

SELACACI Announces "FIRE & FUMES" Training – March 3, 2015

SELACACI appreciates the opportunity to announce its programs on a monthly basis in the HVAC Insider LA/MS edition. While our A/C coalition primarily involves & directly serves contractor members in the Greater New Orleans area, we recognize the need for broader dissemination of educational programs such as the ones that we sponsor. Our mission & history is spelled out at SELACACI.org, & we invite the participation of anyone with relevant concerns.

SELACACI has tried to help fill the gap to inform contractors &

the public about the Building Code specifically, as it has developed post-Katrina. But there is also a need for ongoing discussion forums on Building Science issues, the context in which minimum standards (whether enforced or not), are assumed. Many of these issues are complicated & unsettled, & Best Practices for field practice require constant refinement. SE-LACACI as an organization seeks to enable various parts of the industry to work together to solve problems.

There have been numerous

house fires in the GNO area this winter -- some involving deaths -- which calls attention to the need for heightened awareness of Firerelated issues. Wherever contractors see hazards in the course of their work, there is a certain ethical obligation to identify them to the building owner, & likewise, the preservation of property is important for the public.

SELACACI has invited several industry experts to speak on a panel addressing the subject of:

"Fire & Fumes – What Contractors & Homeowners can do to Prevent Problems"

Local 60 Plumber's Hall, 2541 North Arnoult Road, Metairie, LA 70002

5:30 pm gather/refreshments; 6-8 pm Training.

The panel will consist of:

- Sidney Chaisson, Professional Engineer & Home Inspector (22 years), Baton Rouge
- Paul LaGrange -- Building Science professional, LaGrange Consulting, Mandeville
- Trent Naquin -- A/C contractor (26 yrs), longtime VFD member & EMT, Labadieville

· Walter Oliveaux, Fire Investigator, St. Francisville

Of concern are questions such

- The fire hazard (particularly due to lightning) from flexible gas lines (CSST) & the all-too-common code violation of flex lines running through furnaces
- Fumes involving Spray Foam insulation, particularly certain types or if improperly installed
- Combustion Gas exposure issues generally, & particularly as a result of the air-sealing of existing homes & the construction of tighter
- Electrical or other Fire Hazards for contractors & homeowners to look for, avoid, & correct.

Stay tuned to SELACACI.org for details & reports. (We changed the date to March 3 from March 4 as announced in this publication previously.) All of us can help spread the word, in order to help prevent further injury & loss from preventable fire-related problems. Thanks for your help.

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