



NASFM Newsflash

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Dear NASFM Member,

NASFM provides a wealth of information and valuable resources that we want you to take advantage of.

In September, NASFM released the first newsletter to all Principal and Associate members. The *newsletter* will be distributed on a quarterly basis and is supplemented with a shorter *newsflash* in intermittent months. This is part of an effort to improve member communications and is led by the Board of Directors and the Communications Task Force.

We encourage you to share information and experience with fellow NASFM members. There are many opportunities to contribute, among them: *submit informative articles to this newsletter*; participate in an important committee; and get involved in a NASFM program.

We welcome your feedback and hope that you find valuable information in this Newsflash and in those we send in coming months!

Sincerely,
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Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

October

Oct. 2 - Alabama Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Meeting hosted by State Fire Marshal Ed Paulk

Oct. 3 - New Jersey Pipeline Emergencies Train-the-Trainer delivered by safety instructor Mike Callan

November

Nov. 5 - Board of Directors Strategic Planning Meeting

Nov. 6 - Board of Directors Meeting

Nov. 7 - Hydrogen Executive Leadership Panel Meeting

**Please note, all above meetings will be held in Washington, DC*

Nov. 14-15 - Alaska Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Meeting hosted

by State Fire Marshal Dave Tyler in Anchorage and Fairbanks, AK

June/July

June 28-July 3 - NASFM 2008 Annual Conference at the Hyatt in Denver, CO

CPSC Reform Act of 2007

Sen. Mark Pryor (D-Arkansas) has introduced sweeping legislation (S. 2045) to reform the US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) in ways that would provide greater protection for children from unsafe products, hold manufacturers and retailers more accountable, prevent the CPSC from pre-empting state safety requirements, and increase the CPSC staff and budget considerably. Of particular interest to NASFM is the provision that would require the CPSC to issue a final regulation on upholstered furniture flammability by June 1, 2008. NASFM's Government Relations staff will continue to work with the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee's Consumer Affairs, Product Safety and Insurance Subcommittee (of which Sen. Pryor is the ranking member). We also will provide NASFM members with updates on the bill's progress and may be asking for your help in providing education to your Members of Congress on key consumer product safety issues.

[Click Here](#) for the text of the bill or visit:

<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/billtext.xpd?bill=s110-2045>. For additional information, contact Karen Suhr by email at kfernico@aol.com or by phone at (202) 737-1226.

Guidance on Furniture Stores

NASFM is continuing its efforts to ensure that the highest level of safety is met in furniture retail outlets and storage facilities. President John Dean has issued an advisory to NASFM members based on an extensive report prepared by code consultant Bob Davidson. The report provides guidance to code officials regarding the fire protection of furniture stores and warehouses containing hazardous amounts of polyurethane foam and products made with polyurethane foam. The advisory encourages State Fire Marshals to use existing statutory authority to ensure that these occupancies are adequately protected.

To learn more [Click Here](#) or visit:

<http://www.firemarshals.org/mission/catastrophic/> or contact Allison Crowley by email at allison@firemarshals.org or by phone at 202-737-1226.

Hazardous Materials Advisory Committee

NASFM's Partnership for Excellence in Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety has formed a new hazardous materials advisory committee that consists of experts in pipeline and hazardous materials incident response and training.

The goals of the Committee are to enhance the effectiveness of the existing NASFM and US Department of Transportation's hazardous materials and pipeline safety initiatives, ***Pipeline Emergencies*** training and outreach programs, and to develop and test a new model for the deployment of Geographical Information System (GIS) technology to hazardous materials incident commanders.

To learn more [Click Here](#) or visit:

http://www.safepipelines.org/current_projects.htm or contact Elizabeth Tucker by email at etucker@firemarshals.org or by phone at (202) 737-1226.