



**Louisiana Automatic Fire Alarm Association**  
**President's Message**  
**October 2009**

**Roger Bourgeois**  
**LA-AFAA President**

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The recent cool front has been a welcomed relief after rain for several weeks. October means the beginning of Fall, Football Games, and Fire Prevention Week. I urge all of you to read the attached "Letter to the Editor" of our local newspaper. Please contact your local newspapers and make them aware that next week is Fire Prevention Week. Your action could result in saving lives.

The recent quarterly meeting was a huge success. All attendees paid before the meeting or paid at the door. It's really great not to have to send invoices out to collect dues after the meeting is over. A Big Salute to our members for helping make less work for the "volunteer" staff of our association.

All of you should have received minutes of the meeting, and training certificates, if yours required any revision. Please call me at 985-851-0881, or e-mail me if you have not received these documents. I won't repeat all of the information contained in the minutes, and attachments to the minutes (Director Reports). Please take time to look at these (Even if you attended the last meeting) as there is a lot of good information on Director Reports concerning Fire Marshal Plan reviews.

There were 3 excellent presentations at the last meeting. All Power Point Presentations, and the Fire Marshal Questions & Answers document have been forwarded to Randy Harner for posting on the Louisiana AFAA website. These should be up on the website soon if Randy has not already done so.

Boyd Petty has advised me that the new Fire Marshal Advisory Board has been seated, and a meeting is planned in October 2009. Currently, I am not sure which person represents a certain endorsement. I assume all of this will be posted on the Fire Marshal's website in the near future. All of these meetings are public meetings. I urge you all to attend these Board meetings.

**National Fire Prevention Week**

**October 4 - 10, 2009**

**Stay Fire Smart!**

**Don't Get Burned**

**It's time to replace those  
smoke detector batteries!**

**"Save the Date Notice"**

**2010 Meeting Schedule**

**January 15, 2010—DACT /  
Voice Over IP**

**March 26, 2010—Sales / Use  
Taxes (from an Auditors  
Point of View)**

**June 18, 2010—Liens /  
Contracts / Specs.**

**September 24, 2010—Fire  
Protection & The  
Environment**

Global Warming  
Cap & Trade Legislation  
Ion Detector Disposal  
Battery Disposal

**National AFAA  
Annual Meeting  
4/29/2010-5/1/2010  
San Diego, CA**

**Smoke Detection  
AND  
Sprinklers Save Lives**

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**Mission Statement**

**To protect people and their environment from fire through the proper application, design, installation, and maintenance of Automatic Fire Systems, and related fire equipment.**

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In closing, the 2010 meeting schedule with Educational topics is attached again. Please save the dates in your planners, PDA's or laptop (whichever works best for you). The January meeting will be of great interest, since the National AFAA Board will be meeting just prior to our Friday meeting. Many of the National Directors will be staying over to attend our meeting and to hear Art Black's Presentation.

Your input on the October 2010 Training Seminar is also needed so that we select either "Intermediate" or "Advanced" NICET Training to better suit your training needs.

As a reminder, we ask that all payments be made to LA-AFAA and mailed to our 7575 Jefferson Hwy, #16, Baton Rouge, LA 70806 mail box.

[Please do not mail or make payments to the Office of State Fire Marshal.](#)

Thanks for your assistance and interest in improving the professionalism of our industry!