



FIRE BUCKET



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Next Meeting

Joint Meeting with ASHRAE, ASPE & SFPE

Date: Wednesday October 8, 2014

Location: Plumbers & Pipefitters Hall, 1250 Kinnear Road, Columbus, OH

Program: MCACO - Training Class, Table Top Expo and Dinner Meeting

Time: 4:30 – 5:30 pm Code Update Class - Presented by Jack Soma, State of Ohio - Training School, Classroom

5:30 – 6:45 pm Table Top Expo

6:45 pm Dinner (BBQ Ribs, Chicken Gloria, Swedish Meatballs over Noodles, Potato & Chees Casserole, Green Beans, Tossed Salad.)

Open Bar During Expo and Dinner

Cost: \$25.00 (This meeting is not included in the One Pay program)

Reservations Deadline: Wednesday, October 1, 2014

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To reserve a table top, please contact the MCACO office. There is a limit of 20 table tops. Tables are assigned in order of call in. Your company must be a member and in good standing of the MCACO to reserve a table.

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Reservation cancellations will be billed.

September Meeting

Due to scheduling conflicts we have postponed our September Meeting. We may reschedule for later in the year or cancel. More details to follow.

Future Meetings

The dates of our upcoming meetings are as follows:

November 12, 2014

January 14, 2015

March 3, 2015

May 13, 2015

SFPE/OSU Burn Center Outing

Mark your calendars for the **25th** annual Burn Center Outing. This year's outing will be held on October 6th, 2014 at the Scioto Reserve Golf Course. We expect this to be our biggest event ever. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 for the Burn Center. All golfers will receive a red Nike Half-Sleeve Wind shirt with the SFPE Logo on it.

The event is almost sold out.

For information, see our web site:

[SFPE-OSU Burn Center Outing](#)

To register or make a donation, click [Here](#)

Benefiting



Wexner
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Center

Burn Camp

Our Donations at Work

Money raised at our Burn Center Outing goes to support a Burn Camp for Burn Survivors. The following is a report from WBNS. For more information and videos click [Here](#)

Healing wounds of the skin and the psyche are the challenges facing burn victims, their families, and those who care for them. And that was the focus of a special camp for burn survivors this weekend in Delaware County.

More than 30 burn survivors and their families gathered Saturday for the eighth annual Burn Survivor Family Camp in Ashley. At first glance, this could be any summer day camp.

"Welcome to tower! Who's ready to climb?" But these campers have climbed far beyond the wooden tower they're taking on.

"A freak accident. It just happened so quickly." Rhonda Foster remembers the 2007 campfire accident that left her and her daughter with 2nd and 3rd degree burns.

"There was a point in time to where I couldn't handle the pain no more and I was ready to end my life," said Foster.

She never expected a camp to help pull her from the depths of that darkness.

"The ropes course and the climbing and stuff help with the nerve damage to our legs and arms, helps build up our muscles," Foster said. "We have our therapy talks. And if it wasn't for that I don't know if I could have made it as far as I am today."

"A burn injury is the most devastating injury that a person can survive," said Doctor Larry Jones, Director of the Burn Center at OSU's Wexner Medical Center.

"The team of physicians, nurses, therapists, pastoral care, social work, the entire team becomes part of that patient's family if you will." The Center hosts this Burn Survivor Family Camp as a family reunion of sorts.

"It's very important that at the end of that journey if you will, through their hospitalization and recovery, that you bring people back together and you see the success," Jones said. Each survivor offering the others lessons in healing and hope.

"If they can walk a little distance, or we can help them with just climbing one or two steps, whatever's comfortable with them, to start," said Foster. "A start is so exciting to me, because you gotta start somewhere."

More than thirty burn survivors and family members took part in the camp, which is one of only a handful of family burn camps in the country.

Phil Gentile Memorial Golf Outing

The 4th annual Phil Gentile Memorial Golf outing was held June 27, 2014 at the Willow Run Golf Course. 53 golfers took to the course on a beautiful sunny day.



When Phil ran this golf outing, he had 3 simple rules. One - everyone had to have fun. Two - we had to have a steak dinner. And three - everyone had to get a door prize.

This year's door prize was an SFPE t-shirt and hat. We have extra t-shirts available for sale at our upcoming meeting and the Burn Center Outing.

Door prizes, lunch and golf prizes are subsidized by our sponsors. Special thanks to:

- Industrial Sales Company
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- Viking Supplynet
- SFPE – NE Ohio Chapter

Norm Gatsch

Norman Edward Gatsch, Jr, passed away August 20, 2014 at the age of 92. Norm retired from Insurance Services Office, Inc. in 1983 after 35 years. Norm was a Life Member of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers. Norm attended Ohio State University and enlisted in ROTC until he entered the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant. He served active duty in 1943 during WWII with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Europe. He graduated in Mechanical Engineering from The Ohio State University in 1948. He was a Life Member of OSU Alumni Association. Those who knew him felt he was a really nice guy. He was devoted to his wife, Pat. He will be remembered fondly by friends and family and greatly missed. In lieu

of flowers, friends who wish may contribute in Norm's memory to the Wounded Warrior Project or First Community Church's Camp Akita Fund. See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dispatch/obituary.aspx?pid=172202858#sthash.pbqnzWeH.dpuf>

SFPE Conference & Expo

Engineering A Fire Safe World

Mark your calendars for the SFPE Conference & Expo: Engineering A Fire Safe World being held October 12-17 at the Hilton Long Beach & Executive Center in Long Beach, CA. This event is THE source for technical information and technology for practicing fire protection engineers. The two-day Engineering Technology Conference highlights presentations on advanced and cutting-edge practices in fire protection engineering. Following the conference is a series of nine professional development seminars taught by the profession's leading experts. Also included is the 12th Engineering Technology Exposition, kicking off with the Welcome Reception on Monday, October 13, featuring the latest products, advances and solutions for your technical challenges.

For more information, visit <http://www.cvent.com/d/n4qwqc>



HOW TO REGISTER: Registration opens two weeks prior to each session so look for an email then to sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Sean Kelleher at skelleher@sfpe.org. We look forward to your participation!

The Ohio Fire and EMS Expo



The Ohio Fire and EMS Expo will be held on September 25 and 26, 2014 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. There is free admission to the Exhibition Hall. Click on the logo for more information on this event.

- 369,500 fires, or 76 percent, of all structure fires, occurred in 1- and 2- family homes and apartments, a slight increase of 1.2 percent.
- 164,000 fires occurred in highway vehicles, a decrease of 4.9 percent from the year before.
- 564,500 fires occurred in outside properties, a significant decrease of 19.3 percent.

Click [Here](#) for more data from NFPA.

Fire Is Everyone's Fight

The fire problem in the United States is an ongoing and continuous battle for the fire service and the public alike. Eighty-one percent of all fire deaths and 76 percent of all fire injuries occur in residential buildings. Each year there is an estimated:

- – 365,500 residential building fires
- – 2,560 deaths
- – 13,275 injuries
- – \$6.6 billion in property loss

Fire Prevention Week
October 5-11, 2014

Did you know that many people don't test their smoke alarms as often as they should? When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. You need working smoke alarms to give you time to get out. Test yours every month!



Fire is Everyone's Fight is a national effort led by the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) to lower the number of home fires and home fire injuries in America. Along with USFA and partner organizations across the country, the fire community is speaking out with a unified message of fire prevention and safety to the public. The goal is to change how people think about fire and fire prevention using social marketing strategies to address the broadest possible audience.



Fires by the numbers

In 2013, public fire departments in the United States responded to 1,240,000 reported fires, according to estimates based on data NFPA received from fire departments responding to its 2013 National Fire Experience Survey. This represents a significant decrease of 9.8 percent from 2012 and is the fewest number of reported fires since 1977-78, when NFPA began using its current survey methodology.

The Data

- 1.24 million fires were responded to by public fire departments, a decrease of 9.8 percent from the year before.
- 487,500 fires occurred in structures, a slight increase of 1.5 percent.

Additional video formats, transcript

This is a call to action for the USFA, fire and life safety partner organizations and the American public. We must join together to help reduce the number of home fires, and the resulting deaths, injuries and loss of property. We rely on the fire

service to fight fires once they occur; however, the prevention of fires is up to all of us. Fire is Everyone's Fight™.

SFPE Job Board

<http://jobs.sfpe.org/>

The Society of Fire Protection Engineers and Fire Protection Engineering magazine are pleased to offer an Internet Job Board site featuring career opportunities in fire protection engineering. <http://jobs.sfpe.org/> is designed for communicating the availability of employment opportunities in the fire protection engineering market. This special job board is ideal both for those seeking to fill positions and those looking for employment opportunities in fire protection engineering.

Job categories include:

- Consulting
- Government
- Insurance
- Research & Testing
- Fire Equipment Manufacturing & Installation
- Education

Whether you're looking to make a career move, or you need to fill a fire protection engineer opening, <http://jobs.sfpe.org/> is just a click away!

Dangers of cooking and alcohol consumption highlighted during Campus Fire Safety Month

It's widely known that drinking and driving don't mix, but not much has been said about the dangers of drinking and cooking. Yup, you heard right ...

accidents can and do happen in the kitchen when alcohol consumption is involved.



This week, as we continue our conversation about campus fire safety, please consider all safety measures when cooking in your college apartment, whether you're on campus or off. We've all been there (yes, even those of us a bit older than college age) ... coming home after a party and scrambling around the kitchen to prepare a meal to satisfy our hunger. Did you know that most dorm fires occur in the evening between the hours of 5 pm - 11 pm, and on weekends? If you stop and think about it, it makes sense. It's when most of us are returning from a day or evening of socializing and enjoying a cocktail or two.

But as you know, alcohol severely impairs our motor and brain functions and that's especially dangerous when we're engaged in activities like driving a car, making important or lifesaving decisions and yes, even when we're preparing a meal. Couple that with being tired and sleepy after a day of festivities and our risk for injuries shoots even higher.

So the next time you come home hungry after having a few drinks or if you're tired and not feeling your very best, opt out of cooking any meals that require a stove or oven, and consider making something that offers fewer risks and is easy to prepare.

NFPA has some great resources that are easy to download and keep handy in your dorm room or on a bulletin board or your fridge in the kitchen. The campus fire safety infographic provides some quick tips and statistics that will keep awareness of cooking fire safety top of mind. Our campus and dorm fire safety sheet is another great resource that provides a number of easy-to-remember tips you can check often to make sure you're practicing all the right moves.

Find these and other resources on our campus and dorm fire safety web pages on NFPA's website. Our friends and partner at the Center for Campus Fire Safety have additional safety information and a host of resources that you can read and share with friends, too. Check out their site and start your school year off on the right foot, and with safety first. NFPA cares!



Posted on NFPA.com by [LisaMarie Sinatra](#) on 09/16/2014

Join the National Society of Fire Protection Engineers

The Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) is the professional organization that represents fire protection engineers worldwide. Through its membership of over 5,000 professionals and 63 chapters, SFPE advances the science and practice of fire protection engineering internationally.



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For more information, visit <http://www.sfpe.org/GetInvolved/Membership/Join.aspx>.

Web Links

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www.sfpecoc.webs.com

Society of Fire Protection Engineers (National) www.sfpe.org

American Fire Sprinkler Association
www.firesprinkler.org

ICC Website
www.iccsafe.org

National Fire Sprinkler Association
www.nfsa.org

N.I.C.E.T.
www.nicet.org

Ohio State Fire Marshal
www.com.state.oh.us/sfm

OSU Fire Safety Website

www.firesafety.osu.edu

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