

# THE GAFSED NEWS

01 MARCH 2012

**PRESIDENTS CORNER JEFF HALL**  
**HALL FIRE PROTECTION, INC. CARTERSVILLE, GA.**

## DATES OF INTEREST

- **March 6-7 2012**  
State Association Presidents meeting, Monte Carlo Casino & Resort Las Vegas, NV.
- **March 8-9 2012**  
NAFED Sectional Conference Monte Carlo Casino & Resort Las Vegas, NV.  
[www.nafed.org](http://www.nafed.org)
- **March 14 2012** GAFSED Portables Training Seminar, GA. State Approved hours. Central GA Technical School Bldg. "H" Macon, GA.  
**REGISTER TODAY!**  
[www.gafsed.org](http://www.gafsed.org)
- **March 14 2012** GAFSED 2nd. Quarter Board Meeting Central GA Technical School Bldg. "H" Faculty Lounge Macon, GA  
[www.gafsed.org](http://www.gafsed.org)
- **March 15 2012**  
GAFSED/ GFIA ,AHJ Training Seminar Approved 4 hours for AHJ's, Central GA Technical School, Macon, GA.  
[www.gafsed.org](http://www.gafsed.org)
- **April 12-13 2012**  
NAFED Sectional Conference Cesar's Atlantic City, NJ.  
[www.nafed.org](http://www.nafed.org)

Happy New Year and here's to a great 2012! We had our first board meeting of 2012 January 27<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful Classic Center in historic Athens, Georgia. Go Dawgs! We had a very good board meeting with all board members present and accounted for. We also had our official new State Of Georgia Fire Marshal Dwayne Garriss in attendance. Congratulations Dwayne and I know you enjoyed being in Dawg Country! We also had manufacturer representatives present and one drove 8 hours one way just to attend our board meeting. This speaks volumes of what GAFSED has accomplished in our industry. We also had John Knop and Steve Boatner from Hutchinson Traylor, they discussed many great options for our industries insurance needs, from saving companies thousands of dollars on workers comp to financial planning for your business.

I have been acting president since August of 2011 and have served on the board since 2004. I didn't realize until August what impact GAFSED serves nationally. I think I have been contacted by just about every state in the union, seeking advice on how they can get a state as-

sociation started having our impact and success. I basically tell them to contact one of our founding members and expect to be on the phone for hours! I am really proud to be a small part of what GAFSED has accomplished in our state and across the country. We are looked at as a leader in the country for our association in the industry and this hasn't been accomplished without hard work and dedication. I would like to congratulate the founding members and those who have served throughout the years. We still have many things to accomplish and I think we are well on the way. We have three members that are serving on national committees that shape the direction of our industry that I would like to recognize: First is honorary member, Dwayne Garriss, who serves on the ICC committee. Carl Horst serves on the NFPA 10 Technical Committee and Daniel Laughlin is the NAFED state representative. Congratulations guys!

Please check the GAFSED website regularly for the most current news and training opportunities. We already have training dates for portables setup for March 14<sup>th</sup> in Macon. We strive to keep our

training centrally located to all of our members in Georgia and plan more training in July at The Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth, coinciding with the annual symposium. We use nationally recognized industry experts for all of our training classes and the board is discussing different types of training opportunities for the future that includes more hands on type of training. The state is also in the process of opening a life safety training lab at The Georgia Public Safety Training Center. Dwayne Garriss spoke to the board with his goal of making this training center the best in the southeast. Many manufacturers and companies are needed to donate equipment for training purposes. If you have equipment you would like to donate, please contact me and I will get you the contacts needed for your donation.

Please make 2012 the year your company gets involved with GAFSED. We offer much more than just training opportunities; we are helping all members get involved with our industry and make a difference!

*Jeff*

## EQUIPMENT REQUEST MADE FOR LIFE SAFETY TRAINING LAB

The GAFSED Board was happy to have Georgia State Fire Marshal Dwayne Garriss in attendance at their January Board meeting. Dwayne gave a brief update of the SFMO to the board. He was happy to report that in September he was approved to add 3 building and 1 hazmat inspectors to staff as well as 1 fire investigator and K-9. He has already hired the first inspector, Carl Engleman (previously from South Florida) for the North Georgia region.

Dwayne asked that GAFSED please make him feel welcome to Georgia.

Also discussed by Mr. Garriss was the new Life Safety Training Lab being renovated on the campus of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth. Under the direction of GPSTC's new director Tim Bearden, the vision is a lab with various life safety systems, i.e. sprinkler risers, kitchen,

industrial DC, clean agent, fire alarm, etc. installed to provide for the "hands on" training of AHJ's, safety officials and industry professionals. Dwayne stated the need of donations of equipment and labor to make the lab the premier fire lab in the south. To donate equipment, expertise or time to the lab Contact the SFMO office at: 404-783-7081

or contact the GAFSED Office for more information.

*Donations are tax deductible!*



Georgia State Fire Marshal Dwayne Garriss addresses the GAFSED Board January 27 at the Classic Center in Athens, GA.



### Your 2012 GAFSED Board Of Directors

L to R

Arnold Harner, Frank Middleton, Daniel Laughlin, John Bennett, Gene Vickers, Carl Horst, Jeff Hall, Lanny English, (GA State Fire Marshal) Dwayne Garriss, (past president) Merrill Franklin, Cliff Bennett, Not pictured: (Past President) Chris Hendrix

## OFFICERS For 2012

**President—** Jeff Hall Hall Fire Protection, Cartersville, GA.

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### BOARD MEMBERS

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Cliff Bennett- Cliff's Fire Extinguisher, Woodstock, GA.

Gene Vickers— Associated Fire Protection, Blairsville, GA.

Frank Middleton—Columbus Fire & Safety, Columbus, GA.

## PORTABLE EXTINGUISHER TECHNICIAN (FEP) TRAINING TUESDAY MARCH 14TH

GAFSED's 2012 training schedule starts out with a Georgia State approved 8 hour EEC training for portable extinguisher permit holders on Tuesday March 14th. At the Central Georgia Technical School campus building "H" in Macon.

The featured portables trainer for 2012 is J.R. Nerat with Fire Protection Specialists. Mr. J.R. Nerat is internationally recog-

nized as one of the industry's leading technical subject matter experts. He has worked with equipment manufacturers, test facilities, approval agencies, major corporations and legal firms around the world. Mr. Nerat holds appointments on various key industry technical committees including the NFPA-10 Portable Extinguisher Standard. He is



**Register TODAY!**

NFPA-1041 and NFPA-1081 Pro Board certified and lectures at major industry functions that include serving as a Master Instructor at the annual Texas A&M International Industrial Fire School.

Register by completing the enclosed registration or online [www.gafsed.org](http://www.gafsed.org) **Registration closes March 5, 2012**

## GAFSED 2011 BY THE NUMBERS:

- GAFSED had another successful year in 2011, we continued to grow our membership to 115 members.
- Held 6 State approved training classes with 458 attendees in which 425 were members and 23 non-members of GAFSED, totaling 3664 hours of training to our membership and Georgia permitted technicians.
- Sponsored 4 hours AHJ training for the Georgia Fire Inspectors Assn. with 80 AHJ's in attendance.
- Promoted GAFSED at the April Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs convention in Savannah.
- GAFSED donated to the Georgia Fire Fighters Burn Foundation Rodeo to help our hero's that were burned in the line of duty, their families and children.
- Supported the Georgia Fire Safety Symposium committee.
- Supported / sponsored a team in the GFIA golf tournament in July (GAFSED team finished in second).
- Supported/Sponsored the Georgia Fire Symposium annual chicken/fish fry at the Ramada Inn Forsyth courtyard.
- Held the 1st. Annual Randy Carlisle Memorial Golf Tournament in memory of our past president and friend. Over \$3000.00 was raised and donated to the Georgia Burn Foundation.
- Finished out the year with our Conference at beautiful Stone Mountain Park featuring a 4 hour presentation from the U.S. D.O.T., networking, trade show with 125 in attendance.



**GAFSED 2012 TRAINING CALENDAR TO DATE****Portable Extinguisher Training (FEP)**

- March 14, 2012 (Wednesday) - REGISTER NOW! **REGISTRATION DEADLINE; C.O.B. MARCH 5th.**  
Location, Central Georgia Technical School, building "H" Macon, GA.
- July 19, 2012 (Thursday) *Registration begins June 18<sup>th</sup>.*  
Location, Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) Forsyth, GA.
- October 13, 2012 (Saturday) *Registration begins August 20<sup>th</sup>.* Location TBA.

**Pre-Engineered Kitchen Systems Training (PEK)**

- July 18, 2012 (Wednesday) *Registration begins June 18<sup>th</sup>.*  
Location, Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) Forsyth, GA.  
  
*Speaker TBA.*

**Pre-Engineered Industrial Systems Training (PEI)**

- July 17, 2012 (Tuesday) *Registration begins June 18<sup>th</sup>.*  
Location, Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) Forsyth, GA.  
  
*Speaker TBA.*

**Engineered Systems Training.**

- T.B.A. If you need Engineered Training Hours, please contact the GAFSED office:  
*Tel. (706) 283-8459 or email: [gafsed@elberton.net](mailto:gafsed@elberton.net)*

***VISIT [www.gafsed.org](http://www.gafsed.org) for updated schedules and to register***

## MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

2011 has come and gone...

The Board would like to remind you that 2012 dues deadline was January 31st. Dues that were not postmarked by this date will be increased \$25.00 to \$200.00. If you have not already renewed, do it today!

Renew online @ [gafsed.org](http://gafsed.org)

Or request an application via email : [gafsed@elberton.net](mailto:gafsed@elberton.net)

## 7 REASONS TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP

- Newsletter (stay informed)
- **SAVE with member rates on training**
- Company listing on GAFSED.com
- Access to "Members Only Section" on website
- Member rates to the GAFSED Annual Conference
- Industry Trade Show
- A "Vote and Voice" on industry issues in GA.

# Renew today!



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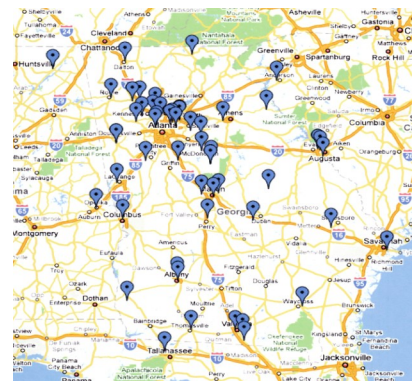
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## GAFSED Uniform Patches Get You Recognized!

*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.*

### 2011 The Year of Lost Certificates.

In 2011 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 MEMBER WORD SEARCH

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**Try to find and circle your fellow GAFSED members!**

**HAVE FUN!**



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**EASY QR LINK TO: GAFSED.ORG**

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## STATE ASSOCIATION LEADERS MEET IN LAS VEGAS

Back in March of 2011 a group of Industry, NAFED and State Association leaders met in Las Colinas, TX to start a industry dialog promoting networking, idea sharing and information dissemination.

The group discussed what was successful (and not) in development and the sustaining attributes of their organizations and associations.

At the end of the two day meeting it was agreed that they would reconvene in 2012, NAFED agreed to provide meeting space at their March Sectional Conference in Las Vegas and so the dates were set for March 6 & 7th 2012.

Attending this meeting on GAFSED's behalf will be Carl Horst and current Vice-President and NAFED Georgia representative

Daniel Laughlin. One of the main topics in 2012 will be the facilitation of State/NAFED approved training topics, speakers and the future of training programs going forward. Other topics include how to economically and effectively deal with legislators.

*A special thanks to : Amerex and NAFED and Edie Wade for organizing , sponsoring & hosting this event.*

### Groups Attending:

GAFSED, FFEDA, NAFED, CALSAFE, FE-DOT, PAFED, NJFED, ORFED, OAFED, WFPA , MFEDA, NVAFED and many industry, future state "AFEDs" representatives from across the USA.

Source: Fed Biz Ops  
Solicitation Number: 11479  
Notice Type: Pre-solicitation

## HALON 1211 IN THE NEWS...

The US Federal Aviation Administration posted a market survey on FedBizOps in its search for a portable hand-held fire extinguisher that does not use ozone-depleting Halon 1211.

The market survey is seeking "information to redesign or optimise an aircraft hand-held fire extinguisher using an approved streaming replacement agent on the [US Environmental Protection

Agency's] significant new alternatives policy (SNAP) list ," the FAA said in the 31 January solicitation. "The target is being the lightest, smallest volume, and most practical design effective enough to replace a portable Halon 1211 extinguisher used in aircraft applications." Testing of applicable extinguishers to prove equivalence with Halon is to take place at the agency's William J Hughes Technical

Centre at the Atlantic City international airport using fire tests developed by the international fire protection working group.

The FAA plans to interview interested companies at its technical centre from 21-23 February 2012.

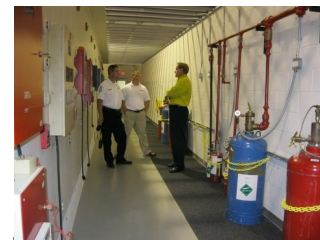
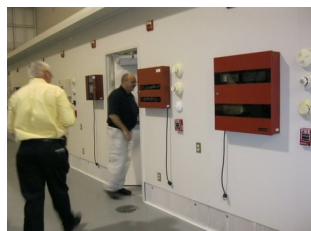


## PICTURES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SAFETY LAB IN AIKEN, SC.

In 2011 a few GAFSED members went to Aiken South Carolina to tour their new fire life safety lab. As mentioned earlier in this newsletter Georgia is currently renovating a building at GPSTC to house a lab similar to the South Carolina lab, here are a few pictures from the Aiken trip.

Remember your donations the Georgia lab are Tax Deductible!

**Donate today...**



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