

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

Meeting of November 19, 2008

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The New Jersey Fire Safety Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008, at the Atlantic City Convention Center in Atlantic City, NJ.

Commission Members Present: Assemblyman John Wisniewski, Chairman
Assemblyman David Rible
Mr. Pasquale Intindola, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Charles W. Schilling
Mr. C. Kenneth Anderson
Mr. Arthur Londensky
Mr. Daniel DeTrolio
Mr. Paul Hartstein
Mr. Arthur Mercurio
Mr. John Lightbody
Ms. Kathleen O'Leary
Mr. Lawrence D. Wood
Mr. Lewis Candura
Mr. Steve O'Gorman
Mr. Richard Blohm
Mr. Fredrick Collender
Mr. Gerard Naylis
Mr. Kenneth Swider

DCA Staff Members Present: Lawrence Petrillo, State Fire Marshal
William Kramer, NJDFS
Lou Kilmer, NJDFS
Jeffrey Silver, NJDFS
Charles Luxton, NJDFS
James McFadden, NJDFS
Jerry Clark, NJDFS
Jason Spiecker, NJDFS
Craig Augustoni, NJDFS
Janet Dunigan, NJDFS
Joshua Lazarus, NJDFS
Charles Wian, NJDFS
Rick Farletta, NJDFS
Cynthia Wilk, Codes and Standards
Michael Whalen, Codes and Standards

Guests:

Timothy Joo – Edgewater Park
Douglas Ferrigno – Hillside FD
Ryan E. Donnelly – Mt. Holly Twp.
Paul Short, Sr. – Avalon Boro.
Thomas Bell – ACFD
Frank Carney – Pine Beach Fire Co.
Mark Gose – Wildwood FD
Al Beers – Fire Official
Ronald McGowan Jr. - WCFD
Kevin Hayes Sr. – Long Branch FM
Bryan DeLisi – Woodbridge FD
Richard Vigliotti – E. Brunswick
Keith Thedinga – Highland Park
Kevin Batzel – Brick FD
Daniel Mulligan – Ocean Co. FM
James Fonzino – Orange FD
Heidi Michel – Stafford Fire
Ben DeMarzo – Orange Fire
James Rothenberger – Orange FD
Vincent Pereira – Colonia FD
Bill Higgins Jr. – Colonia FD
Bob Green – Colonia FD
Jim Souza Jr. – Colonia FD
Bill Higgins Sr. – Colonia FD
Mary Granito – Stafford Fire
Francis Donnelly – Toms River
John Kenny – Woodbridge FD
Gordon Pherribo – ACFD
Todd Howell – Woodbridge FD
Ted Lowden – Evesham FD
Bryan Ward – Evesham FD
Conrad Johnson Jr. – Wildwood FD
Dominick McClain – NWFPB
James M. Roberts – Millburn Fire
Kieran P. Flynn – TRFPB
Fred Frite – Deptford Twp.
Richard E. Dean – Avalon Boro.
Robert Byrnes – Bergenfield
Michael Saltori – Rutherford
James Sutes – Irvington FD
Phil Zimm – West Deptford Twp.

Gary Lewis – City of Summit
Nicolas J. Kikis – NJ Apartment Association
Conor Fennessy – NJ Apartment Association
Ray Lonabaugh – NFSA
Stanley J. Sickels – Red Bank Fire Marshal
Charles Freeman – Pleasantville F.D.
Paul Dansbach – Borough of Rutherford
Joe Intile – Bloomfield Fire
G. Heflich, Sr. – NJSFA Pres.
F. Gunson – NJSFA V.P.
Vicent Corsaro – Jefferson Fire Prev.
Pasquale Sarnella – HFD
Tom Pizzano – Millburn F.D.
Joseph Higgins, Jr. – Boro. Of Wood.
Rich Heimbach – Pequannock FD
Robert Davidson – Davidson Code Concepts
Steven Wanko – Boro of Haddonfield
Justin Lizza – Essex Co. Fire Prev.
Frank DellaPietro – Fords F.D.
Robert Gorr – Piscataway Fire Prev.
Patrick Kenny – Woodbridge F.D.
Thomas McNamara – Woodbridge F.D.
Bruce Turcotte – Woodbridge F.D.
Kevin Peitz – Woodbridge F.D.
Bob Gillen – Woodbridge F.D.
Paul Korrman – Gloucester City F.D.
Edward Wade – Millburn F.D.
Peter J. Finley Jr. – NJ Career Chiefs
Tom Adams – Hawthorne Fire Prev.
Richard Gould – Woodbridge FD
Cory S. Spillar – Avenel Fire Prev.
James Boelhower – Woodbridge Fire
David Hines – Woodbridge Fire
Lewis Ostrander – NWFPB
Thomas J. Murray – Hightstown Boro.
Joy Shamay – Evonic-DeGussa
Eric Post – Evonic-DeGussa
Robert Griffith – Mansfield Twp.
Nicola A. Lepore – Old Tappan
Joseph Zavardino – Northvale
Steven C. Linz – Franklin Lakes
Bill Bennett – Ewing Twp.

A. Call to Order

Chairman John Wisniewski brought the meeting to order at 10:10 AM and pointed out the fire exits.

B. Approval of Minutes

With no discussion requested or necessary corrections, the minutes of the regular meeting of September 17, 2008, were approved.

C. Correspondence

Assemblyman Wisniewski noted that all correspondence and council meeting minutes are contained within the Commission packets.

D. Public Comment

Red Bank Fire Marshal Stanley Sickels spoke about the high-rise sprinkler proposal that was recently passed on by DCA Commissioner Joseph Doria. He pointed out that many of the buildings in question did not have people who commented about the proposal, and those fell by the wayside. He commended the Commission on its work to suppress everything, and urged them to continue to work with Commissioner Doria on the high-rise proposal.

Mr. Sickels also asked that the NJ Fire Safety Commission support the actions taken by the International Code Council in providing for suppression in one- and two-family homes in the 2009 Edition of the Code. Mr. Sickels asked that the Commission actively support this new effort to protect the public from fire. He also spoke on the economy's effect on the fire service's ability to properly inspect all non-life-hazard uses. Mr. Sickels suggested that the Commission and DCA Commissioner consider expanding what is classified as a life-hazard use, because when fire strikes it does not discriminate.

Gary Lewis from the City of Summit spoke about the ICC Conference in Minneapolis. He spoke about another major accomplishment that was made at the conference, which was the requiring of illuminated markings in the stairways of high-rise buildings. This will include all existing high-rise buildings. Mr. Lewis also asked the Chairman and the Commission as a whole to apply to serve on the Committees (or send representatives from your organizations) of the International Codes Council. Travel and expenses are paid, and it would be key for New Jersey to have as much representation as possible. More information can be found on ICC's website.

Tom Pizzano from Millburn Fire Department spoke in regards to the novelty lighter issue. Chairman Wisniewski said that he and his staff are in the process of putting together legislation that would restrict the sale of novelty lighters to juveniles under the age of 18.

Senator Robert Gordon spoke on the topic of sprinkler retro-fitting for high-rise buildings. He believes that retro-fitting high-rise buildings would cost an exorbitant amount of money – in some cases in the 10s of millions of dollars. He suggested having a person on every floor that is trained and can serve as a floor-leader when evacuations are necessary. Chairman Wisniewski assured the Senator that the Commission, along with the DCA, is looking deeper into the issues of cost as related to high-rise sprinklers.

Chairman Wisniewski thanked Bob Davidson from Davidson Code Concepts for providing the refreshments for today's meeting.

With no more members of the public wishing to speak, the meeting was moved to Division of Fire Safety Activities.

E. Division of Fire Safety Activities

State Fire Marshal Lawrence Petrillo reported that the new fire code will be going into effect on February 1, 2009. The Division is working very closely with the International Code Council to finalize the New Jersey Fire Code, and they are going through all 500 pages of the document very closely leading up to its adoption. The Division has hired two contractors – one to develop a code-update course, and another to develop a 90-hour course for Fire Inspectors.

State Fire Marshal Petrillo reported about several meetings that have taken place between the Division of Fire Safety and NJ State Police on the Highway Traffic Safety issue. A final document is nearly ready, and a great amount of progress has been made since Lt. Col. Matos attended the July Commission meeting in Toms River. This will go a long way towards protecting emergency personnel, as well as citizens, during highway emergencies. A number of organizations have both worked on this document and provided feedback as it has continued to develop. Chief Kramer added that this Friday will probably be the last meeting on this document, and hopefully it will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office after that.

The Division of Fire Safety is now looking to produce and publish its newest Firefighter I manuals. The Division is looking for prospective bidders to produce the manuals for a three-year period. State Fire Marshal Petrillo considers this a vital service of the Division – to provide the fire service's newest recruits with the appropriate manuals for the Firefighter I course. It is estimated that this will cost the Division roughly \$750,000. The Division of Fire Safety is also looking closely at providing some of the educational material online.

State Fire Marshal Petrillo discussed the computer system that is needed to monitor and manage the Inspections Unit. Director Petrillo feels that the Division is very close to having a solution, and will be able to start developing the new system shortly. In the meantime, through initiative from the staff, the Division is working on changing the old system to provide a more effective and efficient means of assisting the Local Enforcing Agencies. State Fire Marshal Petrillo gave an example of putting a list online quickly

that would normally take days to print and send out. This will not only save time, but also save space as these reports will be stored electronically. Director Petrillo feels the new system will be implemented at some point after the New Year.

The Division of Fire Safety's NFIRS Reporting Unit is at an all-time high as far as percentage of fire departments reporting. Director Petrillo will let Commissioner Naylis give the exact statistics during his report. Also, the Division will be receiving another 10,000-15,000 smoke detectors via the WABC Operation Save-A-Life program. These detectors will be distributed throughout the ABC viewing area in New Jersey first, and then to the entire State.

Chief William Kramer gave an update on the adoption of the new fire code. The Division's staff is going through the painstaking process of reviewing every page to ensure the accuracy of the document before its adoption. Also, the Division will be piloting the Code Update courses with Division staff during the first week of December. If everything goes well, there will be a special course offered in the Spring, and then it will be fully implemented in the Fall. The Division is also reviewing the initial Fire Inspector Certification Course, which will probably go from a 90-hour to a 120-hour course by the time the review is complete.

Chief Kramer spoke about the re-organizations of things as related to the training academies. Due to the economic climate and cut-backs, the Division will have to scale back many of the student manuals that it currently provides to the fire academies for certain programs. While this is very unfortunate, the Division will continue to provide much of the resources on CD, as well as on the website. The Division is trying to make the best of a tough situation.

Chief Kramer spoke about Camden County and the federal money that they have received for a Marine Firefighting Simulator. This is in its final stages of approval, and will be part of a homeland security grant for the protection of the Port of Philadelphia. Also, Camden County has dedicated its brand new Fire Training Academy. Chief Kramer spoke highly of the brand-new facility and suggested any and all Commission members go down and take a look.

Chief Lou Kilmer spoke about the issue of standpipes being present in high-rise buildings – as related to the high-rise survey. The Division of Fire Safety has completed all of its research on this issue, with the exception of one municipality. The Division has learned that, with the exception of six buildings that are in the process of being demolished, all of the 101 high-rise buildings have a compliant standpipe system. At the last Commission meeting, a question was raised about variances being issued on standpipes. The Division researched this and only found one municipality that has issued this type of variance. The Division is also pleased to announce that it is on track to complete all of its required inspections for 2008.

Commissioner Gerard Naylis asked if the standpipes in the high-rise buildings were tested. Chief Kilmer answered that the systems were not tested, but Division staff had

gone to each building to make sure the standpipes were present. Commissioner Schilling added that the standpipe issue is something that the Codes Council is looking into.

Commissioner Richard Blohm asked for more specifics on the progress of the Highway Traffic Safety document, particularly in regards to firefighter safety while working a fire on one of the State's busy highways. Chief Kramer answered that it will take some time to implement the specifics of the working document out on the street. As time goes on and more types of incidents are experienced, there will be constant reviews from all disciplines to come up with the best procedures possible. State Fire Marshal Petrillo added that the ultimate goal of this initiative is to satisfy the needs of the fire service, State Police, EMS, and all others involved. There have been incidents in the past where agencies have clashed and cooler heads did not prevail. It is the mission of this document to create an operating procedure and prevent incidents such as that.

Commissioner Naylis expressed his disappointment that many manuals that the Division had provided to the county fire academies will no longer be provided. He stressed the importance of this and urged that it be re-establishment as soon as possible once conditions allow. Director Petrillo said that this is an unfortunate situation with the manuals, but the Division remains committed to the Firefighter I manuals program. Commissioner Naylis also asked about the outstanding fees that need to be collected from around the State by the Division. Director Petrillo answered by talking about the coming computer system that will be updated and provide them with more accurate data. Currently, the data is skewed at best and the Division does not have the staff to go through it all by hand. Commissioner Naylis urged that this situation be rectified as soon as possible, because this is no small sum of money that is floating out there. Director Petrillo stressed that the Division is aware of the magnitude of this issue and is committed to solving this problem.

F. Advisory Council Reports:

1. Codes Advisory Council

Commissioner Charles Schilling reported that the Codes Advisory Council met on October 15th at the Dempster Training Academy. Many of the items discussed at the meeting have already been covered during the Division of Fire Safety report.

Commissioner Schilling spoke about a Memorandum that is contained in the Commission packets that talks about five amendments to the Uniform Fire Code. The changes are in the areas of Motor Fuel Dispensing Facilities, Certification of Vinyl Tent Fabric, Cooking Tents, Examination Requirements, and Mobile Enclosed Units. Commissioner Schilling asked that the Commission approve these amendments. Commissioner Naylis made a motion that the Commission support these changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Lightbody and passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Codes Advisory Council will be December 10, 2008 at the Middlesex County Fire Academy at 9:30 AM.

2. Training and Education Advisory Council

Commissioner C. Kenneth Anderson gave the following report of the Training and Education Advisory Council:

The Training and Education Advisory Council met on October 21st at the Dempster Training Center at 10:00 am.

A Firefighter-I and II text RFP has being issued by Treasury. The bid opening is December 9th at 2:00 pm. The NJ Addendum was copyrighted by Delmar so it is not included in the RFP. Various alternatives are being considered for the Addendum.

From July 2007 through June 2008, the Division offered 290 continuing education/CEU programs with 9100 attendees.

The Office of Training and Certification is participating the development of several training programs:

- Terrorism Awareness for Fire and EMS – with OHSP
- Autism and Developmental Disabilities Awareness for Police, Fire, and EMS – with DHSS
- Fire/Gang Problems
- Marine Firefighting Awareness and Advanced Marine Firefighting – with OHSP
- Fire Inspector Training Program – by Contract
 - Will hold Train-the-Trainer sessions
 - Test questions will be validated by Subject Matter Experts
- Fire Code Update (for existing Inspectors) – by Contract
 - Pilot presentation will be scheduled
 - 10 offerings of the training before February 1st.
 - 10 offerings of the training after February 1st.
- Strike Team Leader Course – by Contract

When we met, two Fire Officer I challenge tests had been completed. A score of 70% is passing. More than one-third scored above 80. Many scored above 90. Registration for the test can be accomplished on-line. Individuals will have one chance to pass the challenge exam and no oral examinations will be held. The application for certification and all documentation must be submitted after passing the test. One document is a “Hazardous Materials: Operations” certification issued by the NJ DFS. Many firefighters have taken the NJSP Ops course but have not yet applied for the DFS certification.

The Fire Officer course offerings are generally Fire Officer I and Fire Officer II, combined. The successful completion rates have also been high.

The Firefighter II Challenge exams can be scheduled by the EO's. Prerequisites are to have previously taken a Firefighter-II course or 5-years as a certified firefighter. Individuals will have three chances to pass the challenge exam.

The Fire Instructor Drill Ground Instructor program has being tweaked to address points suggested by the full Council. The material was presented at the October meeting. It has been distributed to all members of the Council. I anticipate that it will be approved at the December meeting and recommended to the Staff as a course that can be promulgated by the Office of Training and Certification.

Since the draft Proposal to amend the Instructor certification requirements includes the words, "Successfully complete the eight-hour drill ground instructor course promulgated by the Office of Training and Certification. The approved course materials are incorporated by reference..." T&E requests that the Commissioner be asked to proceed with publishing the Proposal in the *Register*. The times to complete the administrative process and to complete preparing the training course can run concurrently. The up-dated standard can become operative sooner.

The Fire Officer program is being taught as recommended by the Committee following the critique of the pilot offerings. I reported at the May Commission meeting that T&E endorsed amendments to the standard to officially add the modules on Building Construction and Strategy and Tactics and reported in July that an Instructor requirement for IMS Level 2 Cetification had been added. At the August meeting the Commission approved the Proposal with a recommendation to Commissioner Doria that the changes be promulgated. I understand that the Proposal is in the Division's Legislative & Regulatory Services Office.

The RIC Committee reviewed its Awareness and Operations Modules for RIC Training and the module for RIC team training including RIC Instructor requirements. The Council accepted this report. The Committee is working to finalize these modules, prepare information on RICs for the Fire Officer Course, and a RIC Officer Module.

The Committee to study Driver/Operator Safety Training is looking at safe driving, positioning of apparatus, aspects of the CDL requirements, etc. It appears that federal and State rules on CDL training may soon be revised. The Committee is looking at these possibilities and NFPA 1002: Standard for Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications. As the Committee continues its work, it finds more nuances that have to be resolved before a complete report can be made.

T&E was discouraged to hear that the probability of increased Staff support for the training programs is bleak. As retirements and resignations occur, the State policy is that no replacements will be hired. In addition to their other duties, the Division and Staff try to meet their Legislative mandate to be the staff for the Fire Safety Commission and, therefore, the Advisory Councils.

The need for additional programs to meet Legislative and NIMS requirements continues. The members of the Council serve because of their interest and their experience and knowledge in matters related to fire service training and education. They get no compensation or expense reimbursement for their work. Notwithstanding they have exceeded the normal expectations of Council members by developing the Fire Ground Instructor curriculum, the RIC training standards, and the two additional modules for Fire Officer Certification.

We were advised that copying costs for training manuals are \$100,000 per year. At the Eligible Organizations meeting on October 31st, it was reported that the entire manual support costs are \$200,000 per year. As part of the response to the State's budget crisis, the Commissioner has asked that all student manual support be cut out.

County Academies and Municipal Fire Departments are affected by the local budget caps. Many at the EO meeting reported they have been asked to cut spending by 5%. Some suggested that many courses are mandated by law or regulation. They may be forced to discontinue offering some courses and let the training requirement be met by the State.

Several alternatives are under consideration. Instead of furnishing manuals, disks will be provided and printing can be done locally; still an added local cost. Maybe one more round of texts can be provided but they would only be used by the students; not retained by them. Then they could be used in later courses. Maybe a smaller Student Manual could be provided. Some student materials might be available on the web rather in text form.

I can't deny that these are serious problems both for the State and for the Eligible Organizations. It is frustrating to know there is a need for the additional training and educational opportunities, but no funds for these essential programs. I hope we can work cooperatively to find a reasonable solution.

The next T&E meeting will be December 16th at the Dempster Training Center at 10 am.

3. Statistics and Information Advisory Council

Commissioner Gerard Naylis reported the Division of Fire Safety's NFIRS Unit has between 97 and 98% of fire departments in the State reporting. This number is an all-time high and exceeding all expectations.

State Fire Marshal Petrillo added that the Fire In New Jersey 2007 Edition is either currently online, or will be very shortly. He urged the Commission members to take a look at this brand new, comprehensive report.

4. Master Planning and Research Advisory Council

Commissioner John Lightbody reported that the Master Planning and Research Council, as well as the Residential Sprinkler Coalition, has met a couple times since the last Commission meeting. The main topic of discussion was the International Code Council and its approval of the residential sprinkler requirements for the 2009 Edition of the Code. The Council feels it is extremely necessary and important for New Jersey to follow suit and support this.

Vice-Chairman Pat Intindola followed this with a formal motion in the form of the following resolution:

“WHEREAS, The model codes of the International Code Council known as the International Building Code and International Residential Code have been adopted in New Jersey subject to modification; and,

WHEREAS, A proposal for residential sprinklers has been voted on and approved to be required within the 2009 edition of the code; and,

WHEREAS, The Department of Community Affairs, Division of Codes and Standards, and Division of Fire Safety with their special expertise in code development will review the 2009 codes for New Jersey modifications; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Fire Safety Commission of the State of New Jersey;

That this Commission supports the installation of residential sprinklers in all new one- and two-family structures and pledge our assistance in the promulgation of regulations to require same.”

The resolution was seconded by Commissioner John Lightbody and passed unanimously during “New Business”.

5. Public Education Advisory Council

Commissioner Daniel DeTrollo reported that the Public Education Council met on November 3rd at the Middlesex County Fire Academy. It was announced that this year’s New Jersey FIRE Bowl competition currently includes Bayonne, Belleville, Carteret, and newly-added City of Camden. The program is also looking for even more school districts.

The New Jersey Fire Safety Poster Contest was moving along as scheduled. All applications are out to the schools’ art instructors, principals, as well as local fire officials. The theme for this year’s program is “Prevent Home Fires” and posters are due at the county level by March 15, 2009.

Commissioner DeTrolio was pleased to hear that the smoke detector program with WABC-NY would be continuing another year and New Jersey would be receiving up to 15,000 smoke detectors. Commissioner DeTrolio also spoke about how the Public Education Council is exploring new ways to reach out to high school upperclassman to provide them with the fire safety knowledge they will need at colleges (particularly out of state) and the rest of their lives.

The next meeting of the Public Education Advisory Council will be January 15, 2009, at the Middlesex County Fire Academy at 10 AM.

6. Firefighter Safety and Health Advisory Council

Commissioner Richard Blohm submitted the following report on the Firefighter Safety and Health Advisory Council:

The New Jersey Department of Health is looking into the regulations regarding asbestos in buildings under demolition. Apparently, the Paterson Fire Department was training on an acquired structure and discovered asbestos present. The employer sent all members who attended the training to a doctor as a precautionary measure.

The New Jersey Department of Health will try to find out the disposition of a requested alert from the Council regarding Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus. Basically, once you purchase a NIOSH-approved respirator, no alterations can be made to the unit without voiding the NIOSH certification. The only exception to this is if the manufacturer offers those alterations as an option or upgrade to their unit.

We have a Sub-Committee looking into monitoring devices which can be used at an emergency scene to measure CO levels in the blood. There is a possibility of a manufacturer that might be interested in a program that may benefit fire departments across the State through a grant which they are willing to help draft.

The next meeting of the Firefighter Safety and Health Advisory Council will be today, November 19th, at the Absecon Fire Department at 1 PM.

7. Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Council

Commissioner Paul Hartstein reported that the Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Council met on November 5th at the Burlington County Fire Academy. The Committee is still working on the “best practices” curriculum, as they are still compiling the information they’ve obtained from all around the State.

The Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Council is continuing the work on the novelty lighter issue. Commissioner Hartstein thanked Chairman Wisniewski for his continued help and support on drafting the legislation, as well as Tom Pizzano from Millburn for all his work on this important issue.

The 6th Annual New Jersey Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Conference is scheduled for December 4th and 5th. It will be held at the Middlesex County Fire Academy in Sayreville. The Conference is presented by the NJ Division of Fire Safety, in association with the New Jersey Chapter of International Association of Arson Investigators. The program has several excellent instructors scheduled to speak during the course of the two-day Conference.

The next meeting of the Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Council will be January 14th.

G. Committee Reports

1. Residential Sprinkler Committee

Commissioner Gerard Naylis informed the Commission that there was no report to give at this time.

2. Signal Booster Codes and Ordinances Committee

Commissioner Lawrence Wood talked about the International Code Council and their adoption of a radio-booster requirement for high-rise buildings. This also deals with the retro-fitting of buildings that do not currently have the radio coverage, and Commissioner Wood feels this is a great step forward.

Commissioner Wood made a motion that the Fire Safety Commission support the radio-booster code adoption by ICC, and pass this along to Codes and Standards for them to look at for New Jersey. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Naylis and passed unanimously.

3. Furniture Flammability Committee

Commissioner Gerard Naylis reported that the Committee is still working on this issue and gathering further information. There is no formal report to give at this time.

H. Old Business

Chief Kramer gave an update on the printing and availability of the New Jersey edition of the fire code. Currently, the Division is in the final stages of doing the editing with the International Code Council. Once the editing process is completed, the new edition of the code will be available for purchase through the International Code Council.

Commissioner Arthur Mercurio spoke about the recent Northeast Conference that both he and Commissioner Anderson recently attended in Maryland. The two Commissioners were there to represent the State of New Jersey and the Conference went extremely well. Commissioner Mercurio stressed the importance of sharing and gathering information from other states, so that each Fire Commission can maximize its effectiveness. Commissioners Mercurio and Anderson obtained a lot of good information through

meetings at this Conference, and it is hoped they will be able to attend with the support of the State next year.

I. New Business

Commissioner Gerard Naylis made a motion to approve the Fire Safety Commission's Meeting Schedule for 2009. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartstein and passed unanimously. It is, as follows:

Wednesday	January 21 st	10 AM	Camden Co. Fire Academy Blackwood, NJ
Wednesday	March 18 th	10 AM	Middlesex Co. Fire Academy Sayreville, NJ
Wednesday	May 20 th	10 AM	Middlesex Co. Fire Academy Sayreville, NJ
Wednesday	July 15 th	10 AM	Toms River Fire Academy Toms River, NJ
Wednesday	September 16 th	10 AM	Middlesex Co. Fire Academy Sayreville, NJ
Wednesday	November 18 th	10 AM	Atlantic City Convention Ctr. Atlantic City, NJ

J. 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 11:45 AM.

*** The next meeting of the Fire Safety Commission will be on
January 21, 2009 at 10am. It will be held at the Camden
County Fire Academy in Blackwood, NJ. ***