

On behalf of the Officers of this Association I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

I would like to remind all of the officials that they are to complete the 2009 Survey form and return it to the Division as soon as possible.

You must return your 2009 Annual Report with the signed certification to the Division no later than January 31, 2010. Please follow the instructions. If you have any problems call your Division rep and he will walk you through the steps. The division will send you to Peer Review if you do not submit it on time. On each and every peer review case that I sat on, one of the main problems was no one asked for help.

2010 promises to be a great year for the Bergen County Fire Prevention and Protection Association. Each meeting scheduled will have a guest speaker. As of today the schedule is as follows:

February 10	The Automatic Fire Alarm Association
April 14	Night Club Retrofit
June 9	Pyrotechnics
August 11	LEA Operations
October 13	Annual Dinner
December 8	Crime Scene Photography

We also are planning on sponsoring an Arson Course. Although, the dates and times have not been finalized. You will hear more on this at our February meeting.

Your Annual dues are now due. Please download the form found elsewhere on this website and send it in as soon as possible. Our only source of income is the dues that we all pay.

I would also welcome your thoughts on increasing the number of meetings that this association has to 10 per year. This would be a by-law change and I am only asking for input at this time. There is a lot of information that we can share if we meet more frequently.

I would like to remind anyone interested that the International Association of Arson Investigators, New Jersey Chapter is having a 3-day seminar in Atlantic City on March 3rd, 4th and 5th. For More Information go to www.njiaai.org If you have not attended, try and make it. It is a very fact filled time.

The deadline for submitting poster contest entries here in Bergen County is March 15, 2010. Please contact Fire Official Alan Silverman for more information.

Please remember every time there is a change in LEA information, please complete and forward the LEA SURVEY FORM to the division or contact Paul Elinio Bergen County local Assistance rep for help.

In order for this Association to be a viable organization, I need your input. If you have any thoughts or comments please call me at 201-321-9550. In fact call me if have any problem with enforcement. It is possible that someone else in the Association had the same problem and gained compliance.

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