



**MINUTES**  
**FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION of NEVADA**  
**Wednesday, May 21, 2008**

**Locations:** Las Vegas: *College of Southern NV, Cheyenne Campus, Culinary, Rm. 2638*  
Reno: *Regional Training Center, 5190 Spectrum Blvd., Rm110*  
Elko: *Great Basin College, 1500 College Pkwy, High Tech Center, Rm 137*  
**Attendees:** Available upon request

President Reginald McCollins called the meeting to order at 1305 hours with Las Vegas and Elko connected via interactive video. Reno connected in approximately 15 minutes.

**WELCOME** to all Fire Prevention Association of Nevada members. Welcome and congratulations to Las Vegas Fire Rescue's newly promoted Fire Marshal, Robert Bell. He is the first FM promoted from within Prevention. Special congratulations and welcome extended to Sherri Wilcox, FPAN's Injury-Reduction Program Manager. Inspector Wilcox was recently appointed to NFPA's Board of Directors, Educational Section.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Tawni Petropoulos to accept the minutes, seconded by Charles Murphy. Minutes were accepted following agreement of all attendees. No further comments or questions.

**Treasurer's Report**

Rick Rozier gave the Treasurer's Report. The checking account balance as of 5/30/08 is \$ 24,620.82.

**Executive-Board Nominations**

Congratulations to the nominated officers receiving the highest number of votes:

***Vice President:***

Cedric Williams, North Las Vegas Fire Department

***Treasurer:***

Sherri Wilcox, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue

Pres. McCollins announced a transitional meeting of officers next month (June date to be announced) to “recharge” the executive board and indoctrinate the new officers. Any issues regarding transition of officers will be handled according to bylaws.

## **Committee Reports**

### ***Training:***

The training committee meets this Saturday in Northern NV to lay out the 2008-2009 training. Member requests and cost-efficient options are top-of-the-list for considerations.

### ***Youth Firesetter Intervention Program:***

*Program Director’s Report (Southern Nevada Program):* Doug Sartain, Advisory Board member for the Southern YFS Program, reported that there will be a meeting Thursday at 3 p.m. regarding the separation of the Southern YFS Program into its own foundation (due to program growth/expansion). Partnership with FPAN, as well as with Metro, IAAI, and the fire districts will continue. Grants are in progress, and FPAN is currently processing the remainder of this year’s financial contribution for the YFS Program.

Mr. Sartain reported that the video, Choices and Consequences, is highly effective for use in the YFS program.

*Washoe County Report:* The Washoe Co. program is held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, averaging 7 youth and families per session. Staff numbers (volunteer) continue to grow.

### ***Injury Reduction Program:***

Director Wilcox will continually re-evaluate the program along with her role on NFPA’s Advisory Committee.

### ***Sesame Street:***

This year’s program will take place following National Fire Prevention Week, chaired by Meghan VanNess and Cedric Williams. The committee is currently gathering curriculum information from educators/caregivers. FPAN will also donate \$1,000 to the scholarship fund, as previously discussed.

### ***Golf Tournament Committee:***

Due to lack of staff/strained resources within fire districts, there will be no golf tournament this year.

### ***Fireworks Committee:***

Dennis Bergquist reported that testing is done, but one wholesaler whose product did not pass has requested an opportunity to retest.

## **Reports from Member Agencies**

*National Code Services Association (formerly UFCA)*

[www.ncsaonline.net](http://www.ncsaonline.net)

NCSA will hold its annual meeting June 1-2 in Las Vegas at the NFPA Conference, and encourages membership/participation from all FPAN affiliates.

***Nevada State Fire Marshal's (SFM's) Report***

[www.nv.state.fire.us](http://www.nv.state.fire.us)

**Code Adoptions**

Chad Hastings, Assistant State Fire Marshal, reports that the tenth revision of the proposed NAC 477 Fire Regulations [adopting the 2006 International Fire Code] was submitted to the Legislative Council Bureau (LCB) some time ago. Once it is released by LCB Legal, SFM will give Open Meeting notice for Final Action Hearings (anticipated by 05/28). If no comments come forth and there are no objections relative to small-business impact, the revisions will be in effect.

**Fire-Safe Cigarette Legislation**

In cooperation with NFPA, FPAN may wish to consider championing a bill-draft revision to mandate fire-safe cigarettes in the State of Nevada during Legislative Session 2009. SFM cannot lobby, but supports the measure. State Congressional leaders should also be involved.

***International Fire Marshals Association***

[www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)

Stephen Sawyer of IFMA welcomes all FPAN members to contact IFMA during the NFPA World Expo, Mandalay Bay Resort, and Las Vegas during the first week of June.

Watch for new-product information from NFPA regarding smoke detectors and aging of residential wiring.

***International Code Council***

[www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org)

**Residential Sprinkler Initiative: Funding for travel/lodging to Minneapolis, MN** Available through IRC (Residential Fire Sprinkler Code Chapter) for people to vote during the Final Action Code Hearings on residential-sprinkler mandates Sept. 20-22 of this year. Register via [www.IRCFireSprinkler.org](http://www.IRCFireSprinkler.org)

Basic requirements are pre-registration, reservations, and voting membership with ICC. Greg Victor, Retired FM of Glendale, AZ, will present all information during the next FPAN meeting, July 16, 2008. Have your lists of attendees ready!

**NFPA World**

Dave Nichols, Staff Liaison for ICC looks forward to speaking with FPAN members at the NFPA World Conference in June. He passed along a hospitality-suite invitation to all FPAN members from Safety First—Representative Christine Lowe. Details will be emailed.

**Old Business**

**Support life-safety code funding: Building/Fire Code Enforcement Funds**

ICC's major Congressional initiative is to secure a grant program targeting Building Safety/Code Compliance. This is the first potential opportunity for building officials to receive federal grant funding, possibly similar to the Fire Act Grants. Proposed funding is

\$100 million a year for 5 years for *Community Building Code Administration Grants*. They have secured several sponsors, and are soliciting support from all ICC Chapters.

Submit personal letters/sign support petitions Online at ICC. Access link via:  
<http://www.iccsafe.org/government/congressional/code-grant/index.html>

### **New Business**

#### **Memberships in Arrears**

Many members are late in payments of membership dues, despite repeated notice. Some have expressed desire to pay via credit card. Treasurer Rick Rozier explained that the availability of credit-card payment is not financially feasible at this time. Doug Sartain graciously offered to process any payments through Certified Fire for members that do not have other options.

Motion was entertained to drop delinquent members by the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion made by Chuck Murphy; seconded by Steve Shacklett.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Wed., July 16, 2008: Interactive Video with presentation by Greg Victor regarding the Residential-Fire Sprinkler Initiative.

President McCollins entertained a motion to adjourn. Wayne Daily motioned; Doug Sartain seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1445.