

KASC CSA Meeting March 17, 2009 Piccadilly Cafeteria

The meeting was called to order and Jack Alvis opened with prayer. All visitors and guests were welcomed. Mike Livingston reported that the Kids Safety Fair preparation is going well. This event will be held at the Eastman Toy F. Reid Center on Wednesday, May 6, and volunteers are needed to help with the KASC photo booth. Max reported that the speaker matrix for the May 13th seminar is final, and Jean Rhea announced that the 2009 Brochure has the TBR Number and is being printed. The brochure is also on the website and has been emailed to several interested parties. Gene reported that the tent for the Fire Safety Rodeo has been ordered. Terry has completed our Fun Fest Application, but the location of this year's event could possibly change due to construction at the DB parking lot.

The KASC webpage has been updated with lots of new information, including the Kingsport Fire and Police Departments' media releases, the spring Car Control Clinics, as well as information on the Annual Seminar. We received a nice Letter of Appreciation from Todd Norris, Executive Director of the Wellmont Foundation for our contribution to the Car Control Clinics. Melissa Hamilton gave an update on the National Safety Council's Safe Community Award. We need examples of local safety program summaries to complete the Application Package, so a letter was mailed out this week to solicit support from several businesses, including KASC members. Our goal for submission is the end of May, and everything is on schedule.

Today's guest speaker was introduced by Bryan Martin, Account Manager for Grainger Industrial Supply. Tony Wechter, Sr. ICSE/Grainger Program Team, has worked for Square D/Schneider Electric for ten years, working the last six dedicated to Grainger in East Tennessee, North and South Carolina. He was recently awarded Schneider Electric's most prestigious internal award (PWMD) for outstanding service and dedication to both internal and external customers. Tony reviewed several definitions associated with NFPA 70E, especially focusing on codes and standards that are applicable to Arc Flash compliance. He demonstrated the hazards associated with arc flash with several video clips showing actual incidents of exposure to the gaseous fireball produced during high-energy arcing. He continued with information on how to ensure your company is up to compliance, including use of checklists in the NFPA 70E. He also recommended soliciting professional assistance with engineering studies relative to level of required protection and methods of isolating dangerous energies. Several injuries have been avoided by simple methods such as standing to the side of the switching area instead of directly in front of the equipment, reducing exposure. Tony was presented a gift from the council, and a couple of door prizes were given out.



Bryan Martin introduces our guest speaker



Tony demonstrates the principles of arc flash



Tony points out victims prior to an arc flash incident



Special thanks to Tony and Bryan for their efforts