



# Louisiana Automatic **Fire Alarm** Association

## President's Message

From: Roger Bourgeois

**November 2008**

Dear Members:

Due to AFAA activities, I did not publish an October 2008 Newsletter. I will take that opportunity to switch my message to the beginning of the month, rather than the end of the month.

Major activities during the last 30 days.

- October 16-17, 2008 – I attended the National AFAA long term planning meeting and the quarterly Board Meeting at AFAA Headquarters in Jasper Georgia. The meetings were time well spent, planning the future of the AFAA.
- October 28-30, 2008 – The Louisiana AFAA hosted a Test and Inspection seminar on October 27<sup>th</sup>, and a two day Intermediate Seminar on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Both seminars were extremely successful. Fifty two (52) persons attended the Test and Inspection Seminar. Twenty Two (22) persons attended the two day Intermediate Fire Alarm Seminar. I enrolled in both seminars, and spent the three days working with Mike Baker (National Training Director) who led both interactive seminars. Seven attendees were from out of State. The other attendees were mainly Louisiana AFAA member employees. The Louisiana AFAA offered complimentary attendance to four Fire Marshal employees –
  - Rebecca Kinchen
  - Gene Bates
  - Gordon Cameron
  - Julie Zavithsanos

We wish to thank Fire Marshal Butch Browning for use of the Training Facility and Shantelle Brent and John Dedon for their assistance in coordination of the training room. It is a great training facility and we appreciate everyone's help!

The overall seminar went very smooth. We utilized the Department of Public Safety cafeteria for lunch meals. It's a short 3 block walk from the State Fire Marshal's office, and offers quality food at very reasonable prices. I was so impressed with the food; I am recommending that we consider using the facility for lunch during our forth coming January 2008 Quarterly meeting.

Attached for a second time is the "Save the Date" notice for our 2009 meetings. Please take time to mark these dates in your Daytimer, Calendar, or Computer.

Thanks to all of our Louisiana AFAA Member Companies that supported the recent training seminar! The income from these seminars allows our state association to take part in meaningful activities.

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We recently donated 20 smoke alarms to the Office of State Fire Marshal for distribution at their October 28th, 2008 Blood Drive. The Louisiana Sprinkler Association also participated in the Smoke Alarm Drive.

The Louisiana AFAA has also "sponsored a hole" for the upcoming Louisiana Sprinkler Association Golf Tournament, the proceeds of which will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in memory of Brad Bella, son of former Fire Marshal V.J. Bella. I also am urging our individual Louisiana AFAA member companies to participate in this worthwhile event either by sponsoring a team, sponsoring a hole or by donation. This information was previously distributed by e-mail. You can call my office if you need the information again.

The three major life safety and property protection Associations are working together in a concerted effort to improve the professionalism of all contractor members licensed by the Office of State Fire Marshal.

Don't hesitate to contact me should you have any concerns, or ideas for improving the Louisiana Automatic Fire Alarm Association.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger Bourgeois".

Roger Bourgeois  
LA-AFAA President



## Louisiana Automatic **Fire Alarm** Association

# “Save the Date Notice”

## 2009 Meeting Schedule

January 23, 2009

March 27, 2009

June 26, 2009

September 18, 2009

- All meetings and training seminars will be held at the Office of State Fire Marshal beginning at 8:00 A.M. unless announced at an alternate location. Generally the meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last Friday of the respective month, but may be revised due to scheduling conflicts.
- All meetings will include an educational session that will qualify for continuing education for NICET and/or State License recertification.
- All Board meetings will be held the evening preceding the quarterly meeting at locations to be announced with each meeting notice. All members are invited to participate.

**This is your organization. We need your participation and attendance. Your assistance in marketing our Association to “Previous” and “New” members is requested. Thanks!**

Sincerely,  
Louisiana Automatic **Fire Alarm** Association

*Roger Bourgeois*  
Roger Bourgeois, Set, CFPS  
President

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