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Dear Member,

As part of our continued efforts to provide better communication between the organization and its membership, as well as among the membership itself, NASFM Board of Directors has implemented regional conference calls. These calls will be led by a member of the Board and will begin this month.

More information will be sent out in the coming weeks regarding the specific information for each region. Stay Tuned!

NASFM Board of Directors

ICC Final Action Hearings



The ICC Final Action Hearings were held in Minneapolis, MN, September 17-23, 2008. Even more so than in the past, NASFM's presence made a difference. For more information on the specific proposals [Click Here](#) or visit:

<http://www.firemarshals.org/data/File/docs/2008-ICC-FAH.pdf>

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Draft Code Application Bulletin on Pallets Posted for Review and Comment

Earlier this year, the NASFM Model Codes Committee embarked on a new code enforcement training and support program to help state and local code enforcement agencies improve the quality and effectiveness of their service. In recognition of the trend toward greater use of plastics in pallets, the first project chosen by the Committee was the drafting of a Code Application Bulletin entitled "Pallet Fire Loading Impact on Sprinkler Design." The draft bulletin has been posted on the NASFM website [Click Here](#) or visit <http://www.firemarshals.org/programs/code-enforcement-training-and-support/>. Comments by all interested parties will be accepted through December 29, and all comments received will be posted on the website.

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NASFM Recognizes Olin Greene



NASFM recognized and honored Olin Greene, one of the founders of NASFM, for his many years of service with an Outstanding Fire Prevention Service Award during the 2008 Annual Conference held in Denver, CO. Mr. Greene has recently retired as the southern regional manager with NFPA. In the future this award will be known as the 'Olin Greene Award'. For more information on this years presentation please [Click Here](#).

New NASFM Policy Addresses Flame Retardants

The NASFM Board has approved a new policy document entitled "Findings, Considerations and Conclusions Pertaining to the Concurrent Pursuit of Fire Safety, Health and Environmental Quality." The document, developed with the assistance of NASFM's Science Advisory Committee, is designed to clarify NASFM's position on situations in which approaches to reducing fire risks also present potential risks to health and/or the environment. A current example of such a situation involves flame retardants. The document can be accessed on the NASFM website [Click Here](#) or visit <http://www.firemarshals.org/data/File/news/NASFMFRpolicySept08FINAL.pdf>.

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NASFM Participates in the DHS Public Safety VoIP Working Group



The fifth Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/SAFECOM Public Safety VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) Working Group roundtable was held on September 11, 2008, in Seattle, WA. The roundtable convened stakeholders from federal government agencies, industry leaders, and several public safety organizations. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the results from testing a new standard for Bridging Systems Interface (BSI) and define how it can be enhanced for other public safety communications applications. Rebecca Harned and Peter O'Rourke of NASFM Staff were invited to participate in this roundtable. Over the next month NASFM will be working to identify and select several other representatives to serve in this working group on behalf of NASFM - stay tuned! For a DHS fact sheet on the project [Click Here](#).

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NASFM & Pipeline and Informed Planning Alliance (PIPA)

Through our cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), NASFM has been charged with supporting PHMSA and contributing to the development of a risk-informed land use guidance as it pertains to pipeline safety. NASFM was asked to be a participating organization on PHMSA's Pipelines and Informed Planning Alliance (PIPA), which serves to bring together stakeholders in pipeline safety. PIPA has been modeled after the Common Ground Alliance, as an organization that is tasked to address the range of appropriate land uses, structures and human activities compatible with pipeline rights-of-way. PIPA is composed of local governments, planners, property developers, transmission pipeline operators, environmental and public safety advocates, state and federal agencies and other organizations that have the expertise needed to reduce the risk to communities and transmission pipelines.

NASFM's representatives on three PIPA task committees are Frank McGarry, Paul Maldonado, and Jack Alexander.

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The Hotel & Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990



One of the various projects NASFM coordinates is working with DHS/FEMA in inspecting hotels and motels to ensure that properties included in the National Master List of Fire-Safe Hotels and Motels actually comply with the provision of the with The Hotel & Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990. Inspections will begin in the next month in the locations as determined by FEMA. NASFM would like to thank the State Fire Marshals and their offices in each of the following locations for their assistance on this project: SFM John Falgione (Omaha, NE), SFM Michael Bell (Dayton, OH), SFM Paul Maldonado (San Antonio, TX), SFM Mike Matlick (Richland/Kennewick, WA) and SFM Daniel McLaughlin (Topeka, KS).

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Scholarships for Fire Protection Engineering Students



Advancing the Science and Practice of Fire Protection Engineering Internationally

The Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) has compiled a list of scholarship opportunities for students of fire protection engineering. These opportunities include scholarships from colleges and universities with fire protection engineering programs, as well as SFPE chapters throughout the United States and in Canada. [Click Here](#) for more information.

NIOSH Resources on Fire Fighter Fatality Investigations and Prevention

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program issues investigative reports, Safety Advisories and safety quizzes for distribution to and use by the firefighting community. [Click Here](#) or visit <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/fire/> to download these free resources.

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

October 24 - New York Pipeline Emergencies Train-the-Trainer Session, New York State Academy of Fire Science.