

THE GAFSED NEWS

1ST. QUARTER 2011

2011 CALENDAR

- Feb. 10th - Brooks E Light training, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. brooksequipment.com
- Feb. 16-18th - State Association President's meeting, Dallas, TX.
- March 4 & 5th - FFEDA Educational Seminar, Sebring, FL. ffeda.org
- March 12th - NAFED Kitchen System Training, Columbia, SC. nafed.org
- March 14th - GAFSED Industrial Training, 8 hour State approved. Central Georgia Technical College, Macon, GA. gafsed.com
- March 15th - GAFSED PEK Training, 8 hour State approved. Central Georgia Technical College, Macon, GA. gafsed.com
- March 16th - GAFSED Portable Extinguisher Training, 8 hour State approved, Central Georgia Technical College, Macon, GA. gafsed.com
- March 17th. Georgia Fire Inspectors Association Meeting. 4 hours NFPA 17A & 96 gfia.org
- July 11-15th Georgia Fire Safety Symposium GPSTC, Forsyth, GA.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

RANDY CARLISLE

H&R FIRE & SAFETY CARTERSVILLE, GA.

From the new president of GAFSED, not new to GAFSED as I have served for 11 years as Secretary of this Association. I feel it an honor and privilege to serve as the president for the year 2011. My job will be easy as Merrill has done a great job for the two years and when you follow someone who has put as much time and effort in it as Merrill has, the foundation is solid.

We have a lot to look forward to in 2011! The very first thing everyone needs to do is get on the ICC/NAFED website <http://www.nafed.org/> and get their training hours updated to insure you have enough for your permits to be renewed. Every three years you have to recertify with ICC/

NAFED to be able to renew your License and Permits in Georgia.

In October we elected three new Board members to GAFSED, John Bennett, Lanny English and Daniel Laughlin.

These three guys have a ton of experience in the Fire Protection industry, and after our first meeting with them, I can tell they want to share their experience with all of us. I look forward to joining them to insure that the State of Georgia's Professional Standards will be raised. We also have a new Commissioner of Insurance and changes are being made. Take the time to familiarize yourself with their website at <http://www.inscomm.state.ga.us/>

I am excited with what the New Year at GAFSED looks like and look forward to working with everyone to make it better in 2011.

Randy

Passing the Gavel



GAFSED Past President Merrill Franklin (L) passes the gavel to incoming GAFSED President Randy Carlisle at the January 7 2011 Board meeting.

NAFED / ICC Ready to TAKE THE TEST AGAIN ?

Now that I have your attention...2011 is the deadline for most of us to renew our certifications to avoid re-testing. The majority of us took the NAFED TEST (now ICC/NAFED) in either May or July 2008. So now is the time to dust off those train-

ing certificates and plan accordingly. Remember, you need to acquire 100 hours in 3 years to maintain your certification (see Decision Tree on GAFSED.com for a tutorial on how to get your EEC's) and not have to re-

test for a Georgia license or permit.

With most everyone in Georgia going through a renewal period this year, GAFSED has negotiated with NAFED to reduce the renewal deadline of 90 days,

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to 30 days of the certification anniversary, thus buying us all some extra time to get those needed training hours. **But do not procrastinate!** All permit holders need to review and plan your 2011 training accordingly, especially if you hold more than one certification, (i.e. Portables, Kitchen, etc.) GAFSED will start earlier

this year with training, and we will kick off with classes the week of March 14th-17th giving our membership the opportunity to fulfill their required needs. Please check the GAFSED website regularly for more training sponsored by this Association and others.

MARCH Training CLASSES

The first GAFSED training class will be held March 14th - 16th at the Central Georgia Technical College in Macon, GA.

The schedule is as follows:

Monday March 14th 8 hour Industrial Systems

Tuesday March 15th 8 hour Kitchen Systems

Wednesday March 16th 8 hour Portable Extinguishers

All classes are 8 hour state approved.

Registration applications will be mailed in February or you may register on line @ gafsed.com.

GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FIRE SAFETY EQUIPMENT DEALERS 2011 BOARD

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-Tech Fire & Safety, Jersey, GA.



Your 2011 GAFSED Board of Directors



\$2500.00 DONATED TO GEORGIA FIRE FIGHTERS BURN FOUNDATION

The 2010 GAFSED Annual Golf Tournament held in October at the Forsyth Golf Club raised \$2500.00 as a charitable gift to the Georgia Fire Fighter’s Burn Foundation in Atlanta.

This gift continues GAFSED’s philanthropic initiative to “give back” to fire safety related programs across Georgia while promoting awareness of the life safety products our industry provides the citizens of Georgia.

Pictured left to right:

Dennis Gardin, Cliff Bennett GAFSED, Alan Shuman GA SFMO, Don Williams and Josh Bennett GAFSED



GAFSED INDUSTRY NOTES

FYI... Did you know over **\$105,000.00** in fines were levied against State Licensed Sprinkler and Fire Protection Companies in 2010 in Georgia by the SFMO?



Welcome our new Board members; L-R John Bennett Integrated Fire, Daniel Laughlin ProTec, Lanny English Fire Protection Specialist's

Georgia 2011 State Fire Marshal's Office "Quick Facts"

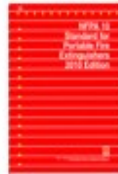
- So far 225 Company License renewal's have been issued.
- 122 Portable, 68 kitchen Systems, 41 Industrial Systems, 22 Engineered Systems licenses .
- So far 692 Permits have been issued/ renewed
- 365 Portable, 186 Kitchen Systems, 97 Industrial Systems, 44 Engineered Systems permits have been issued or renewed.



January, 2011 Georgia's New Insurance Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgen's took office. Currently, both Alan Shuman and Dwayne Garriss will continue to serve in their capacity's in the SFMO.

GAFSED GAINS REPRESENTATION

ON NFPA 10 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE



The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards Council voted on October 20, 2010 in San Antonio, TX. to appoint Carl Horst, Vice President of Security Fire Equipment Company, Inc. of Valdosta, Georgia a Principle Member of the Technical Committee for the NFPA 10 Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers. Carl will represent the Georgia Association of Fire Safety Equipment Dealers (GAFSED) as an Installer/Maintainer (IM) representative. The Technical Committee consists of recognized professionals worldwide that are tasked with the development and revision of the NFPA 10 standard. NFPA develops, publishes, and disseminates more than 300 consensus codes and standards, intended to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other risks. Virtually every building, process, service, design, and installation in society today around the world is affected by NFPA documents.

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.

License Payments no longer accepted in Georgia State Fire Marshals Office.

Mail checks to:

Georgia Department of Insurance
Fire Safety Division
P.O. Box 935136
Atlanta, GA. 31193-5136

Please allow 3 days for payment processing

NFPA 10 SEEKING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

NFPA is currently seeking members for: NFPA 10 Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers. The classification sought is from the "Enforcement" sector. If you a Fire Marshal or if you have someone working as an "Authority having Jurisdiction" having over site of building inspections and fire extinguishers please encourage them to apply.

Many Georgia local AHJ's have attended hours and hours of training on extinguishers and are probably some of the most knowledgeable on fire extinguishers in the country

<http://www.nfpa.org/aboutthecodes/>



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

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 the GAFSED Board has voted to charge \$25.00 per 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 Uniform Patches Get You Recognized!



\$3.00ea. OR 5 for \$10.00

To purchase contact Cindy at:

706-283-8459

or email your order to;

gafsed@elberton.net

The GAFSED logo is recognized as the symbol for quality knowledgeable service in Georgia. Insurance, State and Local AHJ's all look for our logo. Wear you membership proudly on your company uniforms. Patches are available to all Active Members in good standing.

GET LISTED! IT'S FREE!



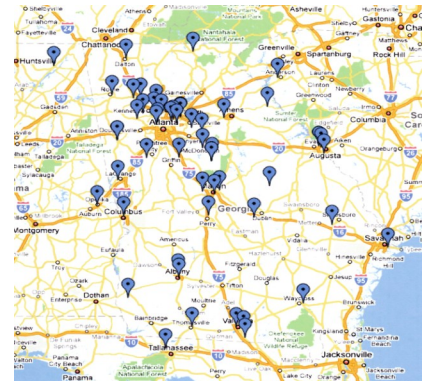
Get Listed Today!

www.gafsed.com

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

cupp260@yahoo.com

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 posted for free! Get listed today!



Honorary GAFSED Member to Serve as ICC Sectional Director

The Georgia Association of Fire Safety Equipment Dealers (GAFSED) would like to congratulate Georgia Assistant State Fire Marshal Dwayne Garriss on his recent election as Director for the International Code Council (ICC) in the Sectional Seat of

area "F" which includes the southeastern Area Regions VIII and IX with the ICC. Voting took place during the ICC meeting in Charlotte, NC. during October. Special thanks also go out to the voting representatives from South-eastern States and Geor-

gia for voting with confidence for Mr. Garriss .



GEORGIA BUILDING A NEW FIRE TRAINING FACILITY BY: MERRILL FRANKLIN

A tour of the Fire Safety Lab at the Aiken Technical College was conducted in the fall of 2010 by several officials representing the State of Georgia and two State Trade Associations.

James Crawley and Dwayne Garriss, from the State Fire Marshal's Office asked me to represent GAFSED and to accompany them on a tour of a state of the art fire training facility in Graniteville, South Carolina. My son, Josh Franklin, a firefighter with the Athens-Clark County Fire Department and an employee of Swift Fire Protection, went with me to meet with the Augusta Fire Department Officials along with representatives of the Sprinkler Association and the Georgia Safety Training Center .

We held a brief discussion in a conference room and then drove to South Carolina to tour the facility. It was a memorable visit that made an impression on all of us that industry and government must work together to achieve the best results.

We are now working with our own Fire Marshal's Office and the Georgia

Safety Training Center in Forsyth County to set up a "state of the art" facility here in Georgia. We hope that very soon we will be able to utilize this new facility for "hands on training" in our training classes for our GAFSED members and for AHJ's and main stream industry across Georgia.

This project is still in the planning stages, but it is moving forward with very positive results. I commend our State Officials for their insight and knowledge. In the future, our membership will benefit from this endeavor.

Merrill



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS 2011

2010 has come and gone...

7 REASONS TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP

The Board would like to remind you that 2011 dues deadline is February 11th. Dues must be postmarked by this date in order not to incur a re-application fee .

Renew online @ gafsed.com

Or request a application via email : gafsed@elberton.net

- Newsletter (stay informed)
- SAVE with member rates on training
- Company listing on GAFSED.com
- Access to "Members Only Section" on website
- Annual Meeting
- Industry Trade Show

- A "Vote" on industry issues in GA.

Renew today!

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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 getting 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 you up to day source.
- **Industry Web Links-** All the website links in one place that you regularly need . Book mark www.gafsed.net!