



Louisiana Automatic Fire Alarm Association
President's Message
April 2009

Roger Bourgeois
LA-AFAA President

April 2009 Issue

Annual Meeting Highlights
(March 27, 2009)

The Louisiana AFAA continues to grow. Please help welcome the following new members for the 2009 membership year!

- Alarm Protection Services—Metairie
- DACSIS LLC – Carencro
- FireTech-Shreveport
- Louisiana Fire Extinguisher- Baton Rouge
- MidSouth Fire Protection, Inc.-Shreveport
- RM Fire Protection – Opelousas
- Simplex Grinnell – Harahan
- Stanley Electronics Security—Slidell

We currently have 60 members. Our last two quarterly meetings have been extremely successful. Approximately 66 persons attended the recent March 27, 2009, meeting at the Fire Marshal's office.

Boyd Petty gave an updated training session on proper tagging methods, and violations by endorsement.

It seems that violations continue to rise, even though the industry continues to receive greater education and training. I can't help but feel that most violations are by companies and employees that don't participate in Louisiana's three active Fire/Security Associations.

The afternoon session consisted of a presentation by Steve Gogreve on Field Inspection and Final Acceptance of New Projects. Several Fire Marshal District Managers attended the meeting creating an interactive learning environment. Boyd Petty presented the usual Question and Answer Session. We thank Fire Marshal Butch Browning and his staff for their assistance in a great meeting!

Several presentations and awards preceded the lunch break at the Department of Public Safety Cafeteria.

- **Boyd Petty received several boxes of Fireman hats, litter bags, and crayons donated by the Louisiana AFAA. Boyd thanked the group for the \$1,000 worth of giveaways to be used in the Foundations' Fire Education Program.**
- **Boyd Petty was also recognized as the Louisiana AFAA "Person of the Year", and was presented with an engraved award plaque. He was also nominated by our group to participate in the National AFAA "Person of the Year" award selection. The National "AFAA Person of the Year" will be recognized at the AFAA Annual Breakfast during NFPA's Conference & Expo June 8-11, 2009 in Chicago.**
- **Craig Naquin was presented a service award and thanked for his service as outgoing Vice President/Secretary.**
- **Mark Lagarde was presented the sponsor plaque for the Louisiana Life Safety & Security Association (LLSSA) March meeting sponsorship. Mark's acceptance and "Sponsor Moment" emphasized how both associations are working together in an effort to improve Life Safety and Property Protection in Louisiana.**

All attendees who participated in the day long session received a **6 hour continuing education certificate**. If you could not attend this meeting, you will be able to view and download all meeting power point presentations from the Louisiana AFAA website (LA-AFAA.org). Please allow two weeks for posting to the website.

"Save the Date Notice"
2009 Meeting Schedule

January 23, 2009
Fire Marshal Plan Review Seminar

March 27, 2009 Fire Marshal Tagging/Field Inspection Seminar

June 26, 2009 Understanding Electrical Classifications

September 18, 2009 Understanding Insurance Requirements

- Workers Compensation
- Property
- Auto
- Liability



2009 Codes Conference and Annual Meeting

April 14-16, 2009

Hyatt Regency
 2 W. Bay St
 Savannah, GA



Conference & Expo

June 8-11, 2009

McCormick Place
 Chicago, IL

The Louisiana AFAA has also entered the "AFAA Association of the year" competition. The award, which is judged by the AFAA recognition committee is presented at the AFAA Annual Meeting. This years meeting is scheduled for April 14-16 in Savannah, Georgia. Information on this meeting can be found on the National AFAA website at AFAA.org.

An election of officers was held at this month's Board Meeting and the results are as follows:

2009-2010 Officers

Roger Bourgeois/President

Bourgeois & Associates, Inc.

Lee Gillen/Vice President/Secretary

Brown Security Systems

Michael Lejeune, Jr./Treasurer

Priority Systems Inc.

Brad Boudreaux/Director Eastern Region

Siemens Building Technologies

Frank Ledoux/Director Western Region

S&S Sprinkler Co. LLC

Dewey Wood/Director Northern Region

Wood Electronics

Barry Johnson/Director-At-Large

Sound & Communications Systems, Inc.

In closing, we continue to have problems with member payment for dues and quarterly meetings. Please review the following and forward this information to your Accounts Payable Section.

- 1. All payments should be mailed to the Louisiana AFAA at 7575 Jefferson Hwy, #16, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, not the Louisiana State Fire Marshal, or previously closed P.O. Box.**
- 2. All checks should be made payable to the Louisiana AFAA, not to the Office of State Fire Marshal.**
- 3. A copy of the Quarterly meeting registration should be faxed or e-mailed to our Treasurer, Mike Lejeune Jr.**

All remittance information above has been on the bottom of the meeting registration form. The next quarterly meeting registration form will have a new look. The remittance instructions have been printed in red and enlarged for greater visibility. A second line for late/non-member fee computation has been added. If you mail payments late, please use the "Late Payment" fee line. Payments post marked after the registration cut off date will be assessed the late fee. Please help your volunteer officers in making meeting registration as simple as possible. Mis-directed and late registrations create problems in planning for meals, training certificates, and Association income. Thanks for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,



Roger Bourgeois

LA-AFAA President

Louisiana AFAA March 27, 2009 Annual Meeting



Roger Bourgeois, LA-AFAA President presents Boyd Petty with Fire Education Program giveaways.



Roger Bourgeois, LA-AFAA President presents Louisiana AFAA "Person of the Year" award plaque to Boyd Petty.



Craig Naquin, Outgoing Louisiana AFAA Vice President/Secretary receives Service Award from Roger Bourgeois, Louisiana AFAA President.



Roger Bourgeois, Louisiana AFAA President shown presenting the "Meeting Sponsor" Plaque to Mark Lagarde, President of the Louisiana Life Safety & Security Association (LLSSA) March Meeting Sponsor.

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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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National AFAA President, Tom Hammerberg (Center) prepares for his very 1st Mardi Gras ride as a member of the "Krewe of Houmas". He's pictured with Louisiana AFAA President, Roger Bourgeois, and Reuben Williams Louisiana AFAA Member who is "Float Captain" of the "fully loaded" Houmas Float behind them.



Reuben Williams, Tom Hammerberg, and Jeanne Hammerberg pictured at Float No. 19 in the "Krewe of Houmas" Den after "Load Out".