‘Tis the Season for Christmas Tree Burning!

It’s that time of year when those of us clinging on to the tradition of real trees, haul them out of our house and think “Now what?”. Some counties will pick the tree up as a part of your trash or recycling schedule (be sure to check the schedule since it changes with the holiday season). Another popular option for us fire protection professionals is to “further our research” by burning it.

It is not recommended by us (or your HOA) to burn your tree, however, if you insist, just remember to always burn your tree outside! Keep in mind to burn it away from other combustibles, especially ones that you care about (ie. your house). It is highly recommended to have a hose connected to a water source nearby and/or an extinguisher as a backup plan. Never burn the tree in your fireplace. Here is why:

• The dried needles can produce sparks that can escape into your home setting the interior on fire. Sparks can also go up the chimney, setting the roof or landscaping on fire.
• The wood from popular Christmas trees can produce a lot of creosote causing a buildup on chimney walls and may result in a flue fire.
• Smoke can pour out of your fireplace with no warning, filling your home and damaging your belongings due to the rapid nature of a Christmas tree fire.
• The fire from a burning Christmas tree can burn so hot that it can damage your firebox, chimney and/or flue.

Just remember it’s much easier and more safe to recycle your tree than burn it!

~Lauren Schrumpf, P.E.
SFPE Vice President

Next Meeting: January 6th, 2020

Speaker: Joseph Hauf, PE
Organization: Conquest Firespray
Topic: Smoke Control Systems - Compliance, Common Mistakes, Smart Design
Time: 11:30am—11:50am Social Time
11:50am—1:00pm Lunch/Technical Presentation
Location: Dilworth Neighborhood Grille
911 E Morehead Street, Charlotte, NC 28204

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Treasurer’s Report
Checking Current Balance = $8,163.10
Savings Current Balance = $8,758

December Meeting Minutes—12/2/19
• Matt opened the meeting
• Discussed chapter business, including pending announcement of Spring 2020 topics
• Approved newsletter
• Discussed Toy Drive for Kids First of the Carolinas
• Introduced speaker and Topic: Daniel Gorham — Wildland Urban Interface Fires
• Matt closed meeting and announced January 6th Meeting and Speaker (Joseph Hauf, Smoke Control Systems)

December Attendance—18 total
• Member—16
• Non-Member—0
• AHJ—2

SFPE Corporate 100
The SFPE Corporate 100 Partner Program was founded in 1976 to strengthen the relationship between industry and the fire protection engineering community. Membership in the program recognizes those who support the objectives of SFPE and have a genuine concern for the safety of life and property from fire. To join the Corporate 100 Partner Program (Business Membership in SFPE) please contact Sean Kelleher 301-718-2910 ext. 101. Please visit the SFPE website for additional information and associated forms.

Charlotte Chapter - Corporate 100 Members:
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Promote your company in the Greater Charlotte Chapter newsletter and our website. Complete a sponsor form attached to this newsletter and send your business card and check payable to SFPE. Your money is used to support chapter operations and special projects.

Continuing Education Opportunities

- January 21, 1:00 PM (EST) - AFAA Webinar: NFPA 3000, An overview Highlighting the Scope and Purpose of the Standard
- January 13, 11:00 AM (EST) - SFPE Webinar: Oxygen Reduction System for Automated Deep Freeze Warehouse – A Case Study
- February 10, 11:00 AM (EST) - SFPE Webinar: Probabilistic Fire Risk Analysis in An Automated Intensive Warehouse: A Difference Approach to Fire Safety
- February 18 - 1:00 PM (EST) - AFAA Webinar: NFPA 241, Through the Eyes of the Fire Service
- March 10-11, 2020 Annual SFPE Greater Atlanta Chapter Fire Safety Conference

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Auckland, New Zealand
Seminars: 9-10 Mar | Conference: 11-13 Mar

SFPE20 Annual Conference & Expo
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2019-2020 Membership Invoice

REGISTRANT INFORMATION:
NAME: ____________________________
COMPANY: ____________________________ POSITION/TITLE: ____________________________
MAILING ADDRESS: ____________________________
PHONE: ____________________________ FAX: ____________________________
E-MAIL ADDRESS: ____________________________

PROFILE INFORMATION:
1. Are you a member of the International SFPE? (Please select one):
   ☐ Yes, my current grade is: ☐ Member ☐ Prof. Mem ☐ Other Member No.: ____________________________
   ☐ No, please e-mail me membership information. ☐ No, not currently interested.
2. Professional designations [PE, EIT, NICET, CPCU, CSP, CFPS, EMT, etc.]: ____________________________
3. Are you interested in helping with a Chapter committee or special event? ☐ Yes ☐ Not at this time.

MEMBERSHIP TYPE (Select one):
☐ INDIVIDUAL MEMBER/AFFILIATE $50.00
☐ INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP W/PRE-PAID MEETINGS\(^1\) $250.00
☐ CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP\(^2\) $250.00
☐ AHJ SPONSORSHIP\(^3\) $600.00

\(^1\) This membership includes one individual annual membership and pre-payment for 9 monthly meetings for the price of 8.
\(^2\) Corporate sponsorship includes one complimentary individual annual membership and one corporate sponsorship website link from the chapter home page through the 2018-2019 membership year. (Please include business cards with your payment so that our web director can contact).
\(^3\) Includes Corporate Sponsorship along with recognition at each monthly meeting with a “thanks from the board”

**Luncheon Cost - $25 for Chapter Member - $35 for Non-Members – $10 for Students
New - Free for AHJs (Thanks to Eagle Fire!)**

PAYMENT INFORMATION:
TOTAL ENCLOSED: ____________________________
CHECK NUMBER: ____________________________

Please make checks payable to “SFPE Greater Charlotte Chapter”
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