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President's Column

by: Ron Ford, PAFED President



Hello PAFED members.

Hope 2026 is starting off to a good start for you. Been busy here with work and home issues. This year has started off for me like 2025 did!

Seems like everyone I talked to; they are busy too and that is always a good thing.

We have our annual conference on September 15th and 16th. This year we are moving back to Williamsport.

The 15th will be our Golf outing. Raising money and awareness for the Burn Foundation's Camp Susquehanna. This is an organization we have been supporting for 3 years and raising over \$5,000 to help support kids to go to Camp. I am Proud of PAFED for supporting this cause, and its members also helping and volunteering on their own.

Let us make this year's golf outing and conference even bigger for the camp. Plus, it is a day when the attendees get to relax and be with other members and sponsors.

While it is mostly for fun, They do have a competitive edge for most of them. This year again we will have trophies/Prizes for the Golfers. More on that soon.

Tuesday night will be our welcome party. Two hours of networking with members and all our great vendors. Drinks and snacks will be provided during the party.

The second day will be our conference. We are busy working on another great line up of speakers for you. So more to come on that soon. We will have lunch with the vendors during our vendor exhibition time.

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President's Message, from front cover

It is an exciting time to talk with all the vendors, see what is new or coming out or just about what you are seeing in the field.

In the evening, we will have an after party with dinner, awards, and the fundraiser raffle for Camp Susquehanna. We are also looking at entertainment for after dinner. So, stay tuned for details coming out shortly.

PAFED will be holding its business meeting as part of the annual conference, as we do every year. We are always looking for volunteers. The commitment required is nothing crazy and whatever time you can provide helps out a lot. If you are interested, please reach out to me or to Jason and we can help you on your volunteer journey with PAFED.

Last year I had announced that the efforts of myself and PAFED had resulted in the Philadelphia NICET requirement had been worked out but we still do not have any updates since. We are keeping a close eye on that situation.

If you have a PAFED or Industry issue, please feel free to contact me.

Be sure to keep an eye on your email and our website for more details about the 2026 annual conference. Don't miss out on this truly great event and networking opportunity. I look forward to seeing you there!

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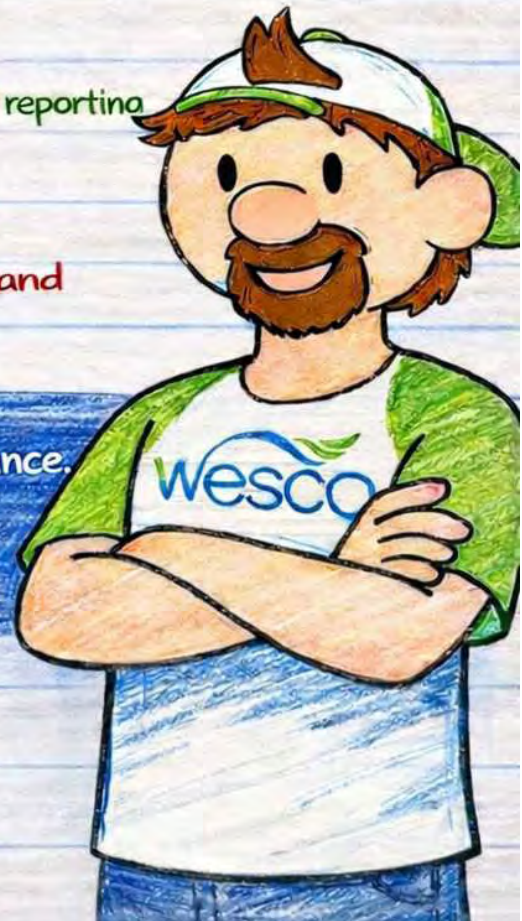
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Camp Susquehanna:

Where Young Burn Survivors Build Community and Confidence

A serious burn injury is one of the most painful traumas a human being—especially a child—can endure. Most severely burned children are put into a medically induced coma for the first several months of their recovery because they might not otherwise survive the pain of their initial healing process. Recovery often takes years or even a lifetime of difficult treatments.

Emotional suffering and social isolation compound these physical healing challenges. Maimed and facially disfigured survivors tend to be stigmatized whatever their age, and children especially face ostracism and bullying.

For kids in this situation, nothing is more healing than just “being a kid” with other children and adults who truly understand and are able to help. That’s why Camp Susquehanna exists.

What is Camp Susquehanna?

Camp Susquehanna is a sleepaway summer camp experience for children ages 7-17 who have had a burn injury. It creates potentially life-changing opportunities for children to have fun, connect with peers who are also burn survivors, and learn invaluable life skills in a safe, supportive environment.

Camp Susquehanna is the charity of choice for PAFED. It is a program of the Burn Prevention Network, a Pennsylvania statewide 501(c)(3) non-profit with the mission of reducing the risk of burns and empowering burn survivors and their families. Thanks to the support of many generous donors including PAFED, Camp Susquehanna is completely free to campers and their families. Participants can also take advantage of free roundtrip bus transportation from several different burn centers and other locations across Pennsylvania, including Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Lewistown, and Lehigh Valley.

Camp Susquehanna participants vary widely in age and abilities, so activities are tailored towards each camper’s unique developmental needs. Kids can choose to participate in an impressive range of activities, including a climbing

wall, ropes course, towed tubing, swimming, fishing, campfires, music, skits, arts and crafts, and much more.

We are celebrating Camp Susquehanna’s 30th year. It is currently being held at beautiful Camp Westmont in Poyntelle, PA. Bracketed by scenic woodlands and a lake, indoor amenities include excellent dining facilities and air-conditioned cabins. Yes, the fun here is first-class.

Supporting Camp Susquehanna

There are many ways for individuals, businesses, and groups to support Camp Susquehanna. One is supporting PAFED’s fundraising events. The camp is completely free for all who attend, and there is room at the current facility for many more campers if funding permits.

Other possibilities include:

- Acting as a chaperone on a bus bringing kids to or from camp.
- Helping to inventory, pack, label, and move camp supplies.
- Provide a lunch stop along one of the bus routes to or from camp. The kids love to stop at a fire hall and meet firefighters!
- Making possible online/virtual activities, such as regular Zoom calls with the children and their families.
- Helping to spread the word about Camp Susquehanna within your own community.

Camp applications are currently open! This year’s dates are June 14-18th. For more information about Camp Susquehanna, including this year’s volunteer application and donation links, please visit <https://www.burnprevention.org/camp-Susquehanna/>.

Additional information also on page 9 in this issue.





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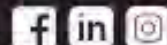
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VOLUNTEER FOR CAMP SUSQUEHANNA

Camp for Young Burn Survivors

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Camp Susquehanna is sleep away camp for children with burn injuries. Volunteers make one-on-one connections, learn and have new experiences, while enjoying the great outdoors in the beautiful Pocono Mountains.

Each year, the Burn Prevention Network welcomes 100+ volunteers to make Camp Susquehanna a success!

On-site volunteer opportunities for in-person camp include counselors, fun squad, psychosocial team, photographers, nurses and more! If you cannot commit to the entire time at camp, we have other opportunities as well!

- Chaperon on the buses that bring campers to and from camp
- Packers who label, organize, inventory, and move camp supplies
- Fundraisers! Hold a raffle, a fundraising event, or recruit donors
- Assist with virtual events throughout the year (Soliciting donations, packing materials, etc.)
- Help with a lunch stop along the bus routes for the campers

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS:

- Have experience working with children
- Complete the application
- Be at least 21 years of age
- Complete a phone interview
- Attend all days of camp
- Must have Criminal and Child Abuse check completed and mailed prior to attending camp. Anyone who has not lived in the state of PA for the last ten consecutive years must also complete an FBI fingerprint check. Clearances are valid for 60 months from date of issue.
- Burn survivors ages 18-20 may apply to the Leaders-InTraining Program

Camp Susquehanna is completely free of charge to our campers and families.

WHAT VOLUNTEERS SAY:

"Camp Susquehanna is a life changing experience. Once you attend, you will never be the same."

"Camp is just what I need to recharge my batteries for the rest of the year."

"I feel as though I get just as much from camp as the campers do. It feels like family here."



REGISTRATION

To see more information or register to volunteer for camp, visit our website. You can also email us at Jessica@burnprevention.org



CONTACT INFORMATION:

Camp Susquehanna is a program of the Burn Prevention Network.

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2026 Schedule of Events

PAFED Board Meeting:

January 16, 2026

PAFED Annual Conference:

September 16-17, 2026

ISC Security Expos:

- March 23-27 - ISC West
- November 3-5 - ISC East

NAFED Regional Conferences:

- March 12-13 - Las Vegas, NV
- April 9-10 - Atlantic City, NJ
- May 14-15 - Cleveland, OH

ESX Expo:

June 1-4, 2026 - Irving, TX

NFPA Conference and Expo:

June 22-24, 2026 - Las Vegas, NV

AFAA Annual Fire Expo:

April 14-16 - Orlando, FL

NFSA Regional Seminar:

April 28 - May 1 - NFSA Annual Seminar and Business/Leadership Conf – Seattle, WA

AFSA Annual Convention:

September 27-30 - Washington, DC

Renew Your Membership

Earlier this year, Membership Renewal Invoices were sent to all PAFED members. Membership Dues are \$250 -

what does your membership support?

- Legislative Advocacy & Updates
- Networking Opportunities
- News via The New Era Newsletter
- Public Relations Activities

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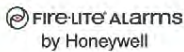
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Dates: 01.07.26 at 8 am EST (more dates coming)

This Fire Extinguishers Course is designed to provide attendees an overview of how Fire Extinguishers became important, product information, information on standards, codes and the enforcement of them, selection and installation, calculating extinguisher coverage, recharging and hydrostatic testing.

Hands On Training is also available at various locations throughout the year.

1/22 (Concord), 2/5 (Dallas), 2/19 (Edison), 3/5 (Orlando)

Visit fedlearningcenter.com for more information and to register.

Description

Segment 1: Learn the basic principles of Fire Extinguishers, the fundamentals of fire, fire extinguisher basics, using fire extinguishers, standards, codes, enforcement, product testing, ratings, labeling, and the general effectiveness of fire extinguishers.

ICC # 24691, CEUs: 0.15, Contact hours: 1.5

Segment 2: A general overview regarding the installation, inspection, and maintenance requirements of Portable Fire Extinguishers.

ICC # 24924, CEUs: 0.2, Contact hours: 2

Segment 3: A deeper dive into understanding Fire Extinguishers including how to determine the number of extinguishers installed based on occupancy hazard by explaining the proper selection and calculation process.

ICC # 24925, CEUs: 0.2, Contact hours: 2

After successful completion of all segments and materials, you will receive a Certificate of Completion for this course.

Some of the course content that will be covered during the course is below:

- Types & History of Fire Extinguishers
- Basics of Using a Fire Extinguisher & Effectiveness
- Standards, Codes and Enforcement
- AHJs and their role
- Product Testing, Ratings & Labeling
- Components of Portable Fire Extinguisher
- Installation of Extinguishers
- Inspection and Maintenance Requirements
- Maintenance Checklist
- Instructor Demonstration: Inspection of Out-of-Service Extinguisher
- Review of Obsolete Fire Extinguishers
- Non-Compliant Examples
- 6-Year Maintenance
- Recharging
- Hydrostatic Pressure Testing
- DOT and Non-DOT Cylinders
- Condemning Fire Extinguishers
- Types of Occupancy Hazards
- Selection of Fire Extinguishers
- Calculating Fire Extinguisher Coverage



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COMPANY CONTACT:

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- 5) List of References: Provide at least (3) references, these may be customers, vendors or competitors.
 - a) List to include company name, address and phone number
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 - a) Proof of Insurance – copy of Certificate of Insurance must be provided

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If NO, how was fire extinguished?

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If extinguisher failed to extinguish fire, why?

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 Wrong Type Unit Unknown Other: _____

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If known, approximate time fire department arrival? _____

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If YES, did they activate? YES NO

What type systems were present? _____

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