



Louisiana Automatic **Fire Alarm** Association

President's Message

From: Roger Bourgeois

September

Dear Members:

Autumn is upon us and I hope this means our active hurricane season is over. I hope everyone is recovering from the destruction and flooding caused by hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

The hurricanes certainly did not keep our members from attending the LA-AFAA Quarterly meeting on Friday, September 19, 2008. This meeting was one of the best attended meetings ever. The Elevator presentation by Bruce Fraser must have been the catalyst for good attendance. Several Fire Marshal Plan Reviewers attended the Elevator presentation. State Fire Marshal Butch Browning addressed our LA-AFAA group after lunch. Fire Marshal Browning certainly is supportive of our efforts to improve Life Safety. Please thank him for his support whenever you talk to him.

The Elevator presentation and the Fire Marshal "Question and Answers" will be posted to the Louisiana AFAA website soon. Remember to visit our "In Progress" website.

Meeting dates for our 2009 meetings were announced at the General Membership meeting. The meeting dates along with the meeting minutes will be posted on the website shortly. I'm also attaching a "Save the Date Notice" that you can print for your bulletin board and share with other members of your company.

The October Inspection and Testing and Intermediate Fire Alarm Seminars are filling up fast. Get your registrations in soon if you want to register anyone for these National AFAA Training Seminars. Registration information is posted on both the National and Louisiana AFAA websites. Visit www.AFAA.org or LAAFAA.org to secure registration information.

October is Fire Prevention Month. October 5-11, 2008, is designated as Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is "Prevent Home Fires!" Please participate in Fire Prevention month by purchasing NFPA Banners, Flyers, and Educational Brochures for distribution to local Fire Departments or schools.

As Louisiana AFAA members, we have also been asked to contribute smoke alarms to the Fire Marshals office for Distribution during their blood donor drive. Call me at 985-851-0881, or e-mail me if you need more information on this subject. Every fire alarm company should help in this worthy cause.



Fire Marshal Browning reminded our members of the tragic loss of lives in one and two family dwellings without smoke alarms. Let's all support Fire Marshal Browning in his goal of eliminating loss of lives in residential occupancies with smoke alarms.

Sincerely,

Roger Bourgeois
LA-AFAA President