

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION

Bergen County
Fire Prevention &
Protection
Association

Newsletter of the BCFPPA - June 2007

June Meeting Date

The next meeting of our organization will be on Tuesday June 19th at 8pm.

Closter Fire Prevention will be hosting the meeting, firehouse location is 100 Ruckman Road. Please contact FO Kevin Whitney for directions if needed, 201-376-7893

Note: The next meeting of the Association has been rescheduled from Wed June 13, 2007 to Tues June 19. This change is at the request of the membership and association officers due to a conflict with an awards ceremony being held on June 13 honoring Bergen County Fire Academy Chief/County Fire Coordinator Larry Rauch. Our association officers and various members are planning to attend this unique event to assist in honoring this well deserved individual.



Topics for Meeting

Along with normal business, some of the topics that will be discussed at the next meeting are:

- Special Guest Speaker/Presentation. Please see attached President's Message for details
- Any code related questions which members would like to discuss, all are encouraged to participate, please bring your questions !
- Review final set of bylaws. These will be read for the second and final reading
- All scholarship applications and award applications are due

2007 Meeting Dates & Locations

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| June 19 | Closter FD |
| August 8 | Carlstadt FD |
| October 18 | Awards Dinner Season's – Washington Twp |
| November 14 | Ramsey – Elections Mtg Island Ave |
| December 12 | Westwood FD |

Tips and Updates

Fire Prevention Week Resource Material

Great website referral from Darren B, lots of useful information and resources on this site. Content includes training, education stuff, instructors guide's, dvd's, hand-out's, etc

www.homesafetycouncil.org

General Electric Recalls Dishwashers Due to Fire Hazard

Liquid rinse-aid can leak from its dispenser onto the dishwasher's internal wiring which can cause an electrical short and overheating. GE has received 191 reports of overheated wiring including 56 reports of property damage. There were 12 reports of fires that escaped the dishwasher. Description: The recall includes GE built-in dishwashers sold under the following brand names: Eterna, GE, GE Profile(tm), GE Monogram(r), Hotpoint(r), and Sears-Kenmore.

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml07/07190.html>

Fire Safety Spotlight

Ridgefield Fire Prevention Bureau

Fire Official: Jim Brierty

Age: 22

Years as Fire Official: 5 months

Certifications: Fire official, firefighter 1, 2, 3

Other positions held: Lieutenant

Number of inspectors: 5

Square Miles: 2

Number of inspections: approx. 110 LHU and 300 NLHU

Interesting facts:

Their fire prevention bureau has been around since the 60s. They inspect a wide variety of businesses from multi-family dwellings to a PSEG cogeneration plant.

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Next Meeting Information

Date:

Tuesday, June 19, 8:00 P.M.

Location:

Closter FD / 100 Ruckman Rd

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER -

Associated Fire Protection -

Kitchen Suppression Systems

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<http://www.bcfppa.org>

President's Message

Dear Member,

This month promises to be an informative session for all. Joe Mauro has been able to make arrangements for a guest presentation on Kitchen Suppression Systems. Mr. Brett Straten of Associated Fire Protection will be present to speak to our group about overview of various kitchen hood systems and NFPA inspection procedures. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

The New Jersey Division of Fire Safety recently announced the 2006-2007 State Poster contest winners. Bergen County has two winners of awards that will be given out on June 12, 2007 at Springfield Fire Department Headquarters. The first winner is Miss Gina Beneduci, Lincoln School in Carlstadt for Division #1. The second winner is Vincent Munafo, Jefferson Elementary School in Lyndhurst. Each winner is a recipient of a new Dell computer. A special congratulations goes out to both winners!

Other Bergen winners are:

Division #1: Gina Beneduci, Carlstadt
Division #2: Carter Murdock, Bergenfield
Division #3: Justin Chan, Elmwood Park
Division #4: Jocelyn Eleaine Fermin, Garfield
Division #6: Vincent Manafo, Lyndhurst
Division #7: Vanessa Grajales, Elmwood Park

This month will be the start a new column in the newsletter called "Fire Safety Spotlight" In this section we will highlight a Fire Prevention Bureau or Fire Protection Official. Each month a new bureau or official will be featured. If anybody has any recommendations, please contact the President.

Reminder

All dues are due at the June meeting. Anybody who is not paid up by this date will be removed from active membership and the newsletter mailing will be stopped.

Thank you for your continuing support of our organization. As always, any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Ron S.
President