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Happy New Year!

Meeting Minutes of 12/4/00

1. President Joe Janiga started the meeting with the introduction of attendees.
2. Treasurer Rich Reitberger read the treasurer's report which was accepted by the membership.

3. Minutes of the November meeting were accepted by the membership as printed in the latest issue of the *FUSIBLE LINK*.
4. Chuck Gandy described a new K25 extended coverage sprinkler head (note: it has a rapid response link but is not being approved as an ESFR or a rapid response) with 14 x 14 spacing over rack storage. It is manufactured by Grinnell/Central and will be available the first quarter of 2001.

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5. Jim Tolos reported that an audit of the books of the Society was recently performed. All accounts were found to be satisfactory.

6. It was reported that Murray Capers recently had successful heart bypass surgery. Murray is home recuperating and doing well.
7. The golf outing is scheduled for June 18, 2001 at Beaverbrook Country Club.
8. The annual seminar is scheduled for April 5 at the Martinique Hotel located at 30th and Broadway in New York City.
9. Our guest speaker, Bill Testa of Grinnell, a Division of Tyco Industries who is a member of the technical committee on NFPA 25, Standard for the Inspection Testing, and Maintenance of Water Based Fire Protection systems, presented an overview of the Standard.
10. The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

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TECHNICAL PROGRAM FOR JANUARY


Speaker: John Cholin of JM Cholin Consultants

Topic: "Fire Loss Investigation – A description and analysis of a specific fire loss"

John has spoken at chapter meetings in the past about specific loss investigations he has conducted. These have always proven to be insightful and learning experiences for all.

The subject talk will be on a case example of a failure of a fire alarm system in an apartment building. Evidence during the investigation showed that it was never designed or installed correctly.

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TECHNICAL PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER

Speaker: William L. Testa
Topic: "NFPA 25 Standard for the Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Water-based Fire Protection Systems"

Bill Testa has been chairman of this Technical Committee since its inception. The standard was recommended to NFPA by Technical Committee 13 in November 1998. An ad Hoc committee initially met in March 1989 and November 1989. January 1990 the NFPA Standards Council accepted the Committee's recommendation that any document generated would be a STANDARD and not a recommended practice

SOME 34 STATES NOW USE THE STANDARD AS A LEGAL DOCUMENT.

The Technical Committee documentation of public comments was presented to the Membership at the November 18-20 Fall Meeting of NFPA.

One comment objected to the requirement that the Owner (occupant) be responsible for maintenance and the required inspections. This provision has been in NFPA 13 for many years. The suggestion was denied. Another questioned the legality of its use and thus far there has been no challenge. Bill used slides to review details of Chapter 25.

SCOPE, NFPA 25 IS NOT APPLICABLE FOR 13D SYSTEMS (1-2-Family).

Other selected comments:

- Owner (occupant shall notify the AHJ if system is shut off for any reason.
- Considering certification of inspectors
- As built drawings shall be available
- Inspection shall be made from floor for some case. It would be too time consuming and expensive to require behind ceiling inspections
- Flow tests – off standpipes

- Considering Hydrostatic (air) test

It was also suggested that failed inspections (not done) be grounds for increasing insurance rates from 10 to 600%.

U.L. LAUNCHES NEW STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. (Recent UL Bulletin)

This involves the formation of Standards Technical Panels (STP's) comprised of consumers, manufacturers, government agencies, REGULATORY AUTHORITIES, and other knowledgeable, interested parties. Under this process, UL Standards will be ANSI approved on publication. UL standards presently approved by ANSI.

It is being developed to get more direct participation of code officials, thus better reflect the concerns of the inspection community.

The AHJ's may participate in the STP process by:

- Direct participation in the development process
- Open meetings – attendance not required
- Voting (by letter ballots) prior to publication

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Here is a list of current awards the chapter provides. If anyone has other suggestions please contact John Ed Ryan.

Certificate of Appreciation

Engineer of the Year

Outstanding Service Award

Presidents Award

**Special Awards – Require
Recommendation**

**NOMINATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS –
Contact Peter Rullo 732-635-4454**

PAST PRESIDENTS

Robert G. LeBlanc	1/24/77-4/1/77-78
David Laurison	1979-1980
Murray A. Cappers	1981-1982
John Ed. Ryan	1983-1984
Michael T. Newman	1985-1986
Lyman L. Parks	1987-1988
Marvin E. Milton	1989-1990
Francis X. Bender	1991
Glenn D. Buser	1992
James M. Tolos	1993
Walter Weslowski	1994
Nicholas Chergotis	1995
Fred Nosal	1997
Alan J. Dopart	1998
Peter Rullo	1999
Joseph Janiga	Present

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THANKS

Murray Cappers

Murray Cappers, one of our NJ Chapter past presidents and member since the beginning of our chapter, had a quadruple bypass operation in mid November. We understand that Murray is doing well and is recuperating at home. Anyone wishing to send get well cards to Murray or to wish him well can send the cards to his home at 34 Flint Rock Drive, Long Valley, NJ 08753 or you may call him at 908-876-9341



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Photo Gallery



SFPE Members at the November Meeting. Clockwise From Left: John Cholin, Dick Schwab, Murray Cappers, Sarge Slicer, Glen Dietz, Glen Buser and Brad Hart



Pres. Joe Janiga presents Nick Chergotis with a special award for his many years of service to the chapter



Bill Skinner, featured speaker at 11/6 meeting – Topic was "Lightning Protection Systems"



Pres. Joe Janiga presents speaker Bill Skinner with token of appreciation

Murray Cappers

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1. Are you a current member of the International SFPE? Yes No Grade: _____
If not, would you like a membership application? Yes No

2. Are you interested in NJ Chapter Committee Participation? Yes No

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PLEASE REMIT BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2000
MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO NJ CHAPTER SFPE
MAIL YOUR CHECK TODAY WITH THIS APPLICATION TO:

Richard Reitberger, Treasurer
513 Cross Street
Harrison, NJ 07029

Dues – 2000-2001 \$15.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Meeting Dates/Program for 2000-2001

(Programs Subject to Change)

Watch web page concerning cancellation in case of possible inclement weather conditions

Jan. 8	"Fire Loss Investigation – A description and analysis of a specific fire loss" – John Cholin, JM Cholin Consultants
Feb. 5	Performance Based Design from a Consultant's Standpoint – Bob Malanga of Fire & Risk Engineering
March 5	Performance Based Design from a Code Official's Standpoint – Gary Lewis
April 5	NO MEETING – SEMINAR – Topic: "International Building Code & Various NFPA Code Updates (NFPA 13, 72 & 5000 in A.M., Breakouts Session in P.M.). Held at Martinique Hotel in New York City
May 7	TBA
June 4	ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS
June 18	GOLF OUTING

POSITIONS TAKEN BY SPEAKERS ARE NOT NECESSARILY THE POSITION OF THE NJ S.F.P.E.

All meetings are held at the Hanover Manor, Eagle Rock Road, Hanover, NJ (approximately 1½ miles west of Eisenhower Parkway). Get Acquainted Hour 5:00-6:00 p.m. Adjournment is usually before 8:30 p.m. The Executive Committee meets at 4:00 p.m.

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Consulting – Nick Chergotis

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Jim Tolos

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Brad Hart – Coordinator
Frank Bender – Mailing/Automation

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Joe Janiga – Co-Chairman

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Dave Gluckman

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Murray Cappers

Awards:

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PE Examination:

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