

WELCOME

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 14-15, 2011





Guest Speaker

Kenneth Nelson

Schenck Business Solutions



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2011 Initiatives

Hill Day – Lobbying Event in Washington DC – April 6-7, 2011 this year.

Home Days – Encourage member companies to interact with legislators.

AFG Funding - Advocate for continued and increased funding.

Fire Service Alliance – Maintain good relationships with various fire service associations

E-News letter – Communication to the membership on current events and important legislation

Website – Give member companies access GAC related information

firegrantdata.com – Web site for tracking and reporting grant awards accessible to legislators





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Hill Day success is totally dependent on participation

- Meetings are scheduled and well organized
- Talking points are provided
- •Team approach
- •"Leave Behind" literature is provided
- Morning briefing before heading to the Hill



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Home Day Events

- •Large events have been held in various regions
 - •Ohio
 - •Florida
 - •Illinois
 - New Hampshire
 - Michigan



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Home Day On a Smaller Scale

Invite a Congressional Representative to visit you factory

Make an appointment to visit a district office

Tool Kit is available on the GAC web site

Stuck on how to get started just give me a call or anyone on the GAC



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Assistance to Firefighters Grant Funding

2001: \$100 Million

2002: \$360 Million

2003: \$745 Million

2004: \$746 Million

2005: \$650 Million

2006: \$540 Million

2007: \$547 Million

2008: \$585 Million

2009: \$565 Million

2010: \$390 Million



Status of AFG Funding

\$390 Million – Was At 300 Million

Currently working with a Continuing Resolution (CR) - H.R. 1

Pascrell (D-NJ) and King (R-NY) floor amendment provided increase.

Short Term CR will expire March 18th

Senate Appropriations Introduced its version of H.R.1, \$390 for AFG

Negotiations with the White House are taking place



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FYI 2012 Outlook

The Presidents Budget currently has 250 Million for AFG

36% reduction in funding which would pull 35 Million from our industry



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What can you do?

Attend Hill Day – Get your voice heard

Conduct Home Day Visits – Get your voice heard

Send a Letter - Get your voice heard

Make Phone Calls - Get your voice heard



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Up to 25% of the AFG are allowed to go for fire apparatus

97.5 Million of the 390 Million trickles in our industry

(390) \$250,000 Commercial Pumpers

(278) \$350,000 Custom Pumpers

(100) Aerial Platforms

Is it worth the effort?



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We Need You Help

Hill Day – April 6th and 7th Washington, DC

Sign up: https://www.fama.org//hillday



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Questions?



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Co-Chairs

David Durstine & Mike Moore



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Roger Lackore Raff McDougall

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Doug Miller Chad Trinkner

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Technical Committee

2011 Initiatives

- Published a quarterly Technical Committee E-Newsletter.
- Promote Communications and Committee Work outside the 2 Technical Meeting Held.
- Fire Apparatus Graphical Symbols Initiative
- EPA Greenhouse Gas & NHTSA Fuel Consumption Standards



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Fire Apparatus Graphical Symbols Initiative

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How are the Controls Labeled?









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Other Vocations are Standardized

- Automotive
- Ag Equipment
- Logging Equipment
- Construction Machinery





























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Controls and Gauges Text or Symbols?

- Text
- Easy to Customize
- Requires less standardization

- Symbols
- Brain recognizes faster
- Next generation thinks in icons
- Works for all languages





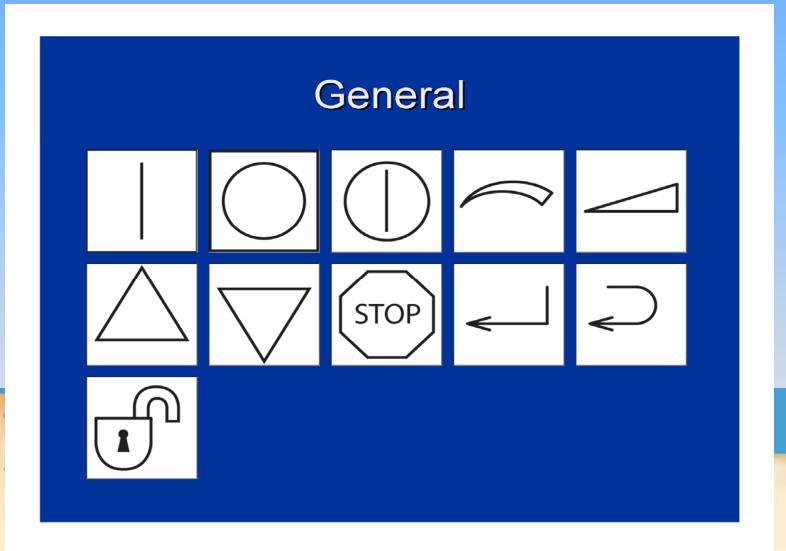


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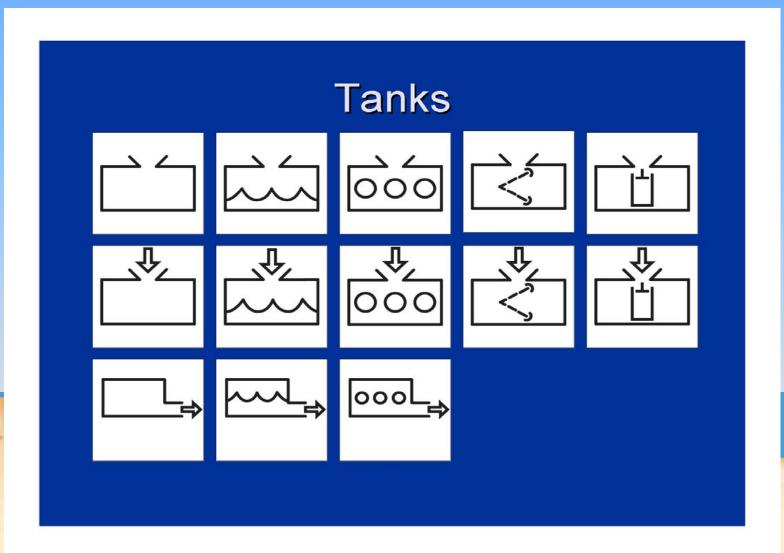
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- FDIC 2010 Form FAMA Task Group
- Harrisburg 2010
- Baltimore 2010
- FRI 2010 First Draft
- FDSO 2011
- FDIC 2011 Publish White Paper





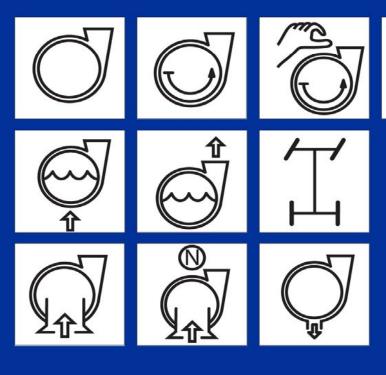






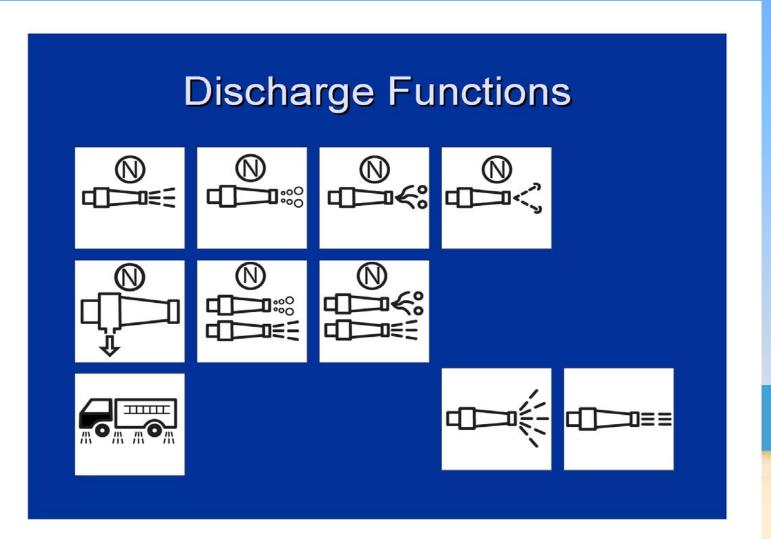
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Pump Functions

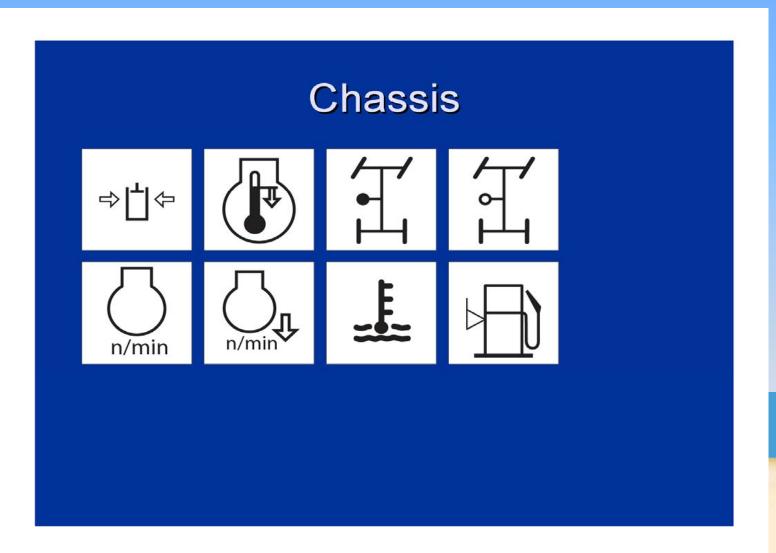




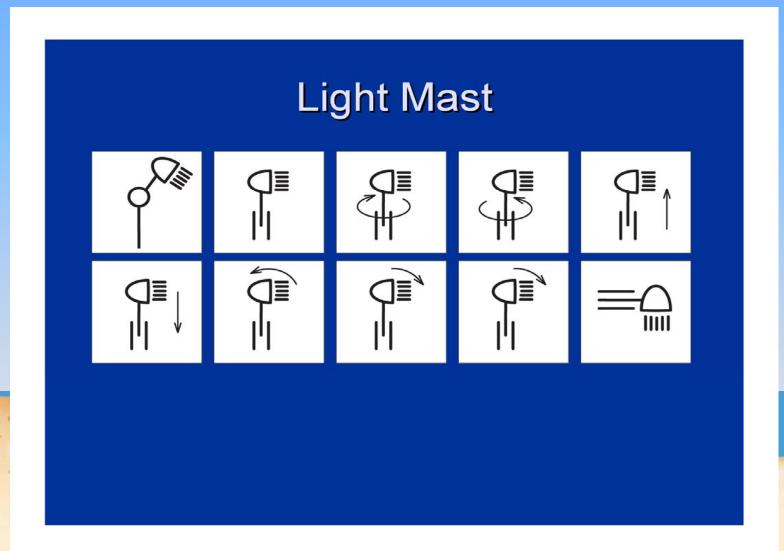




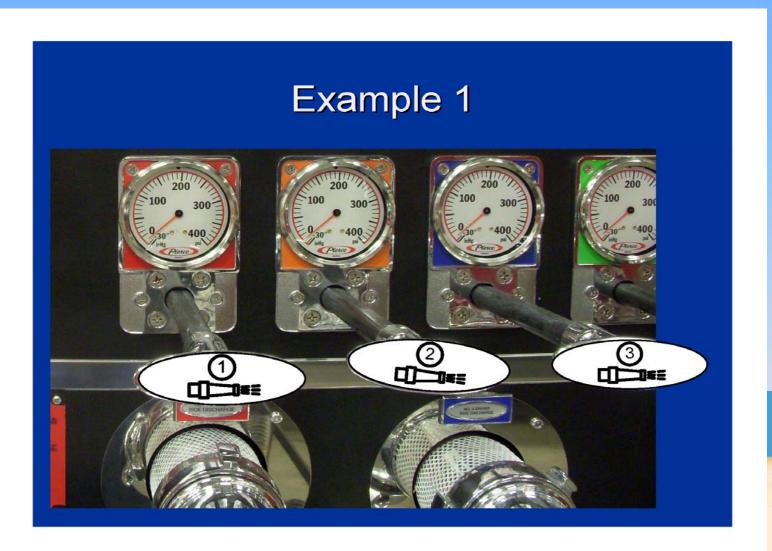




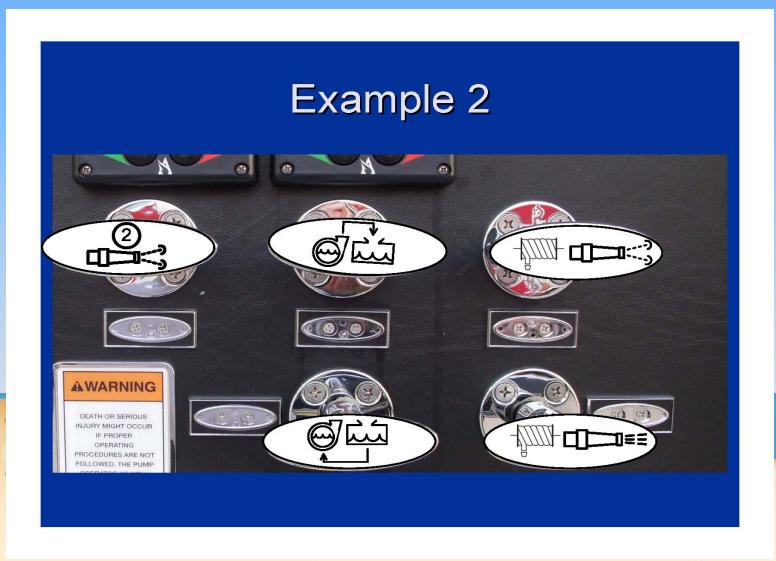




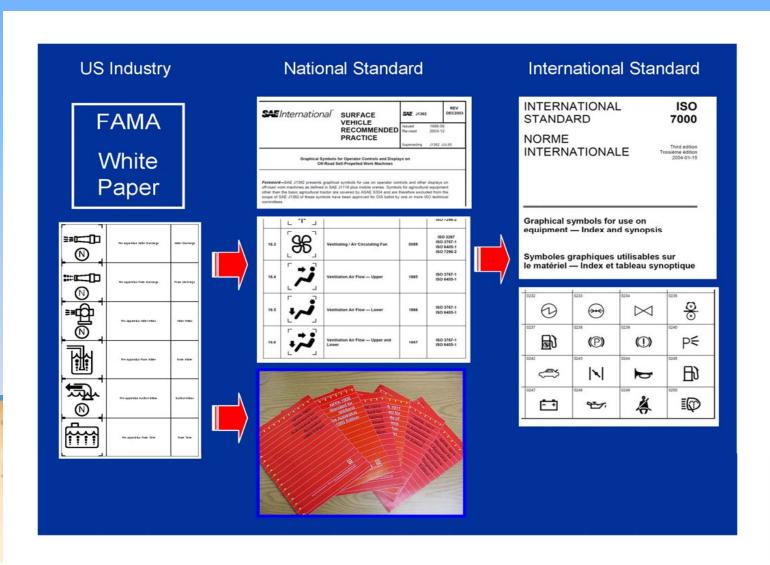














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UPDATE

NPRM on Greenhouse Gas and Fuel Economy for Medium and Heavy Duty Trucks



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Presidential Mandate



- Presidents request to EPA and NHTSA:
 - "Immediately begin work on a joint rulemaking under the Clean Air Act and the energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to establish fuel efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions standards for commercial medium and heavy duty vehicles beginning with the 2014 model year"
 - Consortium of Truck and Engine manufacturer's sign on the deal.



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Applies to...

- Line-Haul Tractors
- Buses (City, School and Transit)
- Vocational Vehicles
- Large pickup trucks and vans.















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Regulation Timing

- EPA
 - Greenhouse gas standards begin in 2014
- NHTSA
 - Fuel consumption standards
 - Voluntary 2014 2016
 - Mandatory beginning in 2017



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Fire Apparatus Impacts

- New Engines
 - Emissions standards (g/bhp-hr)
 - CO₂
 - N₂0 (Nitrous Oxide)
 - CH₄ (Methane)
 - Fuel Consumption (gal/bhp-hr)
 - 9% fuel consumption reduction for LHD & MHD
 - 5% fuel consumption reduction for HHD
- Tire Rolling Resistance Requirements
 - 8 kg/metric ton



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Tire Rolling Resistance Question

- No published data for Vocational Tires.
- Aggressive tread tires may not pass.











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Fire Apparatus Tread Selection

Type of Service	Tread Description	Percent Used	Percent Used by Service
Highway	Lugged - Small	1%	11.50.000
100	Ribbed - Straight	8%	29%
	Ribbed - Wavey	20%	
Highway Traction	Lugged - Medium	5%	
	Ribbed - Blocked	16%	33%
	Ribbed - Sipped	12%	
Off-Road	Lugged - Large	1%	1%
On/Off Road Mixed Service	Lugged - Large	25%	
	Lugged - Medium	9%	37%
	Ribbed - Blocked	3%	

Tread Category Examples



G291 Highway



G287 MSA Highway Traction



622 RSD Mixed Service



G177 Off-Road



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FAMA Public Comment

- Fire Apparatus
 Need Aggressive
 Tread.
- Proposed Rule
 May Prohibit
 Aggressive Tread
- Request
 Exception for
 Emergency
 Vehicles.



Docket Management Facility
M-30 U.S. Department of Transportation West Building
Rm. W12-140 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: NHTSA Docket No. NHTSA-2010-0079

Fire Apparatus Manufacturers' Association comments pertaining to the EPA and NHTSA Proposal to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Improve Fuel Efficiency of Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles.

Introduction

The Fire Apparatus Manufacturers' Association supports the intent of this proposed rule in its endeavor to serve the interests of the environment and energy conservation. We do, however, wish to point out one issue where we believe the proposed rule will be either impossible to comply with, or counterproductive as it relates to emergency vehicles.

The Proposed Rule Mandates Tire Tread Values

The proposed rule uses the GEM computer model to determine compliance with the new regulations. For vocational trucks, the tire rolling resistance value (CRR) is the only factor in the GEM model that may be entered by the chassis manufacturer. Every other factor is provided by the EPA and NHTSA

Since the CRR is the only factor available to be modified, and the regulation establishes what the final result must be, the chassis manufacturer has no choice but to install tires that meet the prescribed CRR.

Only tires with a CRR value of 8.0 kg/metric ton or less will provide a passing score for vocational vehicles in the GEM model.

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How to Provide Comments

- Public Comments due January 31, 2011
- www.regulations.gov
 - NHTSA Docket No. NHTSA-2010-0079
 - EPA Docket No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0162
- Final rule by July 30, 2011



Technical Committee

2011 Spring Tech Meeting

Thursday March 24th, 2011 at 8:30

FDIC, Indianapolis

Breakfast at 7:30

Special to Thanks to Spring Meeting Sponsor

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Note: This is a shared sponsorship, we have room for one more.



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2011 Fall Tech Meeting

Will be held August 26th, 2011 FRI Atlanta, GA

Special to Thanks to the 2010 Fall Meeting Sponsor





Technical Committee NFPA Responsible Documents & Revision Cycles

- NFPA 1901 Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus
 - Fall 2013 Revised Edition Date: 2014
- NFPA1906 Standard for Wildland Fire Apparatus
 - Fall 2011 (Revised from Fall 2010) Revised Edition Date: 2012 (Revised from 2011)
- NFPA 1911 Standard for the Inspection, Maintenance, Testing, and Retirement of In-Service Automotive Fire Apparatus
 - Fall 2011 Revised Edition Date: 2012
- NFPA 1912 Standard for Fire Apparatus Refurbishing
 - Fall 2010 Revised Edition Date: 2011



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NFPA1906 Revision Update (Revised to 2012)

- "Report on Comments Meeting"
- March 21-23, 2011 Indianapolis, IN (Embassy Suites)

NFPA1911 Revision Update

- "Report on Comments Meeting"
- March 21-23, 2011 Indianapolis, IN (Embassy Suites)



NFPA 1500 – Fire Service Occupational Health and Safety

NFPA 18 – Wetting Agents and Water Additives





FAMA representatives:

NFPA 1500 – Leroy Coffman (A) and Dominic Colletti (P) NFPA 18 – Jerry Halpin (A) and Dominic Colletti (P)

Mission Statement: The mission of both committees is to represent the
best interests of the FAMA group regarding providing input into
proposed standard changes, with the end result of making conditions
safer for firefighters and the public; and to provide feedback and report
to the FAMA board and membership on items that may significantly
impact the members of the association. Regarding significant issues,
the FAMA board will review and direct committee voting activity.





- Technical Committee is responsible for two separate documents:
 - NFPA 18 Standard on Wetting Agents
 - NFPA 18A –Standard on Water Additives For Fire Control and Vapor Mitigation
- NFPA 18 is through cycle and complete.
- NFPA 18A was just completed (Fall 2010 revision cycle) and the document has been released by NFPA.
- Next meeting for NFPA 18 will be the ROP meeting in the Fall if 2012.



 NFPA 1500: Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program

Two documents are "in cycle" and have gone through the Report On Proposals (ROP) phase:

- NFPA 1500, Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program;
- NFPA 1582, Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments;



Last full committee meeting to develop ROP was held in San Francisco on February 10 through 12, 2011.

- NFPA 1500 submitted proposals and committee proposal were reviewed. In relationship to fire apparatus, these include:
 - Method to secure and/or contain hose and exterior mounted equipment this will be retroactive.
 - Increased requirements for the AHJ to train members in the operation of specific department owned fire apparatus.
 - Placarding on the vehicle dashboard with a "Do Not Exceed XX mph" by the AHJ.



Annual
Meeting
2012
Documents
Dates

NFPA 1500, Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program;	
NFPA 1582, Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments;	
Report on Proposals Closing Date	November 23, 2010
Final Date for ROP Meeting	February 25, 2011
ROP Document Published	June 24, 2011
Report on Comments Closing Date	August 30, 2011
Final Date for ROC Meeting	November 4, 2011
ROC Document Published	February 24, 2012



NFPA 1500 Committee

Spring 2011 Update:

Next planned 1500 technical committee meeting is to develop Report On Comments (ROC):

October, 10 through 12, 2011, Washington DC area



2011 Objectives

- Year 2011 FAMA Committee NFPA 1500 and 18 Objectives:
- Remain active with both NFPA technical committees and identify any areas of the proposed 1500 and 18 series of standards that could affect FAMA member companies.
- Regarding the 1500 document, stay active with the NFPA technical committee and continually educate members on the safety impacts regarding changes in fire apparatus.



Trade Show Advisory

Co-Chairs: Brian Cassell and Ken Nielsen

- We have had meetings with FDSOA to explore ways that FAMA can become more involved in planning their Apparatus Symposium and possibly help with management of the event.
- Brian Cassell (Trade Show Committee) and I attended a focus group meeting with IAFC to look at changes to the FRI show.





Education Committee

Co-Chairs:
Tammy Laridaen
Jeff Hupke





Education Committee

2011 Phillip L. Turner Fire Protection Scholarship for Outstanding Achievement

- University notification March 10
- Evaluation of applicants June 30
- Board Review July 9
- Award Presentation IAFC, Atlanta





Education Committee

2010/2011 Survey of Fire Chiefs

- Present 2010 survey at Spring FAMA meeting
 - Incorporated FEMSA results
- Input to develop 2011 survey
- Conduct 2011 survey
- Statistical analysis
- Review at 2012 Spring FAMA meeting





Education Committee

Future

- Develop survey development and communication plan with other committees
- Work more closely with FEMSA on their fire survey
- Revise mission and objective statements for Education Committee





Education Committee

2010/2011 FAMA Survey of Fire Chiefs [Jeff Hupke, Education Committee Co-Chair]





Education Committee

Research Goals

- Gather information and identify fire department trends in staffing levels and equipment and apparatus purchases
- Determine how continued economic challenges are impacting departments
- Understand how apparatus requirements may be changing
- Continue analyzing building from the research baseline we established last year





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Methodology

- Online survey of the fire departments in the United States
- Weak FAMA data returns after a strong showing the previous year caused us to merge the data with FEMSA data from the same period
- 81 fire departments completed the FAMA data [Vs. 1,072 in 2009] and 1,281 fire departments completed the FEMSA survey





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Statistical Tests

- Chi-squared test was used to determine whether cross-tabulated variables were independent or dependent
- When chi-square test indicated a dependent relationship at a 95% level of confidence the correlation factor was noted as "significant"





Organization and Population

b. Organizational Type

A higher percentage of those responding to the FEMSA survey are volunteer departments (64%) compared to the FAMA survey (37%).

	FEMSA	FAMA
	(n=1,281.)	(n=81.)
Career department	12%	21%
Volunteer department	64%	37%
Combination career/volunteer	24%	41%

c. Population Served

Eighty-four percent of those responding to the FEMSA survey serve populations of 30,000 or less, while 81% of those responding to the FAMA survey serve populations of 50,000 or less.

FEMSA Results (n=1,281.)		FAMA Results (n=81.)	
Less than 10,000	56%	Less than 5,000	
10,000–30,000	28%	5,001-50,000	56%
30,000-250,000	14%	50,001-100,000	14%
250,000+	2%	100,001–500,000	2%
		500,001-1,000,000	4%
		More than 1,000,000	0%





Type of Structures

d. Type of Structures Protected

Almost all of the departments protect single family (98%) and multifamily (92%) dwellings. The next most common type of structure protected is industrial parks—by 69% of the departments.

This question was not asked on the FEMSA survey.

	FAMA	FAMA
	2010	2011
Single-family dwellings	98%	99%
Multi-family dwellings	92%	84%
Industrial Park	69%	64%
Wildland	61%	74%
Hazardous structures (petroleum, refineries)	54%	46%
High-rise (6 to 38 floors)	40%	33%
Skyscraper (39+ floors)	2%	1%





Anticipated Actions Due to Economic Conditions

Financial Overview

1. Anticipated Actions Due to Economic Conditions-FAMA

Just under two-thirds of respondents plan to postpone planned purchases; 54% plan to reduce the number of planned purchases due to current economic conditions. Results mirror those of 2010.

	FAMA	FAMA
	2010	2011
	(n=1,072)	(n=81.)
Postpone planned purchases	66%	62%
Reduce number of planned purchases	58%	54%
Standard operating procedures will		
change	29%	21%
Fees for service levied	26%	15%
Cancel planned purchases	25%	31%
Reduced staff	24%	26%
Refurbish existing apparatus	21%	32%
Forced to acquire non-NFPA		
compliant apparatus	3%	5%
Other	10%	14%





Equipment Funding

2. Apparatus Purchases Funding-FEMSA

Sixty-three percent of fire departments use municipal funds to fund new fire apparatus purchases. Forty-four percent use volunteer fundraising. (Note: n=1,281.)

Municipal funds	63%
Volunteer fundraising	44%
Federal government	32%
grants	
State government grants	19%
State funds	16%
Federal funds	12%
Corporate fundraising	4%
Other	11%

3. What Could FAMA do to Help Access Funding?-FAMA

(In which of the following areas could FAMA best help the fire chiefs to find/access funding?)

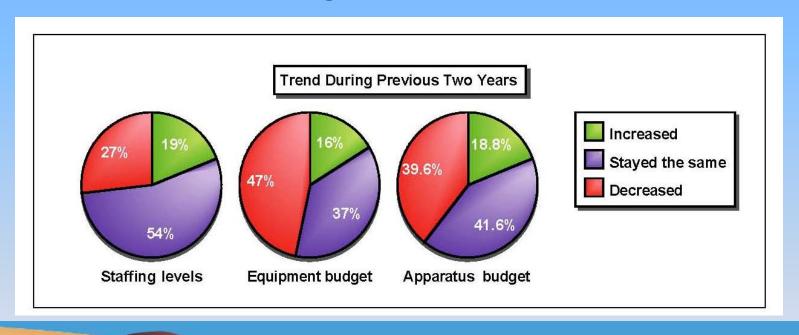
Half of the respondents stated that raising the overall awareness of funding sources would assist fire chiefs. (Note: n=78.)

Raising overall awareness of funding sources	50%
Define criteria for selecting the best source	27%
Training for accessing potential sources of funds	23%





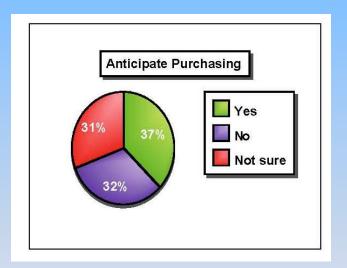
Trends During Previous Two Years

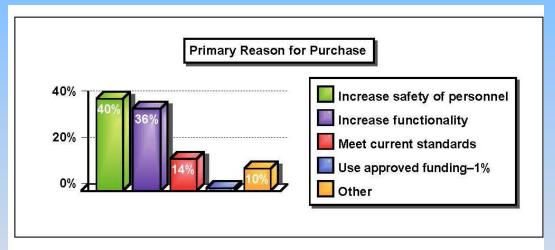






Purchasing Apparatus (2010-2011)









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Purchasing Apparatus (2010-2011)

3. Planned Apparatus Purchases

(Which of the following new apparatus are you planning to purchase within the next three years?)

Just over half of the respondents plan to purchase a pumper within the next three years; 22% plan to purchase a rescue/command vehicle. (Note: n=1,281.)

Pumpers	53%
Rescue/command	22%
Wildland	16%
Aerials	15%
EMS	14%
Small initial attack	9%
Not planning purchase	14%

4. Approach to Apparatus Purchases

(Which of the following best describes your departments approach to new apparatus purchases?)

Forty-five percent of respondents indicated they are purchasing more flexible apparatus and an almost equal amount are staying with the same type of apparatus.

Purchasing more flexible apparatus (perform a greater variety of tasks, but	
with less effectiveness)	45%
Staying with the same type of apparatus	41%
Purchasing more specialty apparatus (perform few tasks with effectiveness)	14%





Purchasing Apparatus (2010-2011)

How is your department dealing with the rapidly increasing cost of apparatus?

Purchasing less often	59%
Buying smaller, less equipped apparatus	8%
Finding more money to maintain normal	
purchase requirements	17%
Other	15%





NFPA Overview

Which of the following describes the value of NFPA to your department?

They've made my department safer and are well worth the cost.	42%
They've added too much cost to fire equipment.	27%
My department is safer, but not enough to justify the added cost.	25%
They've had little effect on safety or cost.	





NFPA Overview

Do you check to see if there is an NFPA Standard that covers the type of equipment you intend to purchase?

Yes, always	70%
Yes, sometimes	18%
Yes, but only apparatus	3%
Yes, but only apparatus and a few loose equipment items	4%
No	5%





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What did we find?

- A similar percentage of respondents expected to postpone purchases in 2011(62%) as 2010 (66%)
- A larger percentage in 2011 expected to refurbish existing apparatus (32% v 21%)
- Staffing levels and apparatus budgets are decreasing
- Departments purchasing more flexible apparatus
- Smaller departments are purchasing less often and larger departments are finding more money to maintain normal purchase requirements





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What's Next?

- Review report
- Provide input for next survey
- Share results with your associates





- Phil Gerace, Chair
- John Lund, Vice Chair
- Drew Sutphen
- Steve Cole
- Dave Durstine
- John Weber



How Marketing Can Help You:

Before asking for assistance, answer these questions:

- Who is my audience?
- What is my basic message?
- What is the action item I'd like them to do after viewing/reading this?

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- What additional details are required to be included in the message?
- Who can answer questions for Marketing and who can answer them for the Reader once the item is released?
- In what format do I need the item
 (PowerPoint, PDF, printed literature, etc)?



FDIC SPONSORSHIP

- Attendee Bag (FAMA logo with Booth #)
- Banners
- Ad in FDIC Show Guide
- FAMA now has a 2 minute video!



Banners



Ad



WE ARE COMMITTED TO FIREFIGHTERS.

FAMA works through its member companies to enhance the quality of the fire apparatus industry and emergency service community through the manufacture and sale of safe, efficient fire apparatus and equipment. We work to keep you safe in the most challenging situations and successful on the job.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO FIRE APPARATUS MANUFACTURERS.

Founded in 1946, FAMA remains the oldest and largest professional membership organization for Fire Apparatus Manufacturers. Our members work together to exchange ideas, research and speak out to give our industry voice with policy makers.

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Visit FAMA at FDIC 2011-Booth #5066

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- Mark Albright Vice Chair
- Greg Kozey Board VP
- Ed Dobbs
- Geary Roberts
- Damon Lewis
- Bob Grimaldi Travel Planner



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- Fire Engineering Magazine Corporate
- AMDOR & Spartan Motors, Inc. (Joint) Friday Banquet Open Bar
- W.S. Darley Coffee Break
- United Plastics Cups for hospitality suite
- VisionMark Recognition Awards



Fall 2011 FAMA/FEMSA Joint Meeting

- Location: Arlington, VA
- Date: Oct. 5-8, 2011
- Hotel: Crystal City Marriot



Spring 2012 FAMA Meeting

- Location: Fort Lauderdale, FL
- Date: March 30-April 3, 2012
- Hotel: Marriott Ft. Lauderdale















Meeting Planning Committee







Fall 2012 FAMA/FEMSA Joint Meeting

- Location: Glendale, AZ
- Date: Sept. 26-29, 2012
- Hotel: Glendale Marriott



Spring 2013 FAMA Meeting

- Location: Rancho Mirage, CA
- Date: March 15 19, 2013
- Hotel: Rancho Las Palmas



Fall 2013 FAMA/FEMSA Joint Meeting

- Location: Tampa, FL
- Date: Sept. 25 27, 2013
- Hotel: Renaissance Tampa



Spring 2014 FAMA Meeting

Location: Aruba

Date: March 14 - 18, 2014

Hotel: Aruba Marriott



Responsibilities

- Budget and plan for the General Membership Meetings
- Select topics of interest and speakers for General Membership Meetings
- Work with Marketing Committee to publicize and promote Spring and Fall meetings
- Coordinate awards and acknowledgements at General Membership Meetings
- Develop a schedule and budget for group and optional social activities in conjunction with the General Membership Meetings
- Prepare survey for meeting evaluation
- Hotel inspection/Site survey



Meeting Site Criteria

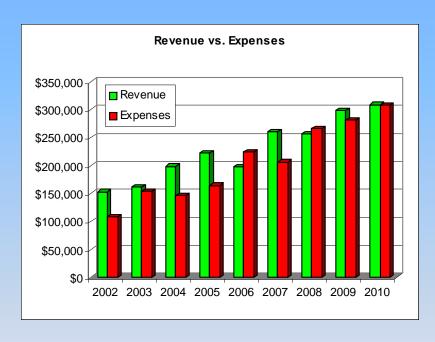
- Rate within the FAMA/FEMSA budget
- Prefer to be largest group at hotel during stay (more attention from hotel staff)
- Minimum 100 room property (FAMA requires average 85 rooms)
- Four star property
- Business hotel rather than leisure hotel property
- Major hotel chain (National representatives are available)
- Located within 1 hour drive from nearest airport
- Direct flights from major cities such as NY, Chicago, Atlanta
- Hotel features including internet access, restaurant and meeting rooms
- Hospitality suite on ground floor with pool access

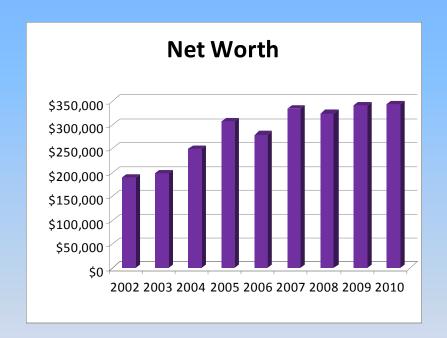


Coffee Break



• Finances:







Finances:

Spring Meeting

Corporate Sponsor \$37,500?

Member Sponsorships Available \$21,000

Member Sponsorships Supported \$3,500

GAC

Corporate Sponsor \$20,000?



Finances:





Report Code: MRR-FIRE10
The Fire Apparatus Manufacturing
Industry in North America
\$2,975.00



- <u>Finances:</u> While the FAMA organization is very sound financially, we see trends indicating that operating expenses are increasing faster than income. We are nearing the point where we will be maxed out on being able to provide all of our current services with our available revenue stream. We are asking a 3-part question. Going forward would you like to see?
 - 1. FAMA reduce current services? If so, which programs in particular?
 - 2. Increase membership dues?
 - 3. Look for ways of adding new members?

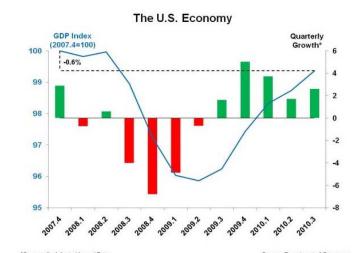


LegislativeInformation:

A Publication of the National Association of Manufacturers

MONDAY

ECONOMIC REPORT



*Seasonally-Adjusted Annual Rate

December 27, 2010

Source: Department of Commerce

Closely mirroring the prior week, last week's economic indicators were largely positive. Of the seven major reports last week, five accelerated, one grew more slowly and one declined. (To see all of last week's reports, see the Latest Economic Reports section below.)

It is important to note that the one declining indicator was a November report on durable manufacturing orders. The decline was the result of a large plunge in transportation orders, which are extremely volatile from month to month. Outside of transportation, gains in orders for big-ticket items continued their momentum over the past several months after decelerating in the third quarter.



- Legislative Information:
- The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) and the National Truck and Equipment Association (NTEA) provide weekly updates relating to laws and regulations that can affect our businesses.
 - Are you currently a member of NAM or NTEA?
 - Would you like to see these weekly updates via e-mail?
 - Would you rather have pertinent articles posted on our web site for review – no e-mail reminders from FAMA?



• Statistics:

- FAMA currently separates domestic sales by state and all other data is labeled as Canada or Other. Would you like to see "Other" further divided by region to see what areas of the globe we are exporting to?
- If they were available, would you like to see global statistics on fire equipment sales and trends? Would you be willing to increase membership fees to pay for this information?
- Would you be willing to submit sales forecasts in addition to booked orders?



Trade Shows:

- Would you be in favor of FAMA taking a more active role in the FDSOA Apparatus Symposium?
- If yes, do you want to:
 - Have official representation for the program planning?
 - Assist in operation of the symposium?



- Spring Meeting: Spring meetings are becoming increasingly expensive. Would you be in favor of increasing the meeting fees using the current format? Or, to reduce costs:
 - Would you be in favor of a more business oriented Spring Meeting?
 - Non-resort type location?
 - One full day meeting instead of two ½ day meetings (arrive on day 1 with board meetings, golf, and reception, day 2 all day meetings and banquet)?
 - Do we need two meetings (Spring and Fall) each year?



Open Mike Questions

- Member Involvement:
 - How many companies have at least one representative going to the Technical Meeting at FDIC?
 - How many companies have at least one representative on one of the other FAMA committees?
 - If your answer is none to these questions, what are the issues that prevent your company from getting more involved?
- Other



Round Table Break-Out

- Six Tables Six Topics
- Pick Four Tables to Visit
- 12-15 Minutes Per Table





Unfinished Business

New Business

Closing Remarks





Next Meeting Notice FAMA/FEMSA Fall Meeting

October 4-7, 2011 Arlington, VA





Meeting Survey and Evaluation

http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22BZYSG4AKN/

