

The February meeting was cancelled due to the snowstorm, it has been rescheduled to March 10th at 7:30P.M. You will be notified as to the location via e-mail.

It is the intention of your Executive Board to have a quality educational program before each meeting. As of now we are set for the remainder of 2010. If you have any ideas or topics you would like covered, please let me know.

Beginning with this meeting and all future meetings, you will receive an e-mail announcing the meeting. **THIS WILL BE YOUR ONLY NOTIFICATION**. Therefore, it is imperative that you supply us with a valid E-Mail address in order for you to be notified.

Member participation in any association is important for the organization to be successful. Our Association is no different. Please sign up for a committee. This does not require a lot of work except for a brief statement as to what is going on at each meeting. There will be sign-up sheets at all meetings. Please help your Association. Sign up for a committee. Your input is very important to the success of this organization

The arson course that we have been talking about is coming to life .It will begin in mid-March and end sometime in June. Vice President Silvia will discuss this at the meeting.

I have received word from Trenton that the Governor has put a moratorium on any new regulations passed. This affects the sprinkler regulations for 1 & 2 family homes. Although not slated for implementation until 2012, it is cause for alarm and we all should be concerned. We fought very hard to have this included in the codes.

The Arson Conference sponsored by the International Association of Arson Investigators- New Jersey Chapter will be March 3, 4 & 5 at Ballys, Atlantic City. This is a very good event and is worth attending. This organization is worth joining. They have a lot of educational programs that earn you Division credits.

Consider becoming a member of the New Jersey State Fire Prevention & Protection Association. Membership applications will be available at all meetings. This Association is our direct link to Trenton and is worthy of your membership.

Undoubtedly, you heard or read about the new member of a Bergen County Fire Department who chose to celebrate the New Year by launching bottle rockets of some sort. Unfortunately, the rocket went off course and crashed into a nearby house causing some damage. This kind of action is dangerous and unlawful. We as Fire Officials and Fire Inspectors must take the lead in informing the members of our respective departments that this type of action shall not be tolerated. Fire works of any type are Illegal in New Jersey unless the Local Fire Official issues a permit and a licensed pyrotechnic company discharges them. We were lucky this time but what about the next. Be vigilant and enforce the code equally.

I ask each and every one of you to contact me if you have any concerns or ideas on how to improve this Association

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