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President's Message



On September 11, two commercial aircraft were deliberately flown into the two 110 storey towers of the landmark World Trade Center in New York City, destroying these buildings, and

damaging or destroying adjacent buildings. A third aircraft was crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, and a fourth into a Pennsylvania field. These abhorrent acts will linger for many years in the minds eye of all who watched the events unfold in the news media. One can only imagine the nightmares that will be visited on those who witnessed these events first hand. We mourn the loss of life and extend our sympathies to those who have lost loved ones.

It is often in the face of greatest adversity that mankind reveals the best side of its humanity. While thousands of people were fleeing from the buildings, emergency responders were arriving to dutifully place themselves in harms way to assist their fellow citizens to safety. Unfortunately, current estimates indicate that approximately 300 firefighters and police officers in New York lost their lives in this endeavour, as the towers collapsed upon them. The search for missing persons continues at the time of this writing. The total number of lives lost is as yet unknown.

Many acts of kindness and bravery undoubtedly occurred that day (and in the following days of recovery), by both trained professionals and ordinary citizens. These services were rendered out of selfless compassion, not for self-serving attention or glory. Many of these events, large and small, were not recorded except by the generous givers and the thankful recipients. These are perhaps the most profound, as they remain unrecognized and unrewarded - except in the deep personal memories of the participants who know that, for a brief time, they saw the best part of the human spirit rise above the results of the worst.

This newsletter is dedicated to the courage and compassion of the human spirit, and in particular to emergency responders – firefighters, police officers, paramedics, etc. – who remain steadfast in the face of danger to protect their communities from harm.

The CFSA has recently introduced a new Associate Member category for individuals and companies located beyond a radius of 500 km from the Greater Toronto Area. This membership is intended primarily to inform them of CFSA activities through receipt of the CFSA quarterly newsletter. Cost of membership will be \$25 per year. We hope that growth in this membership category may eventually become a catalyst for CFSA Chapter development in other regions of the country.

At the summer meeting of the CFSA Board of Directors, there was discussion whether our monthly dinner meetings should be rescheduled as lunch meetings in the future. It was discussed that most of us currently experience greater demands of time and effort in our professional responsibilities, as compared with years past. The result is diminishing time and energy available for equally important private and family time at the end of the day. It was proposed that lunch meetings can provide the same venue for professional development, networking and refreshment as dinner meetings, but within a time period which we have already set aside for work related activities and during which our minds are more receptive.

Please complete the *Member's Forum* provided on Page 12 of the newsletter. We would appreciate your response to indicate your preference for either lunch or dinner meetings, to assist the CFSA in delivering programs that best serve your needs.

For the immediate future, dinner meetings will continue to be held in the customary evening time period. I look forward to seeing you there.

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Toronto Hydrants Get Makeover

(paraphrased from Article in East York Mirror)



Toronto's municipal fire hydrants are brightening up neighbourhoods with blue, green and orange hydrant caps.

Blue capped hydrants identify hydrants with a flow rate of more than 1500 USgpm. Green caps reflect water flows between 1000 and 1499 USgpm. Orange caps identify flows between 500 and 999 USgpm.

The colour coding system allows responding fire crews to quickly identify the available city water supply upon approach to a fire scene.

The main concern and reasoning for the

colour coded system is due to the number of "dead-end" hydrants located at the ends of water mains. While large volumes of water may be available, pressures will vary. In order to quickly identify conditions to responding crews before their hose lines are hooked, the colour coded sysetm is being implemented.

SFPE-Southern Ontario has new Newletter Editor

Jason Scovell, who has been actively involved with the articles appearing in the Canadian Fire Safety Association's Newsletter, has volunteered to fill the role of Newsletter Editor with the Southern Ontario Branch of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers. We wish him luck and thank him in advance for his continuing contributions to the CFSA.

Fire Prevention Week 2001 (October 7-13)



This year's theme is "Cover the Bases & Strike Out Fire". What do baseball and fire safety have in common? This year's campaign highlights some "striking" similarities between the two and teaches people some simple steps they can take to prevent home fires.

Sparky the Fire Dog, who is also celebrating his 50th year as NFPA's Mascot, will be playing a visible role as "coach" to families and communities on simple ways to avoid fires.

Partners in Fire Prevention in Ontario include:

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The baseball diamond will be used as a visual aid to drive home the fire safety message that cooking, heating and electrical fires account for half of all home fires. Kitchen fire safety will be deemed 1st base, heating safety is considered 2nd base and electrical safety will represent 3rd base. Home plate is intended as a reminder to test home smoke alarms and fire escape planning.



Underwriters' Laboratories of Canada

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Amendment No. 2 to CAN/ULC-S537-97, Standard for the Verification of Fire Alarm Systems

Underwriters' Laboratories of Canada, (ULC) has just issued a second amendment to the Standard for the Verification of Fire Alarm Systems, CAN/ULC-S537-97.

When Section 5 was added addressing system modifications in 1997, they took the form of prescriptive requirements applying to all systems. Unfortunately, on most system additions using current hardware and technology, the extent of the testing mandated was substantially greater than that was believed necessary to verify compliance while ensuring that no aspect of the system operation is compromised. Many found that compliance to the current requirements of Section 5 was very difficult and tedious to actually achieve.

The ULC Committee on Fire Alarm Equipment and Systems felt that by providing a number of performance clauses rather than retaining the prescriptive requirements, a fire alarm system can be modified without having to re-verify all of the existing devices connected to that specific circuit. You will find that in Amendment No. 2, performance requirements have been added to Section 5 that ensure modifications do not compromise existing fire alarm systems and that the modifications meet all of the requirements of fire alarm installations.

In addition to this amendment being published, the development of the 4th Edition of CAN/ULC-S537 is scheduled to begin early this Fall. CAN/ULC-S536-97, Standard for the Inspection and Testing of Fire Alarm Systems is also scheduled to be developed as a 4th edition in tandem with CAN/ULC-S537.

If you wish to obtain a copy of Amendment No. 2 to CAN/ULC-S537-97, Standard for the Verification Fire Alarm Systems, please contact ULC at 1-800-INFO-ULC (463-6852). For more information on current Standards Development activities please visit the ULC Website at www.ulc.ca/standards.



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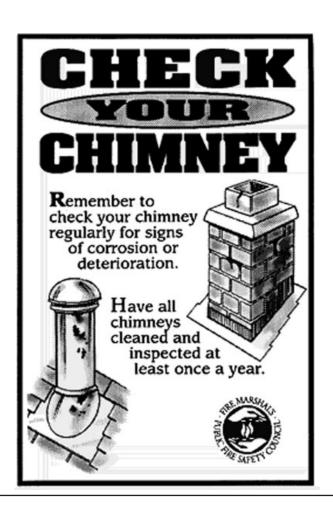
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schedule of events

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'Clean Agent Alternatives'

November 21, 2001 CFSA Dinner Meeting (TBA)



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Canadian Society of Safety
Engineers Conference
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TFS Legal Successes

Toronto Fire Services Legal Section has recently had two very successful convictions.

A Toronto landlord has recently been handed a stiff jail sentence for the second time in two years for failing to comply with mandatory Retrofit Fire Code Standards. The individual was fined \$4000 and jailed for 45 days. His wife was also fined \$4000 and jailed for 10 days.

Derek Collins of the Toronto Fire Services Legal Section believes the fine and jail sentence to be so steep because the couple was charged with the same fire code violations two years ago. However, the couple failed to rectify the deficiencies, which included failure to upgrade fire separations and failure to install interconnected smoke alarms in a rental property in west-end Toronto. Exiting from the facility was also deficient.

The sentence sends a warning to other negligent landlords that the penalties will become increasingly severe when it can be shown that landlords who have their tenants safety in hand fail to comply with fire codes.

In a separate incident, a rave promotion company was fined \$10,000 after pleading guilty to committing fire code violations at the all-night bash where Ryerson Polytechnic University student Allen Ho died of an Ecstasy overdose.

The fire code violations endangered 3000 to 3500 young individuals, by being held in an underground parking garage in Toronto's



west-end. Among the charges was "permitting activities which create a hazard and which are not allowed for in the original design of the building". The violations consisted of overcrowding, lack of sufficient exits and lack of emergency lighting.

Other probation requirements imposed on the rave promoter includes an 18 month term in which any raves must be held in appropriate venues and 72 hour fire department notice is required.

Fire Safety Engineering at Carlton University

Dr. George Hadjisophocleous has been appointed as the Industrial Research Chair in Fire Safety Engineering at Ottawa's Carleton University. Dr. Hadjisophocleous was previously employed with the National Research Council of Canada and is considered to be a world renowned expert in computer modelling of building fire safety. Carleton is also developing graduate fire safety engineering programs at both the master and PhD levels.



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New Brunswick Sprinkler Fitter Certification

The New Brunswick Government has issues compulsory occupation for apprenticeship and certification under the Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Act.

John Galt, President of the Canadian Automatic Sprinkler Association stated in a news release that "this will greatly improve the adherence to proper installation standards and improve the level of fire safety for the citizens of New Brunswick".

Employers must not employ anyone in this occupation unless the individual is qualified or is in the training stream. Individuals must hold valid Certification of Qualification or Letter of Authenticity in the occupation.

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Amalgamation of Montreal Fire Department

"LA FUSION" The City of Montreal has commenced the amalgamation of a total of 22 fire departments. Upon completion the Montreal Fire Department will become North America's 6th largest municipal fire department. NFPA 1201 "Standard for Developing Fire Protection services for the Public" was translated into French for a guideline for the amalgamation.

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CFSA Board Member on ULC Committee

Rick Florio C.E.T., Past CFSA President and Board of Director has been appointed to represent the CFSA on the CAN/ULC S500 Series committees. Rick is the Manager of TYCO Flow Control, Canadian Commercial Wiring.



r. James Young, Chief Coroner of Ontario, will be leading a team of forensic identification experts from Ontario to New York to assist in the aftermath of the widely covered World Trade Center Terrorist attacks which occurred on September 11, 2001.

Hundreds of firefighters and emergency services workers were killed in the bold attacks where two planes were deliberately crashed into the 110 storey World Trade Center Towers. A third plane was crashed into the Pentagon. The New York City Fire Department losses include their fire chief, deputy chief and chaplan.

The WTC disaster is the largest loss of firefighters in a single incident in US History. Until this grave day, the 1947 ammonium nitrate explosions in Texas City, Texas where 27 firefighters were killed, was the largest single event loss.

Dr. Young, an avid supporter of the CFSA spoke to the CFSA in January of 1999 following his involvement with the Swiss Air Disaster off the coast of Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia.

A Fireman's Hymn

When I am called to duty God,
Wherever flames may rage,
Give me the strength to save some life
Whatever be its age.

Help me embrace a little child, Before it is too late, Or save an older person from The horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert,
To hear the weakest shout,
Then quickly and efficiently
To put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling Lord,
To give the best in me;
Halting all the fear and pain;
Protecting Life and property.
And when that moment comes, dear Lord,
When end of life draws near,
I trust to your eternal love
All those whom I hold dear.

Our Prayers and Thoughts for the Firefighters of New York City and our Friends in the United States of America

The following letter from Fire Chief Alan Speed, Toronto Fire Services which was sent to the Headquarters of the National Fire Protection Association, attention of Russell Sanders. Russell is a representative of NFPA and also a liaison person for the Metro Chiefs Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Russ Sanders replied "Your beautiful words of condolence are greatly appreciated. However, it is your prayers that mean even more. Thank you. I will share your letter with my colleagues at NFPA, and I will send a copy of your letter to the families of the fallen firefighters".

Our hearts are broken as we share your pain. We are all in a state of disbelief and confusion as we try to come to terms with the unthinkable and tragic events of the last few days. Our greatest frustration is not being able to stand shoulder to shoulder with our fellow firefighters during the massive rescue operation.

At the request of the Canadian Government, we do have the Toronto HUSAR team and the Critical Incident Stress team on standby and ready to respond, if and when we receive the call.

In the meantime we will continue to pray for all of you.

I attended a meeting of the Ontario Fire Marshals Public Fire Safety Council this morning and was asked to lead a brief ceremony of prayer and remembrance, following which I felt a desire to share my thoughts and words with you. They are from my heart.

"Let us take a few moments to reflect upon the tragic events of the last 72 hours.

Thousands of people have lost their lives while more have lost their loved ones. Children have lost parents and parents have lost children. Spouses have lost their partners and siblings have been separated from their families.

Firefighters, police officers, paramedics, doctors, nurses and other dedicated rescuers have paid the supreme sacrifice while serving their fellow mankind, and as a result will not return home because they have responded to their last alarm.

Hearts have been broken as families have been torn apart. Dreams have been shattered and opportunities have been stolen away from people with promising futures. Young lives with so much to live for have been abruptly cut short. Others who have survived will be scarred, emotionally and physically, and will experience ongoing pain and torment.

Each and every one of us who have watched the events on television, or read the newspaper accounts, have surely been moved emotionally by this very tragic and shameful disaster.

Our hearts go out to the victims and their families, filled with compassion and sympathy. Many of us have experienced numerous emotions including disbelief, confusion, anger, denial, grief, sadness and sorrow.

We will always remember the events of September 11, 2001. Let us also remember the victims, the broken hearted and broken families and the shattered lives, as they try to cope with the devastation and destruction that has rained down upon them.

I trust we will each have good reason to reflect upon our own personal lives. To take time to count our many blessings, to express our love and appreciation to our own family members. To value the life we have been given and the opportunities to make a significant contribution to all life around us. Let us be thankful for our own firefighters, police officers, paramedics, doctors, nurses and other professionals who willingly put their lives on the line for our benefit.

We must pray for the leaders of our nations, that God will give them wisdom and understanding, to act in a reasoned, measured and responsible way as they consider an appropriate response to the wicked and evil events that have hurt mankind. Pray that God will prepare us for all of the days ahead, especially those of us who have responsibility to lead others. In our position of influence let us always be mindful of our responsibilities and to know that we will be held accountable for our actions.

Let us pray that Almighty God will reach out to his children with love and compassion as the great nation of the United States of America prepares to rebuild, restore and face the future with confidence and strength".

May God Bless you all. Fire Chief Alan Speed

Fire sprinkler system "pocket" guide now available from NFPA

Handy new installations guide a portable reference tool for field practitioners

uincy, MA, August 20, 2001 – The NFPA has published an indispensable new tool for engineers, designers, installers, inspectors, and other specialists who seek a quick reference for fire sprinkler system installation. The NFPA Pocket Guide to Sprinkler System Installation provides material that addresses classic problems and situations encountered in the field, and is a companion to sprinkler standards, codes and other sources of information.

"The Pocket Guide gives you quick access to formulas, conversion tables and rules that would take some time to find if you had to look through various NFPA standards," says the guide's author

Dave Hague. "We have pulled together the critical information that contractors use daily, including ANSI standards for fittings and guidelines and data for all types of piping applications."

The NFPA Pocket Guide is portable at 3 1/4 by 5 3/4 inches. The guide is organized into sections addressing installation requirements, component weight and dimensions, structural shapes and sizes, tables and figures, formulas, flow tests and fire protection drawings. Also included in the guide are water supply, piping and welding symbols, as well as other essential data.

The Pocket Guide is available from NFPA online at www.nfpacatalog.org or by calling toll-free 800-344-3555.



Amendments to Ontario Fire Code

Outdoor Storage of Compressed Gas Cylinders

The Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) is pleased to announce that amendments to Subsection 5.6.1. of the *Ontario Fire Code* have been filed as O. Reg 315/01 on August 10, 2001, and are effective as of September 4, 2001.

The amendments permit approval (by the Chief Fire Official) of alternative protection measures for life safety and health with regards to outdoor storage of compressed gas cylinders. This discretionary power is captured in Sentences 5.6.1.1.(1) and (2). Editorial amendments constitute the remainder of the new regulation due to renumbering within the *Fire Code* to accommodate this technical change.

A guideline is also under development by the OFM. The guideline is intended to be used in conjunction with the amendments to Subsection 5.6.1. to assist building owners, and building and fire officials in determining acceptable alternative protection measures for the outdoor storage of compressed gas cylinders. We anticipate that the guideline will be available for release in September.

The official amendment will appear in the *The Ontario Gazette* on August 25, 2001.

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Fire Risk Analysis Rating System

(this article was graciously submitted by Toronto Fire Chief Alan Speed)

he ULC Fire Service Research Committee is pleased to announce the availability of a Fire Risk Analysis System, designed to provide pertinent information to the protector and the protected as a means of enhancing safety from fire in individual properties. However, it is not intended as a means of assessing community fire safety as a whole.

The Fire Risk Analysis System is a standardized and comprehensive method of determining the level of risk fire poses for individual properties and of expressing the results in the form of a numerical rating.

Also, in situations where risk reduction is needed, the weighted ratings assigned to each specific item are a convenient means of selecting the most effective risk reduction measures to implement.

The ratings have been assigned and weighted in consideration of the criteria contained chiefly in the current editions of the National Building Code of Canada, and the National Fire Code of Canada. The applicable passages of these codes are referenced for convenience of use. It is recognized that any building under consideration may have been previously assessed in consideration of the codes applicable at the time of its construction, or following a retroactive incorporation of changes pertaining to such codes. In instances where any feature of the property either exceeds requirements or does not meet requirements, with respect to the current edition of the applicable codes, points are assigned to provide an approximate assessment

of the significance of such a finding and its relative importance in the overall fire protection of the building.

It is further designed to assist in analysing fire risk factors and fire protection requirements for particular buildings with a high degree of objectivity that yields a numerical rating, and where shortcomings are observed, to identify means of counterbalancing the deficiencies. It is not intended to serve as a means of waiving compliance with applicable codes, statutes and regulations, and/or provide a definitive analysis of the fire hazard of a particular building beyond that which is provided for through an assessment against existing codes, statutes or regulations.

During the developmental stages of the ULC Fire Risk Analysis System, the committee field tested it at various locations across the country. As a result of the positive application in the field we received the following testimonial: "The Fire Marshal's Office of Nova Scotia has used the Fire Risk Analysis System to measure the level of fire safety in nursing homes. The program has proven to be a valuable tool, assisting the fire prevention specialist in concentrating on the critical and valid issues related to increasing fire safety."

Members of the Fire Service Research Committee believe this new system will be a great asset to many fire service organizations and those who have the responsibility for fire risk analysis. Available in hard copy or electronic format from ULC at 1-800-INFO-ULC (463-6852) or visit the ULC Website at www.ulc.ca.

Welcome to the following New Members



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Please use the Member's Forum to submit your thoughts and comments on CFSA Programs and events or to let us know what you would like to see as future dinner or technical session topics. Please use the form below to update the CFSA office of any change in address or member information. Don't forget to let us know your e-mail address and website URL (if applicable). We look forward to hearing from you. **Send your comments and suggestions to: 2175 Sheppard Ave. East, Suite 310, Toronto, ON M2J 1W8 or fax to: (416) 491-1670 or by**

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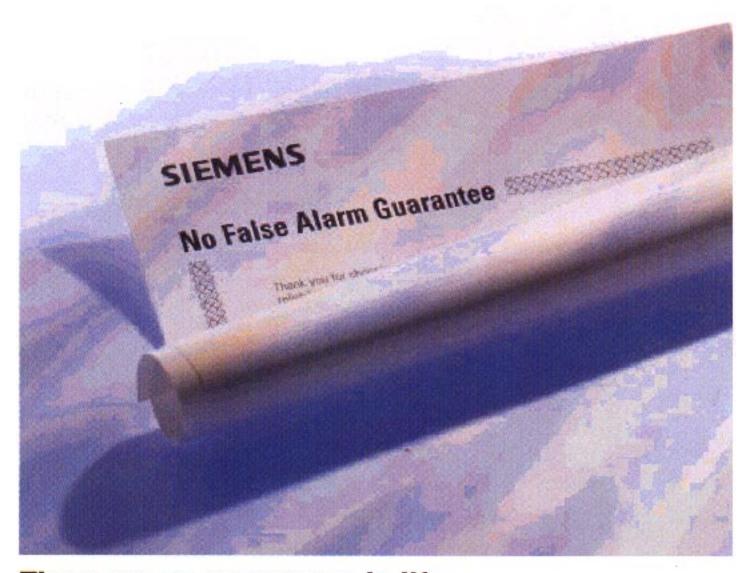
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