



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

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

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The new Fire Marshal Advisory Board's first meeting was held on October 21st, 2009 at the Office of State Fire Marshal. The Louisiana AFAA is well represented on the New Board.

LA-AFAA representatives are as follows:

- Gerald Faulk—C&S Safety Systems, Inc.
- Howard Naquin—Sotec, Inc.
- Frank LeDoux—S&S Sprinkler Co., LLC

I'm in the process of obtaining and hope to distribute a full listing of all Advisory Board members, including the "Specific Endorsement" represented by each member of the Board as soon as I can get it.

The initial meeting was mainly an introduction, and review of past accomplishments. The LA-AFAA recommends the Fire Marshal's office to consider setting 2010 meeting dates for the entire year in advance, and to also issue minutes and proposed agenda on a timely basis to all recognized State Associations, so that their membership can be made aware of the scheduled meeting dates well in advance of the meeting. The Advisory Board meetings are public meetings, so any of you may attend to voice your opinion on the issues under consideration by the Board. The next Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2009 at 9:30 am.

The Louisiana AFAA has also asked State Fire Marshal Butch Browning to host a meeting of President's and representatives of the (3) Fire Protection Associations recognized by the Fire Marshal's Office. Fire Marshal Browning has responded in a positive manner. The meeting is currently scheduled for December 8, 2009 at 10:00 am. The purpose of this meeting is to review enforcement of existing rules and to discuss any possible Fire Marshal sponsored or Association sponsored Legislation in the 2010 Legislative Session.

**All interested Associations and Representatives of the Fire Marshal's Office should develop an agenda for this meeting, so that the group can focus on the issues concerning certified firms and state licensed employees.** Please forward any issues or concerns you may have with the Louisiana Life Safety & Property Protection Law and/or Administrative Rules so that they can be added to the agenda for the forth coming December meeting.

The Louisiana AFAA Board had very little input from the membership on Educational seminars planned for October 2010. The Board has voted to present a Test and Inspection Seminar, and an "Intermediate" NICET Training Seminar. The seminar dates are indicated under the "Save the Date" border



**"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

**October 19, 2010**

**Fire Alarm Testing and Inspections**

**October 20-21, 2010**

**Intermediate Fire Alarm (NICET 1 and 2)**

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

**Smoke Detection AND Fire 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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of this newsletter. Seminar registration information will be posted on the Louisiana website and National AFAA website shortly after the beginning of the 2010 year. National will also be sending e-mail announcements to all members in the adjacent geographical area.

We need questions for the January 15, 2010 Quarterly Meeting Fire Marshal Q&A session . Please send any questions to [bourgeois@lahotfire.com](mailto:bourgeois@lahotfire.com).

#### **NAFED e-Alert "Testing Interval Update to NFPA 3"**

As reported by Security System News, the 2011 edition of NFPA 3, Standard for the Commissioning and Integrated Testing of Fire Protection and Life Safety Systems, will include a requirement for integrated testing of fire and security systems to be performed at intervals not to exceed five years.

The proposal period for this edition is closed, but the comment on proposals period will be open until March 5, 2010. You can review the proposed draft on the NFPA website, [NFPA.org](http://NFPA.org).

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.

\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT REMINDERS\*\*\*\*\*

1. Membership Dues invoices for 2010 will be e-mailing to you at the end of November. Please process the invoice to your payables section on a timely basis.
2. The nominating committee chair (Randy Randolph, e-mail [randy@louisianafire.com](mailto:randy@louisianafire.com)) is accepting nominations for the 2010 Board and Officers election. Get your nominations in!

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*In this season of gratitude, we give special thanks for your friendship and support. May each of you have a joyous Thanksgiving Holiday!*