

THE GAFSED NEWS

1ST.. QUARTER 2014

PRESIDENTS CORNER

DANIEL LAUGHLIN

PRO-TEC FIRE PROTECTION, INC. LOGANVILLE, GA

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MARCH 6-7TH.** NAFED SECTIONAL CONFERENCE, MONTE CARLO HOTEL LAS VEGAS, NV.
- **MARCH 20-22ND.** GAFSED CONFERENCE,
- **MARCH 20TH.** GAFSED GOLF TOURNAMENT
- **MARCH 21ST.** 8HR. KITCHEN SYSTEMS CLASS
- **MARCH 22ND.** 8HR PORTABLES CLASS



2014 is off to a flying start, well ok in the Atlanta area a frozen, icy slow start... I hope everyone in the metro area made it through the recent ice storm and single digit temperatures ok, I know GAFSED members that are in the sprinkler side of the industry have been very busy.

The GAFSED Board met in January with four new, but familiar members, Merrill Franklin with Swift Fire in Elberton, Cliff Bennett with Cliff's Fire in Woodstock, Arnold Harner with H&R Fire in Cartersville and my Vice President Frank Middleton with Columbus Fire & Safety in Columbus, I look forward to serving with these gentleman using their knowledge and experience to continue the growth of GAFSED in 2014.

One of the first items the board discussed was the recent resignation of Dawn Bowden as GAFSED administrator the Board accepted her resignation, thanks her for her work with GAFSED and wishes her well with future endeavors. I am happy to announce Cindy Howell has agreed to take over the administrator position again, you might remember Cindy she was with GAFSED for 5 years and is office manager at Swift Fire Protection, Welcome back Cindy!

Registration is now open for our Annual Conference March 20-22 in Atlanta. The event schedule is posted on the next page it features 2 state approved 8 hr. training classes, our annual charity Golf Tournament, large Industry Trade Show and the

announcement of our first Randy Carlisle Scholarship Program winner who will receive a check for \$1000.00!

Although the complete 2014 training schedule is on our website, I would like to remind you that for many of us our NAFED/ICC certifications are due for renewal by June so PLEASE don't miss our March training offerings to get those required hours to avoid retesting! For questions contact Cindy at admin@gafsed.org or myself: president@gafsed.org REGISTER TODAY and I'll SEE YOU IN ATLANTA!



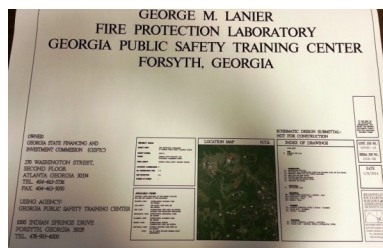
GAFSED President, Daniel Laughlin

FIRE PROTECTION LABORATORY READY TO BREAK GROUND IN FORSYTH

State Fire Marshal Dwayne Garriss and Assistant State Fire Marshal James Crawley attended the January GAFSED Board meeting and announced the ground breaking of the George M. Lanier Fire Protection Laboratory. The lab, which will be constructed at the Georgia public Training Center

(GPSTC) in Forsyth has been in the works for three years after a visit to a similar lab Aiken, SC. George Lanier has been involved in the fire service for over 50 years including in Rome Georgia and with the Georgia State Fire Marshals Office form where he recently

retired. It is Georges service and dedication that the ground breaking will take place in April 2014. Look for more information and donation opportunities in the 2nd quarter GAFSED News.



March Conference Schedule of Events:

Thursday March 20, 2014

1:00-5:00 GAFSED Charity Golf Tournament,
7:00 – 9:00 Reception w/ heavy Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar.

Friday March 21, 2014

07:00- 08:00 Kitchen Systems training Sign-in
08:00- 11:30 8 hour Kitchen Systems training sessions begins
08:30-11:00 GAFSED 2nd. Qtr. Board meeting
11:30- 2:00 Trade Show OPENS, Visit vendors for 2 CEU Hours!
12:00 – Lunch.
2:00- 5:00 8 hour Portables training sessions continue
7:00 – 9:00 Reception w/ heavy Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar.

Saturday March 22, 2014

07:00- 08:00 Portables Class Sign-in
08:00- 11:30 8 hour Portables training sessions begins
11:30- 2:00. Trade Show OPENS, Visit vendors for 2 CEU Hours!
12:00 – Lunch.
2:00- 5:00 8hour Portables training sessions continue
End of Program FREE TIME in Atlanta

Sunday March 23, 2014

FREE time in Atlanta.

Atlanta features, architecture, history, romance, shopping, sports and theater.

Registration NOW OPEN @ gafsed.org

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**BOOK by February 26th. To receive
GAFSED rate!**

NFPA UPDATE BY; CARL HORST

Carl Horst (principle) and Chris Hendrix (alternate) represent GAFSED on the NFPA 10 Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers Technical Committee as Installer, Maintainer (IM) Members.

At the August 1 Standards Council meeting NFPA approved a revision cycle for NFPA 10 moving from a three

year cycle to a four year cycle. The next revision for NFPA 10 will be fall 2016 with new Document being 2017 edition.

In September the NFPA 10 Committee was asked to assume the responsibility for NFPA 408 Standard for Aircraft Hand Portable Fire Extinguishers, after a October vote the committee voted affirmative to

assume the NFPA 408 standard starting with the 2016 revision cycle which coincides with the NFPA 10 cycle.

Both of these standards will have a January 2015 deadline for "Public Input" if you have a change in mind or would like help with submitting your change let us know.



For more information go to:
www.nfpa.org/10
www.nfpa.org/408

OFFICERS For 2014

President— Daniel Laughlin Pro-Tec Fire Protection, Loganville, GA.
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Cliff Bennett- Cliff's Fire Extinguisher, Woodstock, GA.
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OVER 200 ATTENDED SEPTEMBER CLASSES



GAFSED concluded our 2013 training schedule in September with 3 class offered and 200 in attendance, over 475 attended GAFSED Trainings in 2013, totaling over 3800 CEU hours. The GAFSED Board would like to thank our 2013 speakers; Bruce Carter- North American Fire, Larry Harris—L&J Fire Equipment, Craig Voelkert - Amerex Corp. and Steve Ford- PyroChem.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Please update your records!

Cindy Howell has returned as our GAFSED Administrator, contact Cindy at: admin@gafsed.org with any membership and/or training registration questions.

Please note our new mailing address:

GAFSED

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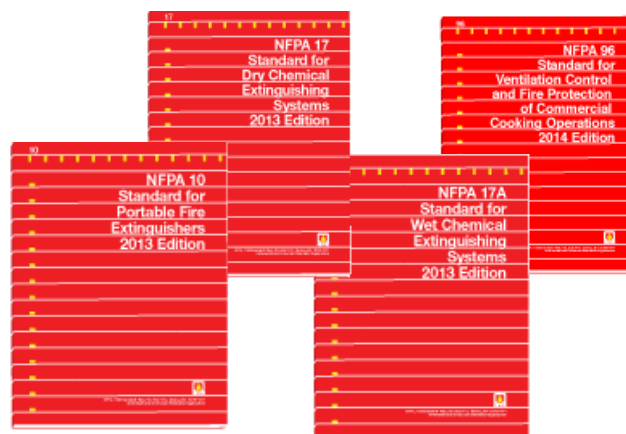
NEW 2013-14 NFPA STANDARDS AVAILABLE NOW!

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has completed 2013 revisions of the following Standards pertaining to our industry:

- NFPA10 Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers
- NFPA 17 Standard for Pre Engineered Dry Chemical Systems
- NFPA17A Standard for Pre Engineered Wet Chemical Systems

- NFPA 96 Standard For Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations.

These Standards are available for purchase now in both traditional hard copy, and electronic versions at www.nfpa.org



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