

chairman of the Center for Life Safety Education (CLSE).

Representing AFSA's Region 3 is Joe Heinrich, president of Bamford Fire Sprinkler Co., Inc., Salina, Kan. Heinrich entered the industry as a fitter after college in 1972, and has more than 36 years of experience in design, estimating, sales and administration. Heinrich is entering his eighth year of service on the Board of Directors. He sits on several committees and has served as chairman of the Bylaws, Legislative, and Contractors Advisory Committees. Heinrich is second vice chairman of the AFSA Board.

Region 4 Director and First Vice Chairman of the Board is Dwight Bateman, founder and president of Southeast Fire Protection, Inc., Houston, Texas. Beginning his career as vice president of Semico International, Inc., a fire sprinkler contractor, Bateman has 30-plus years of experience in the industry. He opened Southeast Fire Protection in 1986 and joined AFSA in 1989. Bateman has served on a number

of AFSA committees, and he is also a past vice president of the Texas Fire Sprinkler Contractors Association.

Region 5 Director Jeff Phifer is new to the Board of Directors this year. He is president of Crawford Sprinkler Co. of South Carolina, based in Lugoff, S.C., one of the oldest family-owned and continuously operated fire sprinkler contractors in the nation. Phifer has been working at Crawford for 34 years, working as a fitter, service technician, and in administration. In 1999, he became the third generation to be president and chairman of the board. Phifer was on the board of directors of the South Carolina Fire Sprinkler Association from 2000-2009, serving as president from 2003-2006. He is also a member of ABC and was a member of the board of directors for the ABC Carolinas Chapter from 2001-2004, vice-chairing the chapter in 2003.

Region 6 Director Michael F. Meehan is a principal/co-owner of VSC Fire & Security, Virginia Beach, Va. A 1981



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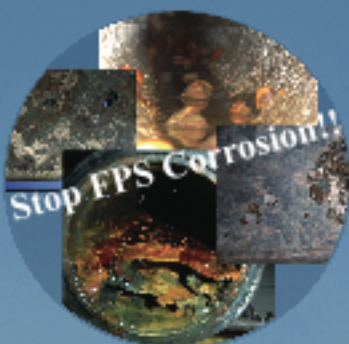
graduate from George Mason University, Meehan began his fire sprinkler career working summers as a pipe fitter apprentice. He is a NICET Level IV Certified Engineering Technician in Automatic Sprinkler System Layout, and has 30 years' experience in sprinkler design engineering, estimating, project management and senior management. Meehan represents AFSA as a principal voting member of the NFPA 13 Technical Committee on Installation Criteria and an alternate voting member on the NFPA 5000 Committee. He is active in the AFSA Virginia Chapter and is presently serving as president of the chapter. Meehan serves on the boards of directors for VSC Fire & Security,

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