



Louisiana Automatic Fire Alarm Association
President's Message
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LA-AFAA President

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 Superbowl Edition

The Super bowl and Mardi Gras back to back! Why would anyone want to live any where else? Seems like the “Who Dat” fever is rampant, and the rest of the Nation all want to be members of the “Who Dat Nation”.

Have a Safe and Happy Mardi-Gras Season.

As most of you know, the National AFAA Board of Directors met recently in Baton Rouge in conjunction with our January Quarterly Meeting. Several of the National Board Members attended the Louisiana AFAA Board Meeting, and the General Membership meeting on Friday. On Wednesday night preceding the meeting, State Fire Marshal Butch Browning prepared a Jambalaya for the National Board members.

Additionally, the National Board enjoyed crawfish etouffee, boiled crawfish, shrimp/crab chowder, shrimp dip, dried shrimp, hog cracklings, and king cake, all courtesy of Bourgeois & Associates, Inc. Several Baton Rouge area Louisiana AFAA members were also able to attend the welcome reception held at the Remax Conference Room in Baton Rouge.

As we say in South Louisiana , “A Good Time was had by All!”. In case you missed the pictures that Tom Hammerberg included in the National AFAA newsletter, we will try to get them posted on the Louisiana AFAA website. The “Highlight” of the National Board Member meeting breakfast was “Hubig” fried pies, as well as left-over King Cake. A special thanks to all National Board Members participating in the “Louisiana” experience. I sincerely hope they enjoyed the “Louisiana” experience.

Also, a special thanks to Louisiana Fire Marshal Butch Browning and other Fire Marshal representatives who attended the various events, and made our guests “Feel Welcome”. The Educational Seminars at the January meeting were outstanding. Both Art Black and Rodger Reiswig provided an excellent Power Point Presentation. Board member Jack McNamara, Chair of the AFAA Marketing Committee presented the AFAA “Enhanced” website, and member marketing options. Jim Waite of the Fire Marshals Plan Review Staff presented the usual Fire Marshal Question & Answer Session.

All presenters received a gift of Louisiana Pecans for their effort. All in all, it was a great meeting. Approximately 52 of our members attended the meeting, and received Continuing Education certificates. Pictures of the January meeting are attached to this message.

Who Dat say they gonna beat them Saints? G-O S-A-I-N-T-S!



“Save the Date Notice”

2010 Meeting Schedule

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**

**March 23, 2010
 Pre-Engineered Extinguishing Systems Seminar & Exam**

**March 24, 2010
 Engineered Extinguishing Systems Seminar & Exam**

**March 25, 2010
 AFAA Fire Alarm Testing and Inspection Seminar**

**October 19, 2010
 AFAA Fire Alarm Testing and Inspection**

**October 20-21, 2010
 Intermediate Fire Alarm (NICET I 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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The Louisiana AFAA in coordination with NAFED has tentatively scheduled training seminars as follows: Please save the dates on your calendars:

- Tuesday, March 23, 2010 (Co-Sponsored with NAFED)
Pre-Engineered Extinguishing Systems
(Hood Systems, Paint Booths, Etc.)
- Wednesday, March 24, 2010 (Co-Sponsored with NAFED)
Engineered Extinguishing Systems Training Seminar and Exam
- Thursday, March 25, 2010
AFAA Fire Alarm Testing and Inspection Seminar

Successful attendance and completion of exams for the Extinguishing System Seminars will meet qualifications for Fire Marshal Technician endorsements. A NICET Level III qualifier is also required to obtain the endorsement.

Registration forms for all three seminars have been e-mailed to all members.

These educational opportunities are being sponsored for your benefit. Please support them. They are economical training seminars for initial licensing, refresher training or meeting Continuing Educational requirements.

Election of Board of Directors

The nominating committee will be presenting a slate of Officers and Board Members at the March, 2010 quarterly meeting. Please step up to the plate and volunteer your services for Board and Committee positions.

*****IMPORTANT REMINDERS*****

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!

