

THE GAFSED NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **May 5-6 NAFED sectional Conference, Indianapolis, IN.**
www.nafed.org
- **May 23rd. GAFSED Portable Extinguisher Training, 8hr. State Approved Class. GPSTC, Bay "C" Forsyth, GA.**
www.gafsed.org
- **July 11-15 Georgia Fire Safety Symposium, GPSTC, Forsyth, GA.**
- **August 19th. FFEDA Training Class, Naples, FL.** www.ffdada.org
- **Sept.-Oct. TBD. GAFSED Annual Meeting and Owner /Managers Retreat.**
www.gafsed.org

The Georgia Association of Fire Safety Equipment Dealers. While it seems like it was last week that this name was brought up as a name for our Association, it was 11 years ago. Where has the time gone?

There have been a lot of changes in that 11 years, as everyone can attest to. I hope all of the changes will make each dealer here in Georgia a more professional individual. I know from personal experience that we (H&R) are a better company because of GAFSED. We are not perfect, but our intention is to be the best we can be. Education is a tool to achieve higher goals and gain knowledge.

Speaking of change, guess what? The State under HB 186 is about to change who our boss is again. This bill went through the Senate with one nay vote and as of this writing it is now in the House Rules Committee before going to the full House for a final vote. What does it mean to you? If you read the 31 page bill you can see that there will be a new sheriff in town. It looks like we will be under a Fire Safety Commissioner appointed by the Governor. You need to check this out. It is your livelihood that it might change. GAFSED is already on top of this for you. Those that attended the training in Macon on March 16th got a little introduction to this bill. Will it be good or bad for our industry? GAFSED is making changes this

month to be ahead of the game. So stay in touch. It is my understanding that if this passes; it will go into effect July 1st 2013.

ICC/NAFED deadlines: If you took your test in 2008 you should have received your recertification paperwork from NAFED. You have to apply to them that you have received the training to keep your certification up. Go to our web site and look for all the details under the ICC/NAFED tab. Respond now if you have not received it!

GAFSED's last chance Portable Training is May 23rd in Forsyth at GPSTC Bay "C". This will be our last offering for portables this year. We had over 200 in the portable training in Macon and feel that we can get the rest with this offering. This will be early enough for those that took the NAFED/ICC test in July of 2008.

GAFSED Trade Conference: We are looking at late September in the Atlanta area.

This conference will be geared towards the Owners/ Managers since the CEU'S should have been completed earlier in the year. We will have breakout sessions geared toward Human Resources, Insurance and the latest technology for fire equipment companies.

GAFSED BOARD: New Board Members, John Bennett, Lanny English and Daniel

Laughlin been active and we appreciate their willingness to volunteer. They were all working at the Macon Training. If fact Daniel Laughlin was recently appointed NAFED's State representative for Georgia.

Please consider stepping up and putting your name on the ballot later this year for a 2 year Board position. This is your association please become involved.

Randy Carlisle

GAFSED lost a friend and Ally to our Industry the weekend before the March Training in Macon. Craig Schroll whom you all remember from our training in previous years passed away. Please keep Craig's Family in your prayers.



Craig Schroll at the GAFSED October 2010 Conference

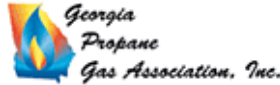


GAFSED WORKING WITH GEORGIA PROPANE ASSOCIATION

During the month of April GAFSED will be providing brief fire extinguisher training classes for the Georgia Propane Association membership at their district meetings. GAFSED continues to partner with groups across

Georgia, spotlighting and promoting the property and life safety our member products provide.

Partnerships in Prevention...

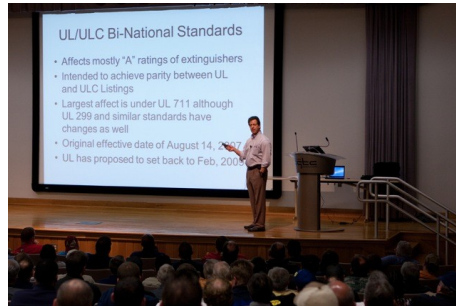


OVER 340 TRAINED IN MACON CLASSES

During March GAFSED had over 340 attendees receiving their State required EEC hours.

The GAFSED Board wants to extend a "BIG Thanks" to Craig Voelkert and Amerex for stepping in at the last minute making the classes a big success!

The next (LAST) Portables class is ; **MAY 23rd**. Mark Your Calendars!



Georgia State Fire Marshal Alan Shuman Speaks at NAFED Conference in Atlantic City



Georgia State Fire Marshal Alan Shuman recently spoke at the NAFED Sectional Conference in Atlantic City. Speaking on behalf of the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) Chief Shuman's emphasized "relationship building" between the Fire Service and the Fire Industry. Representing GAFSED : Board member ; Daniel Laughlin of Pro Tec , GAFSED Members ;Robert Ford of Pro Tec and Terry Sizemore of West Georgia Fire.

GAFSED RECOGNIZES PAST FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER

Back, in 2000 Geoffrey Zimbelman with Fire Systems, Inc. in Smyrna put his hat in the mix to serve on the first GAFSED Board. Through the years Geoff has worked tirelessly for GAFSED serving in different capacities and most recently as Vice President. Geoff will continue to serve GAFSED on the Training Committee helping to organize and provide the best training possible to the GAFSED Membership.

THANKS GEOFF...



PAST PRESIDENTS
PRESENT A PLAQUE TO
GEOFF ZIMBELMAN
FOR HIS DEDICATION
AND SERVICE TO
GAFSED

L to R ; Merrill Franklin, Carl Horst, Geoff Zimbelman, Randy Carlisle, Cliff Bennett, Chris Hendrix

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2010 The Year of Lost Certificates.

In 2010 the GAFSED Training Committee, as well as the GAFSED Office received an increasing amount of calls asking for duplicate's for lost training certificates. In order to offset printing, mailing costs to reprint the certificates the GAFSED Board has voted to charge \$25.00 per duplicate replacement certificate. We understand that sometimes the dog ate your certificate... but please remember GAFSED's Board and Committee member's are volunteers working for you.

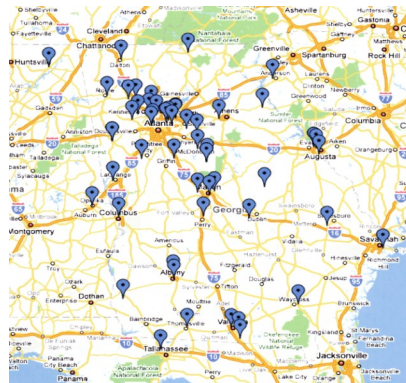
Thanks!



GAFSED Training certificates will be reissued with a \$25.00 per certificate charge.

GET LISTED ON WWW.GAFSED.ORG IT'S FREE!

The GAFSED web site is the GO TO place for information concerning our industry in Georgia. Fire Marshals, and Customers alike are searching our site for links to Dealers. As a GAFSED member you can have your company info and the services you provide posted for free!



Get listed today!

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www.gafsed.com

Email your company info & logo to our web master Chester Cupp With CLC Designs @ cupp260@yahoo.com

OFFICERS For 2011

- President**— Randy Carlisle H&R Fire & Safety Cartersville, GA.
- Vice-President**- Jeff Hall Hall Fire Protection Cartersville, GA.
- Treasurer**- Carl Horst Security Fire Equipment Company, Inc. Valdosta, GA.
- Secretary**- Coy Clark — Rome Hydro-Test, Inc. Rome, GA.
- Past President**- Merrill Franklin Swift Fire Protection, Elberton, GA.

BOARD MEMBERS

- Chris Hendrix – Hendrix Fire Protection, Inc. Statesboro, GA.
- Josh Bennett- Cliff's Fire Extinguisher, Woodstock, GA.
- Lanny English- Fire Protection Services, Perry, GA.
- John Bennett– Integrated Fire Protection, Atlanta, GA.
- Daniel Laughlin- Pro-Tec Fire & Safety, Jersey, GA.

NFPA

CURRENTLY SEEKING PROPOSALS

NFPA 17 & 17A

Do you have any changes or additions you would like to submit to these standards? If so NFPA is currently accepting submissions. Go to www.nfpa.org for information. Submission deadline is 31 May 2011.

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- **Members Only Section (Log in Required)**— current/past newsletters, membership lists, Board meeting minutes, member downloads.
- **Find a Member-** www.gafsed.net is becoming the “where to go” place for industry news/contacts in Georgia. Our new feature shows GAFSED Members on a GA. Map with pop-up identifiers giving your business exposure. You can also quick link to the GA. State SFMO site search to find a licensed company.
- **Events Calendar-** Want to know the industry events/trainings taking place in Georgia? This is your up to date source.
- **Industry Web Links-** All the website links in one place that you regularly need . Book mark www.gafsed.net!

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