



Louisiana Automatic **Fire** Alarm Association
President's Message
December 2020

Danny Brown
LA-AFAA President

Greeting members and friends of the Louisiana Automatic **Fire** Alarm Association. I hope all are staying safe and well.

Let me start by wishing all A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. I hope you enjoy time with family and friends. Please take every safety precaution to protect yourself and others from the spread of COVID-19. I have also attached a Fire Marshal Press release concerning fireworks sales and safety tips during the holiday season.

We have a lot to cover so let me get started.

2021 LA AFAA Membership Notice

For the companies and individuals who renewed or joined the association in 2020, the board voted to extend these memberships thru December 2021. We will be sending out a letter and membership certificate shortly to these members.

January 2021 Meeting

We are on schedule to have our in person January 2021 quarterly meeting in Baton Rouge. With the anticipation of a large turnout and to insure we stay in line with the CDC and State Social Distancing Laws, we will be holding this at The Embassy Suites, 4914 Constitution Avenue, Baton Rouge. We have a confirmed room rate of \$109.00 per night. Attached are the meeting notice and registration form. It is important you register early as we are limited to 70 persons and we will cutoff at 70.

Note: For those who registered and payment received for our March 2020, meeting we were required to cancel due to COVID, you are set for our January meeting. We will inform you by email of those you registered in case you need to make a change in personnel attending.

We are scheduled to have Administrative Rules, Fire Alarm Plan Review and Life Safe Code. Both of these classes are required for qualifiers and must be taken at least once every three years.

We will have an update on Electronic Tagging and the IMS System. You will not want to miss this.

Each person will receive 6 CEU's if they attend the business meeting and both classes.

**"Save the Date
Notice"**

**January 21, 2021
LA AFAA Board
Meeting
Dukes Restaurant
Denham Springs**

**January 22, 2021
LA AFAA Quarterly
Meeting
Embassy Suites
Baton Rouge**

**March 19, 2021
LA AFAA Quarterly
Meeting and Board
Elections
Location TBD**

**June 18, 2021
LA AFAA Quarterly
Meeting
Location TBD**

**September 24, 2021
LA AFAA Quarterly
Meeting
Location TBD**

**Smoke Detection
AND
Fire Sprinklers Save Lives**



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Continuing Education Points for 2020 and Fire Marshal License Renewals.

Over the past six months many have inquired about the CEU's required for license renewals. With COVID, there has been a shutdown of regular scheduled training classes, regular scheduled meetings, and many other options for acquiring CEU's have not been available. The Education Board voted to extend the time to obtain the 2020 CEU requirement thru March 31, 2021. Please note these CEU's are for 2020 or 2021. They cannot be used for 2020 and 2021. Please see attached Office of State Fire Marshal Memo concerning CEU extension time.

As mentioned in my January Meeting Notice , you can obtain six (6) CEU's attending our full January meeting.

Life Safety and Property Protection Board Update.

The Life Safety and Property Protection Education Board has several Board members with terms expiring this month and January 2021. Specifically, they include the following seats:

1. Fire Alarm
2. Fire Sprinkler
3. Locksmith
4. Door Hardware
5. Fire Extinguishers
6. Hydrostatic Testing
7. Security
8. Associate Industry
9. Conveyance Device (2)

If you would like to apply for a board position you can click on the below link.

<https://gov.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/form/home/14>

In closing, I want to thank you for your support of the LA AFAA . We are looking forward to a great 2021. I think anything that could have happened in 2020 happened. Definitely has been a different and trying year and we learned a lot. One thing is for certain, by now we should all know how to wash out hands and wear a mask.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel J. Brown
LA AFAA President



Louisiana Automatic Fire Alarm Association, Inc.

Quarterly Meeting
DATE: January 22, 2021, TIME: 8:00AM
Meeting Sponsor:



The Quarterly meeting will be Friday, January 22, 2021
Embassy Suites By Hilton, 4914 Constitution Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA. 70809

REQUIRED TRAINING FOR QUALIFIERS WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS.
9:45-11:55 AM LA State Fire Marshal Administrative Rules Course
1:00- 3:00 PM LA State Fire Marshal Fire Alarm & Locking Plan Review Course and Life Safety Code Course
3:00-3:15 PM Break
3:15 to 4:15 PM LA State Fire Marshal Electronic Tagging and IMS System

Fire Marshal Questions and Answers, THEY ARE BACK.

You have asked and the Fire Marshal has confirmed they will support the Q&A session. Please submit any question(s) you have from licensing, code interpretation or final inspections to Peter Delaune at pdelaune@laafaa.org and he will submit to the Fire Marshal's office. **Note, questions must be received by January 15th** to be answered in this meeting. Questions received after January 15th will be answered in March 2021.

A Certificate for 6 Continuing Education Credits will be issued for attendance of all sessions. See Meeting Agenda for details regarding Contact Hours.

The Board Meeting will be held at Dukes Seafood and Steakhouse, 2591 Range Ave, Denham Springs, LA. 70726 at 6:00 PM on January 21, 2021.

The Board and Quarterly Meetings are extremely important for our Association. If you cannot attend the Board Meeting, but have any suggestions to be considered; please forward them to any of the Officers or Directors. Please see attached for Board and Officer Contact Information.

There is no charge to attend the Board Meeting and all members are invited to attend. Meals and drinks are on your own. Please notify Ron Case at rcase@laafaa.org if you plan to attend the Board Meeting so proper meal scheduling can be coordinated.

Meeting Registration Form

Organization/Business Name _____

Address – City, State, Zip _____

Telephone Number () _____ Fax Number () _____

Email Address _____

Name _____ Name _____

Name _____ Name _____

Name _____ Name _____

MEMBERS

PREPAID & PRE-REGISTERED \$45.00 – (1st PERSON), \$25.00 EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON

_____ person @ \$45.00 _____ persons @ \$25.00 **TOTAL** _____

NON-MEMBERS & LATE REGISTRANTS (PAYMENT AFTER January 15, 2021 & AT THE DOOR)

PREPAID & PRE-REGISTERED \$55.00 – (1st PERSON), \$35.00 EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON

_____ person @ \$55.00 _____ persons @ \$35.00 **TOTAL** _____

PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION & PAYMENT TO:
LOUISIANA-AFAA 7515 Jefferson Hwy, #16 Baton Rouge, LA. 70806
Email a COPY to: laafaa1993@gmail.com

(No refunds will be given for cancellations after the registration deadline indicated above.)

“Smoke Detectors AND Fire Sprinklers Save Lives”

Louisiana Automatic Fire Alarm Association
General Membership Meeting Agenda
Baton Rouge, LA

LOCATION: Embassy Suites by Hilton
4914 Constitution Ave.
Baton Rouge, LA. 70808

DATE: January 22, 2021

Meeting Sponsor:



8:00 AM- 8:30 AM

NETWORKING, SIGN IN
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:30 – 9:30 AM

- I. CALL TO ORDER (LA-AFAA Business Meeting)
 - A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - B. INTRODUCTION OF SPONSOR
 - C. READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 5
- II. SELF INTRODUCTION
 - A. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS
- III. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING-PETER DELAUNE
- IV. REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS
 - A. TREASURER – RON CASE
 - B. EASTERN REGION DIRECTOR – EDWARD CONRADI
 - C. WESTERN REGION DIRECTOR – GREG SAVANT
 - D. NORTHERN REPORT-LEE GILLEN
 - E. DIRECTOR AT LARGE – DANNY BROWN
 - F. PRESIDENT’S REPORT - DANNY BROWN
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. EDUCATION – EDWARD CONRADI
 - B. MEMBERSHIP – DANNY BROWN
 - C. SFM LIAISON – DON LAW
 - D. WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA- FRANK GARDNER
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. UPDATE ON FIRE PROTECTION RULES
 - B. UPDATE ON LS&PP EDUCATION BOARD
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. MEETING SPONSORS FOR MARCH, JUNE AND SEPTEMBER MEETINGS.
 - B. BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS MARCH 2021
 - C. ELECTRONIC TAGGING AND IMS SYSTEM
 - D. GOOD OF THE ORDER
- VIII. BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT (1) Contact Hour

9:30 AM- 9:45 AM

BREAK

9:45 AM- 11:45 AM

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES-LA STATE FIRE MARSHAL. (2) Contact Hours

10:45AM-11:45 AM

11:55 AM – 12:00 NOON - SPONSOR MOMENT VALLEN SAFETY SERVICE

2:00 PM - 1:00 PM

LUNCH AT HOTEL

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

LA. STATE FIRE MARSHAL FIRE ALARM AND SPECIAL LOCKING PLAN REVIEW AND NFPA 101 LIFE SAFETY
(2) Contact Hours

3:00 PM -3:15 PM-- BREAK

3:15 PM –4:15 PM

LA. STATE FIRE MARSHAL ELECTRONIC TAGGING (1) Contact Hours

4:15 PM – MEETING ADJOURNMENT (Total of Six (6) Contact Hours will be issued)

NOTE: A Certificate will be issued for the total Contact Hours for sessions attended by each pre-registered individual. Late registrants and walk-ins will not have a certificate available at the meeting. Contact Hours will not be issued for any session an individual does not attend in its entirety.



JOHN BEL EDWARDS
GOVERNOR

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY & CORRECTIONS
PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES



H. "BUTCH" BROWNING, JR.
STATE FIRE MARSHAL

OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL

MEMORANDUM 7-2020

To: All Life Safety and Property Protection Contractors

From: Erin St. Pierre
Deputy Chief, Special Services & Support Division

Date: November 13, 2020

Re: **Special Services & Support Division, Licensing Section Memo 7-2020**
Recently Approved LSPP Education Board Training Courses/Certifications

Per R.S. 40:1664.1 et seq. the Life Safety and Property Protection (LSPP) Education Board is authorized to establish all initial and qualifier certification/education/training requirements for individuals seeking licensure to perform life safety and property protection contracting in the state.

On July 16, 2020, the LSPP Education Board approved initial/qualifier certifications as shown below:

- Accreditation and Certification Institute Gate Automation Technician (Course) was approved as an LSPP initial certification option for the Gate Systems Specialist Endorsement.
- Accreditation and Certification Institute Gate Automation Technician (Course) was approved as an LSPP qualifier option for Gate Systems Endorsement.

Additionally, American Fence Association Gate Operator Installer School was approved as an LSPP CEU option for Gate Systems endorsement on October 24, 2019. **Please note that American Fence Association Gate Operator Installer School has changed its name to Gate Automation Technician School.**

Effective July 16, 2020, the following courses were adopted as continuing education courses:

- FED Learning Center Portable Fire Extinguisher Course-Foundation Basics Virtual Training (Course) was approved as an LSPP continuing education course option for the Fire Extinguishers Endorsement.
- FED Learning Center Portable Fire Extinguisher Course-Occupancy Hazards, Selecting and Calculating Coverage Virtual Training (Course) was approved as an LSPP continuing education course option for the Fire Extinguishers Endorsement.

- FED Learning Center Portable Fire Extinguisher-Installation, Inspection, & Maintenance Virtual Training (Course) was approved as an LSPP continuing education course option for the Fire Extinguishers Endorsement.
- FED Learning Center Fire Alarm Course-Foundation Basics - Virtual Training (Course) was approved as an LSPP continuing education course option for the Fire Alarm Endorsement.
- FED Learning Center Fire Alarm Course-Testing, Maintenance, and Inspection - Virtual Training (Course) was approved as an LSPP continuing education course option for the Fire Alarm Endorsement.
- FED Learning Center Fire Alarm Course-Communications, Circuits, & Pathways - Virtual Training (Course) was approved as an LSPP continuing education course option for the Fire Alarm Endorsement.
- FED Learning Center Fire Alarm, Fire Alarm (Non-required), and Fire Extinguishers Course-Exit & Emergency Lighting: Sales & Marketing - Virtual Training (Course) was approved as an LSPP continuing education course option for the Fire Alarm, Fire Alarm (Non-Required), and Fire Extinguishers Endorsements.
- FED Learning Center Fire Alarm, Fire Alarm (Non-required), and Fire Extinguishers Course-Exit & Emergency Lighting: codes, testing, and inspections - Virtual Training (Course) was approved as an LSPP continuing education course option for the Fire Alarm, Fire Alarm (Non-Required), and Fire Extinguishers Endorsements.
- Dahua Technology USA Leveraging our Surveillance systems with video analytics was approved as an LSPP continuing education course option for the CCTV Endorsement.
- Dahua Technology USA Low Light Video Solutions (Course) was approved as an LSPP continuing education course option for the CCTV Endorsement.

During the October 15, 2020, LSPP Education Board meeting, the Board members, approved an extension of the deadline to obtain continuing education course hours for the year 2020 until March 31, 2021. **However, please note that the CEUs obtained for the calendar year of 2020 in the year 2021 cannot be used for the calendar year of 2021. More specifically, any CEU hours obtained under this exception cannot be used for both 2020 and 2021, but for either 2020 or 2021.**

Finally, Bezou and Kogel Securities LLC Bank Locking Specialist Course for Bank Locking Endorsement has changed the course name to **Bezou's Bank Locking & Security Specialist Academy.**

If anyone has any questions regarding any of the information presented above, especially as related to continuing education requirements, please contact the Licensing Section at (225) 925-4911.



NEWS RELEASE

OFFICE OF LOUISIANA STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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State Fire Marshal Offers Safety Tips Ahead of the New Year Holiday

BATON ROUGE- As another fireworks sales season begins, the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFM) wants to encourage all Louisiana residents to not only be safe when using fireworks, but knowledgeable when buying them and prepared if considering attending a public fireworks display during this pandemic.

Ordinarily, the SFM would encourage families to choose to enjoy public fireworks displays over creating their own. However, many public fireworks displays are either being canceled or altered due to the concerns over COVID-19. In the event a public display is still being offered in your area, and your family is considering attending, make sure every member of your household wears a face covering, aim to provide your own seating and ensure that seating is spaced six feet from the nearest individual or group of individuals.

If your family has, instead, chosen to purchase fireworks in order to stay safer at home, ideally with only the members of your household, know that there is no prohibition on the sale of retail fireworks at the state level as a result of COVID-19. However, state law does still require wholesale and retail fireworks business operators to be appropriately licensed by the SFM in the parishes and municipalities where they are legally allowed. The sales season extends through January 1.

A retail fireworks business falls under the Modified Phase 2 guidance for "Shopping Malls/Retail Stores," which details requirements such as a maximum limit of 50% of the total capacity of the structure or tent while maintaining a social distance of six feet between employees and customers, the wearing of face coverings by employees and customers as well as explicit sanitation requirements. The full guidance can be accessed on OpenSafely.la.gov. For businesses that operate with counter sales only, where fireworks are displayed and sold from behind a counter, requirements include maintaining a distance of six feet between customers and the wearing of face masks by employees and customers, especially when interacting. Owners should also maintain access to hand sanitizer for employees and customers engaged in sales which require the handling of money, credit cards, etc.

Lastly, we want everyone to enjoy fireworks in the safest way possible. According to the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), fireworks started an estimated 19,500 fires in 2018, including 1,900 structure

fires, 500 vehicle fires, and 17,100 outside and other fires. These fires caused five deaths, 46 civilian injuries, and \$105 million in direct property damage.

To avoid becoming part of these statistics, the SFM advises:

- Detonating devices at least 200 feet away from structures, vehicles and rubbish
- Never allowing children to light fireworks
- Never operating fireworks while impaired
- Lighting devices one at a time and monitoring embers released with a bucket of water or hose nearby
- Discarding detonated items by wetting them down to prevent reignition and not disposing of them in a trash container immediately

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