



**Tennessee Valley Chapter
Society of Fire Protection Engineers
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TVSFPE Members and Friends,

The Tennessee Valley Chapter held its first monthly meeting of the 2013 year on January 10, 2013. Twenty nine members, chapter friends, visitors attended. Our speaker, Mr. John Noel from FLEXHEAD Industries, discussed flexible sprinkler connections for fire protection systems. Some of us even walked away with a few samples. Thank you to Mr. Noel for the presentation to the chapter.

During the Treasure's report it was reported that the checking account has \$1,369.98, savings has \$2,084.19 and the scholarship savings account has \$72,402.27. We would also like to remind everyone Chapter dues are requested by the end of January. We have currently collected approximately 50% (33 members) of our chapter dues.

Our outgoing president, Gary Sharp, was kind enough to recap his two terms by providing information on the;

- state of the chapter finances,
- our scholarship activities - \$5,000 awarded over two years to three individuals, Shay Massey, Richard Emberly, and Joshua Swann
- our donations - \$1,500 awarded to two organizations, the Southern Appalachian Science and Engineering Fair, and the SFPE Science and Education Foundation
- our community outreach activities – safety fairs, engineering days, society/group lecturers, etc..
- TVSFPE Seminar activities
- The receipt of our 3rd Gold SFPE Chapter award in a row.

Election of the 2013 slate of officers finally occurred with myself as president, Luke Platfoot as Vice President, Sam Barrack as Secretary, Jimmy Landmesser Jr. as Treasurer, and Monty Overton and Leonard Miller as members at large.

Several issues listed as “Old Business” were put off until the February meeting due to allowing for more discussion time. The issues were donations (Knox County Sprinkler Trailer and the Southern Appalachian Science and Engineering Fair) and possible dues increase. Each of these topics was deferred to our February meeting as part of an overall discussion on budgeting. One issue that was addressed was the IRS tax status and the need to pay \$1,000 for the filing fee. Approval has been granted to proceed with this action.

The discussion of New Business included the planning of the 2013 seminar. The International Code Council (ICC) has been contracted to provide a 2 day (1.2 CEU) class, “2009 IBC Performing Nonstructural Plan Reviews”. The seminar will be held at the Bearden Banquet Hall and will cost is \$400 for professionals and \$200 for fire service personnel.

If anyone has suggestions on new meeting locations, topics, or other items please let me know.

Sincerely,

Patrick Thornton, President