



## MEMBER NEWSLETTER

### Winter 2024

*Exciting news! The FAMA / FEMSA newsletter is now digital for enhanced accessibility. Browse the latest news from both Associations below.*

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# YOUR HELP IS CRUCIAL!

APRIL 29-30, 2024

WASHINGTON, D.C.

## The AFG and SAFER Programs ★ MUST BE REAUTHORIZED ★

### SAVE AFG and SAFER, April 29-30, 2024

*By Dave Gatton, Senior GAC Advisor*

Hill Day 2024 is the most important Hill Day that FAMA and FEMSA have ever held. The future of the AFG and SAFER programs hang in the balance. Scheduled to sunset on October 1, 2024, the Fire Grant programs need a reauthorization to continue into the future.

We are, therefore, calling on all FAMA and FEMSA members to attend this year's Hill Day to ensure that AFG and SAFER continue to provide critical equipment and personnel to both volunteer and career fire departments across the country.

These Departments play a critical role in the nation's response strategy. They are the first on the scene of devastating storms and natural disasters, first on the scene of hazardous spills and terrorist events. And they remain on the scene until the job is done.

With our coalition partners in the Fire Service, we need to blanket Capitol Hill to demand that the reauthorization bill, which passed the Senate on a 97-2 vote and reported out of the Science Committee in the House, reaches final passage as soon as possible.

This year, Hill Day has one message: SAVE the FIRE GRANTS PROGRAMS. We need you to be part of saving AFG and SAFER.



Please contact the GAC Leadership with questions:

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## Member News

**CURTIS**  
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Curtis thanks Nick Lloyd, V.P. U.S. Government Sales and David Clough, Sales Manager for their combined 70+ years supporting the fire industry and congratulates them on their 2023 retirement.

Curtis is pleased to share the promotion of Kevin Leary to Director-Government Division, Dan Bria to Sales Manager-Pacific North, James Laurie to Technical Services Manager (CA/AZ/NV) and Phillip Canick to Director of Fulfillment-Logistics. Curtis also welcomes Chad Ziegenhorn – Outside Sales for Orange and San Diego Counties, Nicolai Caviglia – Outside Sales for Northern California Counties and NV and Sean Parker as PPE Care & Maintenance Manager (NV/AZ).

Curtis has also opened their newest operations center in Santa Fe Springs, CA.



Dinges Fire Company is thrilled to announce it has expanded its footprint and now services three more states – ND, SD and NE. The expansion expands the teams footprint to ten states in the Midwest.



Dinges Fire Company CEO Nick Dinges recently sat on a panel to discuss health in entrepreneurship hosted by Northern Illinois University, NC State Poole College of Management and DePaul University. The forum aimed to bring together fresh ideas and diverse perspectives on health and new venture creation to help students develop their own research and projects. Nick shared his mental and physical health journey and discussed how his health has influenced his business over time.



Fire & Safety Services is proud to partner with BME Fire Trucks as the exclusive dealer for NJ. Based out of Boise, ID, since 1990, BME is a trusted name amongst wildland apparatus manufacturers with exceptional craftsmanship.



Fire-Dex has recently filled four positions and announced five associate promotions. Skip Pinkston (Regional Sales Manager), James Aylward (Project Manager), Michelle Camarda (Production Planner), and Darin Siley (Vice President of Human Resources) have all recently onboarded at Fire-Dex. Julie Spragg has been promoted to Marketing Technology Manager, Jennifer Rose to Assistant Customer Service Manager, Michelle Slawson to MES Customer Service Lead, Stacy Foster to Product Manager, and April Moore to Plant Manager.



Milliken & Company is a part of the first annual edition of the Top 100 Global Most Loved Workplaces, by Newsweek. Debuting at #61, the diversified manufacturer joins other organizations leading the way in building a culture that places people at the center of their business models.



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LA 70450

### REYCO GRANNING

RealWheels Corporation (RWC) announces their move to new 65,000 sq. ft. headquarters and manufacturing facility in Zion, IL. Sitting on 22 acres, this new building allows RealWheels tremendous future growth, and the ability to expand their manufacturing capabilities with additional new equipment to better serve their customers.



SoundOff Signal is pleased to announce new additions to their senior leadership team. Teresa Esshaki joins as Chief Financial Officer and Marni Epstein, Vice President of Sales, Marketing and Product Management, takes on the role of sales leadership in addition to her marketing and product management leadership role.



Sourcewell continues to expand its cooperative purchasing program with the hiring of Jon Stodola, PPSM as the new Director of Cooperative Contracts for Public Safety. Jon will be supported by subject matter expert, Crosby Grindle and his consulting group, Cooperative Services (also a FEMSA member).



TecNiq is thrilled to announce the return of Charlie Gerds as National Sales Manager, bringing with him a wealth of experience and a proven track record in driving sales success. As National Sales Manager, Charlie is responsible for leading the sales team, developing strategic initiatives, and fostering relationships with partners.

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757-349-1550

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## Upcoming Fire Service Events

## IN MEMORIAM



**Ohio Fire Chiefs Winter Symposium**  
March 5-6, 2024 | Columbus, OH



**Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Conference**  
March 26-38, 2024 | Reno, NV



**FDIC International**  
April 15-20, 2024 | Indianapolis, IN



**Oregon Fire Chiefs Association Conference**  
May 1-3, 2024 | Bend, OR

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**William Bruns**  
United Plastic Fabricating, Inc.

**Reginald Darley**  
W.S. Darley & Company

**Denise Hanratty**  
Wife of Peter Hanratty, Firematic Mfg. Inc.

**Robert (Bob) Lock**  
Fort Garry Fire Trucks

**Catherine Kate Ruth**  
Wife of the late Roger Ruth

**Bob "Bubba" Young**  
Key Hose



## TOP 3 REASONS TO ATTEND THE 2024 FAMA SPRING MEETING

**February 24-27, 2024 | Don CeSar Hotel - St. Pete Beach, FL**

**1**

### STAY INFORMED

and receive important updates from the Statistics, Technical, and Governmental Affairs Committees.

**2**

### LEARN THE LEGAL PITFALLS

in a thought provoking presentation from Attorney Jim Juneau as he sheds light on the accountability individuals face in the industry.

**3**

### NETWORK & CONNECT

with professionals in the industry, exchange best practices, and collectively contribute to advancing and shaping the industry.

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## SAVE THE DATE



**ANNUAL / FALL CONFERENCE**  
September 24-27, 2024  
Tampa Westin Waterside



**Bert McCutcheon**  
Bulldog Fire Apparatus, Inc.  
*Past President*



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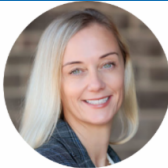
**Kevin Ignacio**  
Marion Body Works  
*Director at Large*



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**Burke Genthner**  
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**Andrew Geue**  
Toxic Suppression LLC



**David Russell**  
Fire & Safety Services, Inc.

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