



Louisiana Automatic **Fire Alarm** Association

President's Message

From: Roger Bourgeois

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The last few weeks have been busy for your Officers and Board Members. Many events are scheduled, and I'd like to remind you of some of them.

NATIONAL AFAA

The Association office has been relocated to Georgia, and Tom Hammerberg has settled into a new home and office. Be sure and update your internal records to the new address published in the last National AFAA newsletter.

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The main mode of communication from the National AFAA and the Louisiana AFAA is e-mail. It is important that you keep your e-mail address updated through the Louisiana Association so that we can keep National's data base updated. AFAA will not disclose your e-mail address or any other personal information to any other parties. Both National and the Louisiana AFAA will only use your e-mail address to communicate the National Newsletter, Annual Breakfast information and local training events. Louisiana AFAA will communicate the monthly President's message, meeting notice, training notices, and occasional State Fire Marshal or Industry Information that is important to your business.

Remember, if National does not have your correct e-mail address, you cannot access the "Members Only" section of the website, which contains "Member Tools" such as NAC Calculation templates, battery calc templates, and other information useful to your daily operations.

If you are attending NFPA in Las Vegas, be sure and attend the AFAA Annual Breakfast on June 3, 2008, and visit Booth #1862 to say Hi to Tom, Jeanne, and Mike Baker and other National Board members manning the booth.

LOUISIANA AFAA

- The member data base has been updated and forwarded to National. Current membership level is at 38 members and renewals are still coming in. If you are a former member, please consider rejoining. I'm attaching the updated application for your use in "Asking a Friend to Join".
- The Louisiana AFAA website domain has been secured, Randy Harner is chairing the Website Committee, and the website is in progress. I'll keep you posted.
- Meeting registration forms for the June 27, 2008, Quarterly Meeting have been e-mailed. Call Craig Naquin if you have not received the Electronic "Meeting Notice".
- Tom Hammerberg, National AFAA Executive Director, will present the educational topic. The Fire Marshal staff will be on hand to bring us up to date on citations issued, and to answer a large number of AFAA member questions during the popular afternoon Questions and Answer Session. You won't want to miss it!
- Be sure and mark your calendars for the September 19, 2008, quarterly meeting and the Educational Seminar on "Elevators", by Mr. Bruce Fraser. A short biography on Mr. Fraser's "Credentials" is attached for your review.
- **Remember you get Continuing Education Credits and Certificates for attending the Quarterly Meeting and Educational Seminars.**
- Also mark your calendars for the AFAA Seminars currently scheduled to be held in Baton Rouge at the State Fire Marshal's Office.

October 28, 2008 – Inspection and Testing

October 29-30, 2008 – Intermediate Fire Alarm

Registration form and more information on these seminars will be posted on National's website next week. This posting will follow with an e-mail reminder. A written registration package will be mailed to Louisiana AFAA Members (and surrounding States) six weeks prior to the training seminars. **We need your participation to make these Louisiana seminars successful!!**

I apologize for the length of this "Message" but there is one last very important item. The Louisiana AFAA By-Laws have not been updated since 2002. Several revisions are required to match National AFAA By-Law revisions, and the Louisiana AFAA current operations. A "Draft" revision is attached for your review prior to the forthcoming June 27, 2008 General Membership meeting. Do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail or call me at 985-851-0881, should you have any questions or concerns about these proposed revisions.

Thanks for your interest and support of the Louisiana Automatic Fire Alarm Association.