



# Louisiana Automatic Fire Alarm Association President's Message July 2009

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The June Meeting was sponsored by Fire Tech Systems, Inc. of Shreveport, Louisiana. We thank them for their sponsorship.

State Fire Marshal Browning addressed the membership in attendance and recapped the trip to Chicago, where Boyd Petty was presented one of the National AFAA Person of the Year Awards.

*Pictured below are Shane Cleary (National AFAA Chairman), Lee Richardson (NFPA), Katheen Almand (Fire Detection Research Council), Boyd Petty, & Tom Hammerberg.*



*Boyd Petty & Louisiana attendees at AFAA Annual Breakfast and Awards Event.*



### “Save the Date Notice” 2009 Meeting Schedule

**September 18, 2009**  
**Understanding Insurance Requirements**

- Workers Compensation
- Property
- Auto
- Liability

### “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

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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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On Friday, June 26, 2009, 50 persons attended the Quarterly Meeting. Tom Hammerberg presented an excellent Seminar on upcoming revisions to the Life Safety Code (NFPA 101), and NFPA 72. These presentations will be in the member section of the Louisiana AFAA website. If you did not attend the meeting, or did not get a copy at the meeting due to last minute registration, please download a copy for yourself.

Additionally, the afternoon presentation on Explosion Proof Fire Alarm Devices will be on the website, as will the State Fire Marshal's Question & Answer Session.

The Louisiana AFAA conducted a Test & Inspect Seminar in Baton Rouge on June 25, 2009. Thirty-five (35) persons attended this Seminar led by Tom Hammerberg. A total of eleven (11) AHJ's from the Louisiana Fire Marshal's Office and from Mississippi attended this Seminar at no charge, courtesy of the Louisiana AFAA.

As mentioned before, National would like to get an AFAA State Association going in the state of Mississippi. I mentioned 50 members attended the meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2009. We had 35 attendees registered the morning before the meeting, fifteen persons registered Thursday afternoon. We welcome last minute registrants, but please understand:

1. There is a late fee associated with registration after the deadline.
2. We cannot guarantee sufficient hand-outs will be available.
3. Continuing Education Certificates will not be available until 1-2 weeks after the meeting, especially if payment is not made prior to or at the meeting.

Your Board of Directors have worked to establish an annual meeting schedule with Seminar topics for your advance planning. A copy of the 2010 Save the Date Meeting Notice is attached to this President's Message. Additionally, the 2009 & 2010 Meeting Dates are show in this newsletter. The Meeting Notice and this President's Message will be posted on our website for future reference by all interested parties.

Thanks for your support of the Association.



Roger Bourgeois  
President