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Taming the Fire Environment

3/20/2017 - Jack. J. Murphy

TOOTHPICK CONSTRUCTION ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

The fire service has ample justifications about large lightweight toothpick construction buildings (LLW/TPC) long before the recent Raleigh 5th Alarm 'Toothpick Construction' fire. So why is the construction industry and insurance companies' not paying heed for better fire protection features? Whether this is accomplished in the code development process or the industry stepping up and doing 'Best Practices' for enhanced balance of fire protection systems that feature a full building suppression system, more robust passive fire protection for draft-stopping and fire walls (masonry) that extend through the roof within these residential complexes.

Over the years, the fire service has advocated a balance fire protection that has fallen on deaf ears. A new fire service tactic to consider before a municipal council hearing and/or state legislation is how LLW/TPC building complex fires whether under construction or occupied are overwhelming a local fire department response. For many communities a fire response goes way beyond the municipality border lines to get a sustainable fighting force to help prevent this enormous fire from becoming a much larger community conflagration.

In the February, 2017 a LLW/TPC building under construction fire occurred in Maplewood, NJ. This fire quickly spread to the exposure building of similar construction, the building was approximately a few weeks away from being occupied. This building did, however, have masonry fire walls, while not yet required by code; they played a key role in saving the structure. ⁽¹⁾To give a prospective as to how many other fire departments were needed besides the Maplewood Fire Dept. (MFD) units, here is a small picture of what your fire department will be called upon to mitigate such an incident:

Initial Response & Beyond

A MFD fire station was just across the street from this block and a half long residential LLW/TPC complex. The initial all-hands incident called for all MFD units. Upon arrival the IC tactical decisions called for deck gun & aerial master stream operations, one of which protected several 400 lbs. propane tanks, plus the immediate call for one fire unit from the contiguous municipalities of:

- Irvington
- South Orange
- Orange

Immediately thereafter a 2nd alarm was struck, bring one fire unit from:

- East Orange
- Millburn

Once the 2nd alarm was dispatched, a 3rd alarm was struck bringing task force groups from:

- Newark (3 engines/1 truck)
- Elizabeth (3 engines/1 truck)
- Irvington with 2 more engines and a truck

This quick multi-department response enabled the fire units to set up defensive tactics in the exposure structure with good interior multi-floor fire attacks. These aggressive fire attacks along with the masonry fire walls made the SAVE.

During this MFD incident most of the fire departments in the County of Essex would respond. For a similar construction fire in a large occupied residential complex (Edgewater, NJ 2015) 50 or

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more fire departments would be committed to this incident. At the Conshohocken, PA (2008) fire, 80 fire departments from 5 counties responded to this fire which extended into several other LLW/TPC buildings.

Overwhelming Fire Service Concerns

The overwhelming fire service concerns with LLW/TPC building fires is that not only are we putting firefighters at greater risk, but positioning other municipalities into a state of jeopardy for adequate fire protection coverage over extensive time periods. What the local town councils and zoning boards need to hear is that when a LLW/TPC developer comes to town, the community is the inheriting all the 'what ifs' that come with this type of construction under the current code. One way to justify the Department's anxieties is show them the videos and documents referenced in this article to help support the heightened community concerns. ⁽²⁾

ENOUGH OF THIS!!! If you had a similar LLW/TPC complex fire either under construction or occupied add to the LLW/TPC website reference list below. NFIRS (LLW/TPC) fire incident reports will further support the life safety concerns at next code cycle hearings and to assist local apprehensions when these buildings come your way.

SIDEBAR: OVERLAND PARK, KS 9th Alarm

The ink did not dry on this article when a 9th alarm fire in Overland Park, KS. in a large apartment complex under construction. Type of construction unknown at this time, however, the destruction of numerous exposure buildings quickly developed. Take a look at pictures and the on-line videos and make a professional judgement call.

After your judgment call on this fire, should it be added to the LLW/TPC reference list at the end of the article?

Be safe out there, Jack

Footnote:

⁽¹⁾In the State of New Jersey since the Edgewater, NJ 2015 fire, a LLW/TPC developer across the state has willfully installed a full building NFPA-13 sprinkler system, passive masonry fire walls and in some cases provided the fire department with on-site equipment, such as several 35 foot ground ladders for a balcony extraction in an interior courtyard that is not accessible for truck company operations.

⁽²⁾Bergen Record article: [Avalon Bay Proposal Meets with Criticism in Edgewater; Some Say Fire Safety Upgrades Don't Go Far Enough](#), (09/07/2016)

LLW/TPC Conflagration Fires (Buildings Under Construction & Occupied) Reference List:

1. Overland Park, KS (2017):

<http://www.kwch.com/content/news/Firefighters-battling-massive-apartment-fire-in-Overland-Park-416652813.html>

2. Raleigh Fire (2017):

<http://www.firefighternation.com/articles/2017/03/videos-raleigh-firefighters-battle-massive-construction-site-fire.html>

<http://www.turnto23.com/news/raleigh-apartment-inferno-passed-inspection-50-times>

3. Maplewood Fire(2017):

<http://pix11.com/2017/02/04/massive-fire-rips-through-maplewood-apartment-complex/>

4. Gilbert Fire (2016):

<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/evacuations-ordered-near-5-alarm-construction-site-fire-arizona-n561166>

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5. Edgewater Fire (2015):

<http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Edgewater-New-Jersey-Apartment-Complex-Fire-289367561.html>

Bergen Record (2016): Edgewater Fire Safety Upgrade Proposals

<http://archive.northjersey.com/news/public-safety/avalonbay-proposal-meets-with-criticism-in-edgewater-some-say-fire-safety-upgrades-don-t-go-far-enough-1.1655605>

6. San Francisco Fire (2014):

<http://abc7news.com/news/mission-bay-building-back-on-track-after-massive-fire/428027/>

7. Los Angeles Fire: (2014):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sd5ZiBMADmA>

8. Houston Fire (2014):

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/out-of-control-fire-engulfs-apartment-complex-in-houston/>

9. Rahway Fire (2011):

<http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2011/01/04/fire-burns-at-incomplete-nj-condominium-complex/>

10. Large Loss Fires State of MA (2009):

PowerPoint of various large lightweight residential construction fires that have occurred in **Danvers (2007)**

11. Gloucester (2007)**12. Georgetown (2007)****13. Peabody (2008)****14. Indianapolis Fire(2009)**

<http://www.fireengineering.com/articles/print/volume-162/issue-5/features/ldquocosmopolitan-on-the-canalrdquo-fire-indianapolis-indiana.html>

15. Conshohocken Fire (2008):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NUSzHUAVK8Y>

16. Ybor City (Tampa/2000):

<http://www.fireengineering.com/articles/print/volume-153/issue-10/features/ybor-city-fire-tampa-florida.html>

17. Edgewater Fire (2000): It was like deja vu': 15 years apart, Edgewater fires devastate residents, community

http://www.nj.com/bergen/index.ssf/2015/01/it_was_like_deja_vu_15_years_apart_edgewater_fires.html

18. Chesterfield Fire (1995):

USFA Technical Report Series, Old Buckingham Station, Chesterfield, VA.

19. AND COUNTING???

Membership Coordinators Report

Robert H. Myers Jr
2nd Vice President
Spring 2017

I would like to thank everyone who has taken time to send in their 2017 dues and taken the time to fill out the 2017 Membership Forms completely. This completed form is a tremendous assistance in keeping our information up to date and current for the membership.

If you have not paid your 2017 dues, you will not have received the 2017 ID Card (Green, this year). This current Five Trumpet Journal, may be your last without an updated membership for the year. The Association will be using a paid to date membership listing for all future mailings of The Five Trumpet Journal.

Please remember with your paid dues you will have access to the "Member's Only" page on our web site, a discount on any training classes the Association holds throughout the state, and a "thank you gift" after our annual meeting in Wildwood.

***“Leadership and learning are
indispensable to each other”***

President John F. Kennedy 11/22/1963

President’s Report

Spring has finally sprung. Although it got off to a slow start, the season now seems to be in full swing with warmer temperatures and trees starting to bloom. Before you know it, we will be firing up those barbeques and enjoying all the Garden State has to offer.

The first quarter of the year got 2017 off to a great start. Our first meeting of the new year was held at Wall Fire Company in Monmouth County, where we had representatives from both the New Jersey State Police, as well as the New Jersey Department of Transportation discuss the latest developments in the Traffic Incident Management (TIM) program. Through education, awareness, and coordination, the program is effective in keeping first responders safe at traffic incidents. I encourage you to visit the program’s website at www.njtim.org for more information.

In early April, I had the privilege of traveling to Washington D.C. for the annual Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) 29th Annual Fire and Emergency Services Dinner. The dinner serves as the culminating event of two days of educational seminars, meeting with members of Congress, as well as an opportunity to network with peers. The keynote speaker of the dinner was Maine Senator Susan Collins, followed by Delaware Senator Thomas Carper as well as New Jersey’s own Congressman Bill Pascrell.

In addition to the guest speakers, the evening highlight was recognizing individuals for their commitment to the fire and emergency services. There are five such awards presented throughout the evening. One of the most notable presentations was the Mason Lankford Fire Leadership Award which “recognizes exemplary leaders in public safety for their work to improve the delivery of the fire and emergency services in the areas of prevention, mitigation and response.” This year’s recipient was Mr. Jim “JD” Dalton, recognizing his accomplishments on the local, state and national level over his 57 year career in the fire service. Being a true gentlemen, Mr. Dalton made it known to all attendees that he attributes all his success to his wife, for her strength and support.

For more information on this year’s event as well as next year’s gathering, please visit www.cfsi.org.

As we plan ahead, I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meeting on April 26, 2017 at the New Jersey Fire Museum in Allentown, NJ. The meeting will start off at 7pm with a tour of the new facility, which has various antique fire apparatus on display from throughout New Jersey. I encourage you to attend not only for the tour, but to become involved with **your** organization.

Sincerely,

Bill

Bill Newberry, President

Quote of the Month:

**Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn...
Benjamin Franklin.**

Events

- 6/4 Newark, NJ Fire Department Annual Muster
- 6/10 NJ State Exempt Firemen's Association Convention, Hackettstown, NJ
- 7/4 Independence Day
- 7/8 Pennsylvania Pump Primers Annual Muster, Harrisburg, PA
- 7/19 NJ Fire Commission Meeting 10 AM
Toms River Fire Academy
- 7/25 NJ State Fire Chiefs Association Executive Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
New Milford Co. #1
- 7/26-7/29 International Association of Fire Chiefs Conference; Charlotte, NC
Info at iafc.org.
- 7/26-7/30 Monmouth County Fair
- 8/20 Glasstown Muster, Millville, NJ
- 9/4 Labor Day
- 9/11 Patriots Day
- 9/14 NJ State Fire Chiefs Training Seminar 8:00 AM
Wildwood Convention Center
- 9/14 NJ Fire Commission Meeting 10:00 AM
Wildwood Crest Fire Dept. Wildwood Crest, NJ
- 9/14 NJ State Fire Chiefs Association Annual Meeting 1:00 PM
Wildwood Convention Center
- 9/15-9/16 NJ State Firemen's Association Annual Convention, Wildwood, NJ
- 10/9 Columbus Day
- 10/22 New Jersey Fire Museum Open House, Allentown, NJ
- 10/25 NJ State Fire Chiefs Executive Board Meeting 6:30 PM, Wall, NJ
- 11/9 VCOS Symposium in the Sun, Clearwater, FL info at iafc.org.
- 11/10 Veterans Day
- 11/14-11/16 NJ League of Municipalities Conference, Atlantic City Convention Center
- 11/15 NJ Fire Commission Meeting 10:00 AM, Atlantic City Convention Center
- 11/23 Thanksgiving
- 12/25 Christmas

APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER VALOR AWARDS

(serving as a Volunteer)

New Jersey State Fire Chief's Association

(Type or Print Application)

1. Date of Meritorious Act _____ 20____ Time _____

2. Nominee's Name _____ Rank _____

3. Home Address: Street _____ City _____

4. Fire Department or Company _____ Years of Service _____

5. Reason for Meritorious Act: Fire___ Drowning___ Cliff___ Sewer___ Explosion___ Auto___ Other___

(explain) _____

6. Location of Incident _____

7. Weather: Fair___ Snow___ Fog___ Rain___ Other___ Temperature___

(If Meritorious Act was related to a structural Fire, Complete 8 thru 12)

8. Type of Construction _____

9. Height of Construction (or Depth) _____

10. Type of Occupancy, Dwelling___ Apartment___ Public Building___ School___ Other (explain)

11. Location and extent of fire upon arrival _____

12. Describe Smoke Condition _____

13. Unusual features of involved occupancy: Old Age Home___ Panic___ Congested___

Highly Flammable___ Other _____

14. Persons rescued:

Name	Age	Gender	Physical Condition
(Normal, Disabled, Conscious, Panic-stricken, Other)			

If more space is needed use a second sheet.

APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER VALOR AWARDS

(continued)

17. Describe where victim was found _____

18. Describe the injuries to the victim _____

19. Describe the injuries to the rescuer _____

20. Was SCBA used? Yes ___ No ___

21. Was protective gear used? Yes ___ No ___

22. Was protective Stream used? Yes ___ No ___

23. Was additional help present? Yes ___ No ___

24. Was rescue made with assistance? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, describe

25. Give details of Meritorious Act.

_____ Attach all supporting information, incident report, witnesses, photos etc.

The undersigned hereby states that the information contained is substantially correct to the best of their knowledge.

Signature of Submitter _____ Signature of Fire Officer _____

Rank of Submitter _____ Rank of Fire Officer _____

Fire Department _____ Phone _____

Fire Department Address _____

Signatures of Approval of the Valor Awards Committee;

Date of Approval _____

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Secretary
New Jersey State Fire Chiefs' Association
P. O. Box 196
Carlstadt, New Jersey 07072-0196



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FOR THE FIRE SERVICE

Origins

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What we do

FireRescue GPO is a group purchasing organization providing fire departments access to publicly solicited contracts. Our contracts are created through a nationwide public RFP process and awarded by a lead public agency. Member departments are able to “piggyback” on the contract, eliminating the need to complete the RFP process themselves. Individual discounts are also available to firefighters. Membership is free and there are no purchasing obligations.

How it works

FireRescue GPO uses a “lead public agency” to publicly solicit and award contracts through a Request for Proposal process. Our members are eligible to utilize these contracts for public procurement purchases by signing an intergovernmental agreement with the lead public agency thereby eliminating the need to complete their own RFP process. FireRescue GPO staff and legal counsel facilitate this process and provide necessary documentation and support.

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