been higher this year on the RIMS system than it was last year using paper.

Chief Kilmer also reported that the Inspections Unit has been able to hold some interviews for filling various position, and he thanked Chief Kramer and DCA Commission Constable for getting the process of getting staff up to the proper levels moving.

Commissioner Kevin Krushinski asked about the connectivity issues that RIMS is experiencing and described a situation where the user is unable to move from one page to another without it timing out. Chief Kramer said they are still working moving the system from being web-based to being cloud-based – and this change would greatly enhance the system in terms of connectivity. It is a complicated process, however, because the Division of Fire Safety would need the permission of OIT to move off of the OIT server. Commissioner Krushinski asked what the time frame would be on fixing this, and Chief Kramer said it was fairly imminent.

Commissioner Arthur Londensky asked if there had been any progress in getting the word "Acting" removed from Chief Kramer's title and make him Director of the Division of Fire Safety. Chief Kramer said he had not heard anything about this. Commissioner Richard Blohm added that it is an insult to every member of New Jersey's fire service that Chief Kramer has yet to be appointed as State Fire Marshal. Chairman Wisniewski added that it was time (again) to draft a letter from all the Commission members strongly urging the Governor to appoint Chief Kramer as Director of the Division of Fire Safety.

Vice-Chairman Pat Intindola asked if there had been any update on the Peer Review process. Chief Kramer answered that the Division of Fire Safety had selected five individuals to fill various positions. Once permission was finally given to move forward, one of the selections had retired and another was no longer interested. This created a problem in establishing the Board, because there are several criteria the Board has to comply with (concerning part-time members, full-time members, etc.). Chief Kramer added that the regulations dictating this need to be looked at but, until then, they are attempting to establish the Board with the DCA Commissioner's support.

Commissioner Richard Blohm spoke about the recent release of the report from the firefighter fatality that took place in Asbury Park three years ago. He said that it is a disgrace that it has taken this long for the report to be released, especially when you consider the valuable lessons that could be learned from reports like these. Chief Kramer answered that he agreed completely and has spoken to DCA Commissioner Constable about streamlining the process considerably. Commissioner Constable then asked Chief Kramer to come up with a framework for some new policies that will move this process along in a timelier manner. Chief Kramer feels that, with some built-in time limits on the process, future reports will be released in a more reasonable amount of time.

## F. Advisory Council Reports:

## 1. Codes Advisory Council

Vice-Chairman Pat Intindola reported that the Codes Advisory Council met on February 19th at the Middlesex County Fire Academy. The minutes of that meeting are contained in the Commission packets. Vice-Chairman Intindola reported that Commissioner Charles Schilling will be stepping down.

Chief Kramer said that the Division of Fire Safety has heard from Commissioner Schilling, but no official resignation has been submitted just yet. There was then a discussion on the significant number of Commissioners whose terms have long-since expired and a number of open slots on the Fire Safety Commission as well. Chairman Wisniewski said he would work with Chief Kramer on getting the appointments up to date and all vacant slots filled. Commissioner Blohm pointed out that each organization had to submit three names to the appointing authority; and Chief Kramer added that there needs to be balance as far as the Commissioners' registered political affiliations.

Michael Whalen from Codes & Standards explained that Commissioner Schilling was involved in a motor vehicle accident on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and was injured. Subsequent to the accident, Commissioner Schilling decided along with his family to scale back his working responsibilities. This will include stepping down as the Chairman of the Codes Advisory Council and as a Commissioner on the NJ Fire Safety Commission. Commissioner Schilling is recovering and now is back a work part-time a few hours each day in Livingston.

Vice-Chairman Intindola referenced two documents that the Codes Council has submitted to the Fire Safety Commission – one in regards to the Seaside Boardwalk Fire, the other in regards to the Deitz & Watson Fire in Delanco. He asked that the Commissioners all take a look at the lists of questions and the Fire Safety Commission could plan on setting up meetings to focus on each event.

Vice-Chairman Intindola also referenced a document in the Commission packets that included a proposed Building Information Sign that could be permanently affixed to the front of all structures. The symbol is in the shape of a Maltese Cross with fields for potential information on the four wings (top, bottom, left, right) and the center. Commissioner Stanley Sickels added that this symbol is in line with what the IFC has in the model code.

Commissioner Stanley Sickels made a motion that the Fire Safety Commission adopt this proposal on Building Information Signs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kevin Krushinski. Chairman Wisniewski asked if there was any further discussion on the matter, and Commissioner Richard Blohm strenuously disagreed with the Building Information Signs. His contention was that it was way too complicated and involved for a firefighter to read and interpret while running into a burning building. When the focus should be on saving lives and extinguishing the fire, he felt it would create confusion

and/or be ignored. Commissioner Blohm felt there is no way a firefighter is going to stop, pull out an index card, and interpret the several items identified on the sign. He felt it should be much simpler – limited to things that are absolutely essential like trusses and solar panels.

A lengthy discussion took place on the viability of the Building Information Sign as proposed by the Codes Advisory Council. Vice-Chairman Intindola said this proposal is the result of a lot of discussion and feels there is no other way to do it. Commissioner Blohm said there are 32 items abbreviated on this sign, which he feels is way too much. Vice-Chairman Intindola said they started out with way more than that, and this final product is the scaled-back version. Commissioner Blohm added that much of this information can be obtained on a size-up on the way to a fire. Commissioner Sickels added that this Building Information Sign is the result of legislation that asked for an additional sign be added to buildings. The Codes Council's aim was to be consistent with the national standard. Commissioner Sickels added that this sign is not just for emergencies, but for routine inspections, safety officers, etc. It is his feeling that they could either go with this all-encompassing symbol or you will eventually wind up with a whole bunch of separate decals on every building.

Commissioner Lawrence Wood asked if the symbol, as proposed by the Codes Advisory Council, is the exact same as the one in the national standard. Vice-Chairman Intindola answered it is not exactly the same, as there are some building classifications that had to be eliminated because it was getting to be too long.

Chief Kramer said that the legislation that was signed by the Governor was to provide firefighters with information about solar panels. The symbol that the Codes Advisory Council goes far beyond the intent of the legislation, and it is his feeling that it will not go anywhere in the regulatory process because of this. Chairman Wisniewski said the legislation does not restrict you from developing additional symbols, even though they have not been mandated. Chief Kramer said that the legislation was specific in its intent and a result of the Delanco, and doing so much else with the symbol is flying in the face of that intent. Chief Kramer added that he was in agreement with Commissioner Blohm in that the symbol is too complicated for the firefighter running into a burning building. He said that a lot of the information that is contained in the symbol should be covered during pre-planning. Commissioner Blohm added that it should be made convenient for the firefighter to ensure their safety and give knowledge on the building.

Mike Whalen from Codes & Standards said that with very little training the symbol that the Codes Council is proposing could be very useful. He also said that this is the best way to notify firefighters and the fire service of the most necessary information – looking at the whole picture. This is information that could also be built into the dispatch system. Chairman Wisniewski added that with developing technologies, a firefighter should be able to scan a symbol on a building and get all the information necessary. Commissioner Sickels said that the symbol is extremely easy to master and gave examples of what the abbreviations stand for. He also said that the symbol does what the legislation asks for.

Vice-Chairman Intindola suggested that the Codes Council review the symbol once again since the Division of Fire Safety seems to not be in favor of it. Commissioner Blohm and Commissioner Sickels suggested that the Codes Advisory Council and Firefighter Safety & Health Advisory Council get together to examine the symbol further. Commissioner Sickels withdrew his motion to adopt the symbol and Commissioner Krushinski withdrew his second of that motion. The issue was referred to the Codes Advisory Council and Firefighter Safety & Health Advisory Council. Commissioner Kenneth Swider offered his assistance as far as developing better information from property owners and better ways of getting that information to the fire service quickly.

Vice-Chairman Intindola reported that a Bulletin is being worked on in regards to the issue of Liquid CO2 Beverage Storage/Dispensing Systems. Chief Kramer said the Division of Fire Safety did put out an alert on this. Also, the LPG Heating During Construction issue is continuing to be looked into by the Codes Council.

Vice-Chairman Intindola spoke about the 17 items in the Rule Proposal Log that are sitting on the DCA Commissioner's desk – some of which have lain dormant since 2006. The Codes Advisory Council has inquired as to whether a meeting can be set up with the Commissioner to examine the issues and find out why they have not moved. Chairman Wisniewski said he would look into this and reach out to the Commissioner.

Commissioner Stanley Sickels spoke about the lists of questions that the Codes Council had come up with regarding the Delanco and Seaside fires. The committee that prepared the lists tried to include all items that would be of interest to the Fire Safety Commission – in the areas of operations, codes, firefighter safety, etc. The committee came up with the list with the understanding that some of the answers will be unavailable due to the ongoing investigations and litigation. However, the committee felt it was too important of an issue to not come up with all the questions possible. Chief Kramer expressed his feeling that having meetings on these fires could be worthwhile from an information-sharing point of view, but the Fire Safety Commission does not have the authority to compel anyone – whether it is from Seaside or Delanco – to attend. Chief Kramer said no one from the local departments will be able to say anything due to the pending litigation.

Commissioner Wood said that it was his idea that the Seaside and Delanco meetings would be a general informational discussion, not necessarily a hearing. While he understands that you might not find out as much until the litigation is over, it could be valuable to glean some lessons learned from a discussion on what is known from these fires. Chairman Wisniewski and Chief Kramer suggested delaying these meetings at least until the investigative reports are out. Then the Fire Safety Commission can review these reports and go from there. Commissioner Sickels suggested that the questions from the Codes Advisory Council be sent to the lead investigative agencies and postpone any meetings on Seaside or Delanco until the investigative reports are out. Commissioner Wood made a motion that the Commission proceed with forwarding the questions and delaying the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sickels and passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Codes Advisory Council is scheduled for April  $16^{th}$  at Middlesex County Fire Academy at 10 am.

### 2. Training and Education Advisory Council

Commissioner Lawrence Wood reported the Training and Education Advisory Council met on February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Dempster Training Center in Lawrenceville. The minutes of that meeting are contained in the Commission meeting packets. The meeting was very lightly attended due to snow.

Commissioner Wood spoke about the log of items that the Codes Council had that remained unapproved by the DCA Commission, and mentioned that the Training and Education Advisory Council had a number of old items as well. He recommended getting a list of those items from Kent Neiswender at the NJDFS and adding them to the list that the Codes Council will be calling to the Commissioner's attention and inquiring about. Chairman Wisniewski agreed to put these issues in a letter to the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs.

Commissioner Richard Blohm asked about the Hazmat Technician program that that NJ State Police is now offering, and if the Division of Fire Safety would still be accepting this for Fire I. Chief Kramer answered that they are working with the State Police and ProBoard on ironing out this issue. NJ State Police had reached out to ProBoard, and ProBoard directed them to go through the Division of Fire Safety. Chief Kramer was hopeful that by the next Commission meeting he would have an answer on this.

The next meeting of the Training and Education Advisory Council is scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Dempster Training Center in Lawrenceville at 10 AM.

### 3. Statistics and Information Advisory Council

In the absence of Commissioner Gerard Naylis, no formal report was given.

Chief Kramer announced that the deadline to submit NFIRS data for inclusion in the "Fire In New Jersey 2013" report had passed yesterday. However, the Division of Fire Safety's NFIRS Unit is still accepting data from 2013, but it will just not be included in the report. Chairman Wisniewski asked what percent of fire departments had reported for 2013. Chief Kramer answered that he was not exactly sure, but it was somewhere in the high-80s to low-90s – consistent with the past several years.

## 4. Master Planning and Research Advisory Council

In the absence of Commissioner John Lightbody, no report was given.

The next meeting of the Master Planning and Research Advisory Council is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Toms River Fire Academy.

# 5. Public Education Advisory Council

Commissioner Daniel DeTrolio reported that the March meeting had been cancelled due to a scheduling conflict. Charles Lavin spoke about the upcoming events for the 2014 FIRE Bowl. The "Academy Day" trip for all students will be held at Middlesex County Fire Academy on April 4<sup>th</sup> and the FIRE Bowl State Championship will be at Kean University on May 16<sup>th</sup>. All Commission members will receive invitations and are encouraged to attend the event. Also, Mr. Lavin has been asked to present the FIRE Bowl concept at NFPA's national conference in June as a representative of the Mid-Atlantic region.

After a postponement due to weather, the ABC Operation-7 Save-a-Life kickoff was held on February 26<sup>th</sup> in New York City. It is unknown at this time the exact amount of smoke alarms New Jersey will be receiving, but delivery is expected sometime in April.

Chief Kramer added that Dr. Frank Field's "Fire Is" program, which was launched in New Jersey, is in the process of being endorsed by the National Association of State Fire Marshals. It is the hope that this educational DVD and program will take off nationwide with the help of all the State Fire Marshals. Chief Kramer is currently working on a testimonial that will go along with a press release announcing the endorsement.

The next meeting of the Public Education Advisory Council is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Middlesex County Fire Academy in Sayreville.

# 6. Firefighter Safety and Health Advisory Council

Commissioner Richard Blohm reported that the Firefighter Safety and Health Advisory Council met on January 15<sup>th</sup> at the Middlesex County Fire Academy. One topic that was discussed by the Department of Labor was a published document about the NFPA 704 system as compared to the Globally Harmonized System. There are now 16 standardized sections with the new system, outlining the materials that could be used in manufacturing, transported, etc.

The Forest Fire service had expressed that they were having trouble getting their members Firefighter I certifications since the Division of Fire Safety had moved to ProBoard. This issue seems to be resolved as per a prior discussion with Chief Kramer.

The next meeting is scheduled for this afternoon – March  $19^{th}$  – at 1:30 pm.

# 7. Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Advisory Council

Commissioner Kathleen O'Leary reported that the Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Advisory Council is continuing to work on the legal liability pamphlet and getting some representation from the Attorney General's Office on the Council. It was originally working with the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office, but the Council feels that since this is a state issue it should have representation from the State.

In regards to the smoke detector program, there has been a lot of discussion about how to monitor their distribution going forward. Departments accepting the detectors will now be required to report on the details of their installation so that the Operation Save-a-Life program can keep better data for evaluation.

There will be a Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist class being offered at Middlesex County Fire Academy on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a Juvenile Firewatch tune-up course offered on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the same location.

The Northeast Juvenile Fire Coalition has been disbanded. It seems there are not enough people to keep it moving. The Juvenile Firesetter Council is now working on putting a coalition together a little bit closer to home – maybe a Mid-Atlantic Juvenile Fire Coalition.

The Juvenile Firesetter Conference – scheduled for December 2014 – is currently being worked on. A few presenters have been secured for the conference but they are looking for more.

The next meeting of the Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Advisory Council is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Middlesex County Fire Academy in Sayreville.

#### **G.** Committee Reports

### 1. Residential Sprinkler Committee

In the absence of Commissioner Gerard Naylis, no formal report was given. As discussed earlier, the legislation has moved through the Assembly Committee and it will hopeful get up on the floor shortly, and move through the Senate as well.

#### H. Old Business

Commissioner Lawrence Wood inquired as to whether the Fire Safety Commission will continue to receive a legislative report from the Division of Fire Safety. Chief Kramer said that this will continue on a monthly basis, it just has not been done recently because the legislature had not been in session.

#### I. New Business

Commissioner Lawrence Wood made a motion that John Alderton be added to the Training and Certification Advisory Council, and submitted his resume. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Arthur Londensky and passed unanimously.

Chairman Wisniewski felt it would be appropriate to advise the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs to remove "Acting" from Chief Kramer's title and appoint him Director of the Division of Fire Safety. Commissioner Arthur Londensky made a motion that a letter be drafted on behalf of the entire Fire Safety Commission in

support of this appointment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kathleen O'Leary and passed unanimously.

In the wake of Commissioner Charles Schilling's resignation from the Fire Safety Commission and Codes Advisory Council, Chairman Wisniewski appointed Vice-Chairman Pat Intindola as Chairman of the Codes Advisory Council.

With Vice-Chairman Intindola taking over as Chairman of the Codes Council, Commissioner Daniel DeTrolio nominated Commissioner Kevin Krushinski for the post of Vice-Chairman of the Fire Safety Commission. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Arthur Londensky and passed unanimously.

Commissioner DeTrolio also re-nominated Chairman Wisniewski to continue as Chairman of the Fire Safety Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Armando Roman and passed unanimously. Chairman Wisniewski thanked all the Commission members for his support.

Commissioner DeTrolio inquired as to why Senator Bucco, a Commission member, had voted against the Residential Sprinkler Bill. It was Chairman Wisniewski's thought that it had something to do with the issue of homes being serviced by well water. There was a lot of discussion and lobbying by the building industry, so that could have possibly had something to do with it as well.

Chief Kramer spoke about the Fire Investigation Proposal that is contained within the Commission meeting packets. There seems to be a significant lack of training of fire officials who are starting and conducting investigations on a fire scene. The proposal would essentially require that a fire official have some sort of training in this area before they conduct investigations. Chief Kramer requested that the Commission members review the proposal and discuss at the May meeting if necessary. Commissioner Intindola agreed to have the Codes Council look at this proposal and report back.

Chief Kramer also reported that there will be a 5-day training – conducted by ATF – that is geared towards arson prosecution by Assistant Prosecutors. It will start on March 24<sup>th</sup> and end with a mock trial at Sayreville's court house.

#### J. Public Comment II

Charles Aughenbaugh from the NJ Deputy Fire Chiefs spoke about the Highway Traffic Safety Guidelines and commended the Division of Fire Safety on all the work it has done in this area. However, he said that there have still been problems in the field where chief officers have to ask State Troopers to be allowed on the scene to see if their crews are safe. Mr. Aughenbaugh asked the Division to tell State Police not to block chief officers from these types of scenes. Mr. Aughenbaugh also spoke about the issue of the Incident Command System not being enforced in the State of New Jersey, as well as the problems in Harrison in regards to OSHA. Mr. Aughenbaugh also asked that the Fire Safety Commission look into the flammability of traffic cones.

Mike Whalen from Codes and Standards spoke about Charles Schilling and his tenure as the Codes Council Chairman and Fire Safety Commissioner. He asked that the Commission do something for Chief Schilling to honor his retirement – he will be 93-years-old later this month. Chairman Wisniewski said that he would work with the Division of Fire Safety on this. Commissioner Daniel DeTrolio asked that a Joint Resolution be done in honor of Commissioner Schilling. He is the last of the original Commission members to retire. Mike Whalen said he is still working part-time in Livingston.

# K. Adjournment

Chairman Wisniewski asked if anyone had any additional business they would like to bring before the Commission. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

\* The next meeting of the Fire Safety Commission will be held on <u>Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 10am</u>. It will be held at the Middlesex County Fire Academy in Sayreville, NJ \*