



**New England Association
Of
Fire Protection System Designers**

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED ENGINEERING TECHNICIANS

MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Monday, November 18, 2013
PLACE: Double Tree Westborough Hotel
Rt. 9, Westborough, MA
TIME: 5:30 PM Social Hour
6:30 PM Dinner
COST: \$40.00 at the door
MENU: Beef \$35.00
Chicken \$30.00
Pasta \$28.00

HOW TO DO FIRE SPRINKLER AND ALARM INSPECTIONS AND MINIMIZE LIABILITY

This could happen to you: A Contractor performs annual inspections at a shopping center. He has been doing it for years. The interior of strip plaza was protected by sprinklers, but an exterior overhang was not. The contractor used industry standard inspection reports and on several occasions the Inspector added notes in the comments section of the report that were outside the scope of NFPA 25. Items such as spacing of heads, temperature ratings of heads, and the need to add a head in an area of the building were noted in the comments section. The Inspector never noted the unprotected exterior overhang in his reports. A fire started outside the building and traveled up the overhang and onto the roof. The anchor store experienced the most damage with the roof collapsing and extensive loss of income. The property Insurance Carrier for the anchor store subrogated against the sprinkler contractor for failing to inform them of the unprotected overhang. The Contractor argued that it was outside the scope of a NFPA 25 inspection. The Contractor produced past inspection reports with the numerous comments made that were also outside the scope of NFPA 25 but related to the design of the sprinkler system as required by NFPA 13. Given that, the property Insurance Carrier argued that the building Owner saw the Contractor as 'the expert' and assumed the report covered all areas of the building and all inadequacies of the sprinkler system. Sound familiar?

Our speaker for this meeting is Top Myers. Top has over thirty years experience in the automatic fire sprinkler system industry. Together with Tom Giangulio, they formed the RelMark Group and have developed an insurance program specific to needs of the Fire Sprinkler Contracting Community. Top has broad professional experience working as a manufacturer, distributor, and contractor. Top has developed his knowledge of the industry having worked locally at Central Sprinkler as Eastern Regional Sales Manager. He also spent six years as National Fire Protection Marketing Manager for the Victaulic Company of America, four years as Vice President of a sprinkler contractor, created mobile inspection software and is currently Chairman of Asurio, Incorporated. Top graduated with a BS in Industrial Management and a minor in Physics from the University of Cincinnati and has an MBA from Xavier University. Today, Top is active in many industry associations and has been an active member of the NFPA 25 technical committee since its inception.

Please reserve by Wednesday, November 13, 2013. Make checks payable to NEAFPSD and mail to NEAFPSD, P.O. Box 149, Wrentham, MA 02093-0149. Send all e-mail dinner reservations to: rsvp_neafpsd@yahoo.com

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