

CHAPTER NEWS

Connecticut Connecticut Chapter Board Members Jeff Harlow and Bob Hollis, along with the Connecticut Department of Labor, participated in a presentation to students at Norwich Tech. The discussion centered around the basic principles of fire sprinkler systems, as well as apprenticeship, job opportunities, licensing and issues related to the fire protection industry.

The Connecticut Chapter also partnered with the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (HFSC) to distribute to all the building officials in the state the Connecticut General Statute for new home construction contractors chapter 399A sec. 20-417D, which requires that the contractor or his agent must discuss the installation of an automatic extinguishing system with all prospective home owners and home builders. The information shared also included two brochures entitled "The Benefits of Home Fire Sprinklers" and "Protect What You Value Most."

At its April 11 meeting, the Connecticut Chapter welcomed Tom Quinn, who led a discussion about preparing for a fire pump acceptance test, focusing on start-ups on new fire pump equipment, covering correspondence, checklists, and common problems associated with some acceptance testing.

The chapter will host its First Annual Charity Golf Tournament on September 12, 2017 at the Hawks Landing Country Club in Southington. For registration and sponsorship information, visit afsaact.org.

Louisiana The Louisiana Fire Sprinkler Association (LFSA) hosted its quarterly chapter meeting and second annual vendor fair on April 18 at the Hilton Capital Center Hotel in Baton Rouge. An NFPA 25, 2017 edition seminar, NextGen roundtable, and afternoon social with LFSA members, vendors, state fire marshals and state legislators were highlights of the day. The vendors for the fair were: Ferguson Fire & Fabrication, HD Supply, Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Co., NextGen, Service Trade, The Solberg Company, Tyco Fire Protection Products, Victaulic, and Viking Group. LFSA members were thrilled to see that Congressman Thomas G. Carmody, Jr. of Shreveport and Louisiana State Fire Marshal H. "Butch" Browning were present. LFSA's next meeting will be July 25 featuring a seminar on technical changes from the 2013 edition to the 2016 edition of NFPA 13. Visit lafiresprinkler.org.



At left: AFSA At Large Director and LFSA president Linda Biemacki (center) welcomed State Fire Marshal Butch Browning (left) and Congressman Thomas G. Carmody, Jr. of Shreveport to its April meeting. At right: Ferguson Fire & Fabrication was one of the exhibitors at LFSA's Vendor Fair.



Virginia On Thursday March 9, 2017, the Virginia Chapter presented a seminar on NFPA 20, *Standard for the Installation of Stationary Pumps for Fire Protection*, for members and non-members at the Henrico County, Virginia Fire Training Facility. There were 88 attendees at this seminar with 20 of the attendees being local Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJs).

Bill Jones of FirePro planned the seminar, Chapter Executive Director George Wagner registered and proctored the event, and Bob Caputo of FLSA was the presenter. Lunch from Mission BBQ was furnished to all attendees. This event was part of an

ongoing program by the chapter to educate the industry on important issues.

On April 4, 2017, the chapter held a Board meeting and chapter meeting at the Four Points Hotel by Sheraton in Richmond. After these meetings, a presentation was given by Roland Huggins, P.E. of National AFSA on NFPA 25, *Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems*, 2014 edition. The chapter meeting had 54 attendees, and seminar had 71 attendees. For more details on this and future meetings, visit afsavirginia.com. ■



AFSA's Virginia Chapter recently presented two seminars, one on NFPA 20 and another on NFPA 25, both well attended.