

Minutes of April 8, 2009

Next Meeting: May 12, 2009 **Tuesday**

Program: Seminar; Hero to Zero – Serial Arsonists

Location: **6133 River Rd. Rosemont, IL. (South of Higgins in the Riverway Office Complex.)**

Time: Registration 0800-0830

President Kushner opened the meeting at 0910 hrs.

?? Welcome to all members, new and old.

?? A motion was made, and 2nd, to accept the March Minutes. The motion passed.

?? A motion was made, and 2nd, to accept the Treasurers Report. The motion passed. A full copy of the report is available on our website.

?? Over 100 members were in attendance.

?? A moment of silence was held for all of our troops who have lost their lives in service to our country and for Captain Richard Scheidt (ret) of the Chicago Fire Department. Capt. Scheidt was the firefighter on the cover of Life magazine seen carry a child out of Our Lady of the Angels school after the tragic fire in December of 1958.

?? The training committee is reviewing the nominations submitted for the Harry P. Schaefer Award. Thank you to everyone who turned in nominations.

?? We will present the Schaefer Award at the May seminar.

?? We will not mail training logs or seminar certificates. We will have them available at the meetings and seminars. Please take a moment to see if you, or someone you know, might have a log or certificate waiting.

?? George Michehl, Deputy Fire Marshal for the Buffalo Grove Fire Department, was the recipient of the National Fire Sprinkler Association's Wayne Luecht Award. The award is given in the memory of our fallen comrade, Wayne Luecht, Fire Marshal of the Northbrook Fire Department, to "members of the local fire service who personify the spirit and dedication to fire prevention. The recipients are also recognized for their efforts to increase the use and knowledge of the life-and-property-saving benefits of fire sprinklers in their communities." Congratulations George!

?? Remember to register for the May Seminar. We need numbers for our caterer. **No walk-ins will be allowed.**

?? **Fires:** Skokie had a fire in a Bloomingdales store; an arrest has been made in the case.

Lincolnwood had a house fire that was a total loss; a dryer vent appears to be the point of origin.

Franklin Park had a fire in a clothes dryer. Wilmette and Wheaton had fires caused by smoking materials. Glen Ellyn had two shed fires. Palatine has had fires in Fed Ex drop boxes.

If anyone else has had, or has in the future, fires involving Fed Ex boxes, please call Palatine Fire.

Our speaker was Mr. Bruce Swiecicki, P.E., and Senior Technical Advisor for the National Propane Gas Association (NPGA). Mr. Swiecicki gave a very informative Power Point presentation regarding the NPGA and their product. We are going to try to attach this presentation to our minutes on our web site.

Our thanks to Mr. Swiecicki, and the NPGA, for taking the time to come and speak to our group.

My personal thanks to Arnie Witzke for recording the minutes. I was unable to attend the meeting due to a NIMS training at my department.

Respectfully Submitted,
John T. Gilleran
Secretary F.I.S.F.