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## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL PROPANE PAC GOLF OUTING and FALL BOD/GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Propane PAC golf outing has been set for September 10<sup>th</sup>, with tee times starting at 1:49 PM CST. We will meet at Henry Horton State Park located at 4358 Nashville Highway in Chapel Hill. I have reserved tee times for 6 teams and hope we will need more. For a \$50.00 donation made payable to PropanePAC each golfer will receive 2 Mulligans and 1 sandy. This amount can only be paid by cash, personal check or Company check if the Company is an LLP, LLC or MLP due to the Ethics laws in the state of Tennessee. Your cost to play golf will be invoiced to your individual company.

Several members have indicated that they prefer skeet shooting rather than golf, so we have added this event to the agenda. We will still ask for a \$50.00 donation made payable to the PropanePAC for each shooter. We have reserved a 1:00 start time for this event at the shooting range. Your company will be invoiced the cost of shooting along with any other events you may sign up for.

After the golf outing we will gather for dinner at 7:00 PM CST at the Henry Horton restaurant. Also following dinner there will be committee meetings

for the following committees:

**Convention, Education & Safety, Governmental Affairs, Membership Services**

**There will also be an Associate/Supplier committee meeting.**

The Fall Board of Directors/General Membership meeting will start at 8:30 AM CST on September 11<sup>th</sup>. During this meeting, the Board will start investigating the possibility of a Tennessee LP Gas Board. The Board would like to hear from the membership with regard to this issue. The Board will also be approving the 2009 budget for the Association.

This is an important meeting and your participation is needed. We have held several rooms at the hotel for those that would need to stay over night. Just call 931-364-2222 to make your room reservation. Also, dinner will be invoiced along with golf to the individual members.

If you have not already registered to attend this event, please contact Ginger.

Chris Row, President

## WEST and MIDDLE TN FALL DISTRICT MEETING

The West and Middle Tennessee Fall District meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, 2008 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Inn at Paris Landing State Park. Lunch is \$7.50 plus drink, tax, and 15% tip.

The featured program, **Defensive Driving Course for Professional Truck Drivers (DDC-PTD)**, will be presented by Gary Holbrook with Gale Smith + Company, Inc.:

Professional truck drivers face challenges the average motorist can only imagine, including the fact that collisions involving trucks are the deadliest. This course helps them take responsibility for every motorist's safety, not just their own. It also provides specialized defensive driving techniques to help them avoid collisions and moving violations.

Classes range from 4 to 8 hours. Students will learn:

- The most common causes of truck-related crashes, and how to avoid them
- The importance of setting professional driver safety standards, and sticking to them
- How to deal safely with driving conditions and hazards they can't control
- Techniques for managing lanes and following distances
- How to make a pre-trip vehicle inspection
- How to manage fatigue, and other physical and mental conditions

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## EAST TN FALL DISTRICT MEETING

The East Tennessee Fall District meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 2008 from 8:00 AM EST to 1:00 pm EST at the Powell-Clinch Utility District offices located at 203 First Street, Lake City. Lunch will be provided by Richard McIntosh of Powell-Clinch Utility District.

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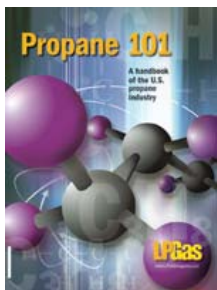
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## PROPANE 101 HANDBOOK OFFER from LPGAS MAGAZINE



This 120-page handbook is intended as a first step in understanding the many parts of the propane industry. It is intended to be informative, to explain the primary applications for propane, to describe common types of equipment and generally show how the industry is structured – **all in simple and practical terms**. The propane industry's first handbook in almost 50 years is completed and available from LP Gas Magazine.

To order, follow this link:

<http://www.lpgasmagazine.com/lpgas//static/staticHtml.jsp?ts=082108034246&id=522280>



### **DHS Survey: 97% Not Covered**

NPGA has received extremely positive results from our survey of the membership on our industry's coverage under the DHS Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards CFATS regulations. The survey was undertaken to gauge the impact that the CFATS regulations would have on propane marketers.

Thank you to everyone who submitted a response! Here are a few of the survey highlights.

- The survey achieved a very strong 36.4% response rate, with over 1,000 responses received.
- Respondents reported submittal of top screens for 5,025 facilities.
- Of the top screens submitted by survey respondents, only 153 were placed by DHS into a risk-based tier. The rest washed out of the program. THIS IS AN EXEMPTION PERCENTAGE OF 97%.
- For the relatively few facilities placed in a tier, proximity to the National Capital, critical infrastructure, and population centers seem to have driven DHS decisions, more than the amount of on-site storage.

NPGA strongly believes that this represents one of the great policy victories our industry has achieved in recent years. To put it into perspective, it was only a year ago that DHS proposed to require top screens from any facility storing more than 7,500 pounds of propane. Our aggressive lobbying succeeded in raising the threshold eight-fold to 60,000 pounds, and in convincing DHS to set a storage floor of 10,000 pound tanks which exempted most customer facilities from the top screen requirement. Our industry submitted 93% of the letters to the regulatory docket, and DHS was forced to address our concerns.

NPGA will continue to be in the forefront of lobbying Congress to ensure that no negative changes to the DHS rules are enacted. We strongly oppose granting states and localities more authority to regulate facilities. We also strongly oppose enactment of Inherently Safer Technology policy to force an analysis of alternatives to propane storage. Fortunately, Congress does not seem to be in a hurry to act in this area. Thank you to everyone who submitted a response!

### **Victory on Bobtail Tax Size Standards**

Culminating years of work, NPGA is proud to announce that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has fundamentally changed its size standard for propane dealers. Beginning August 22, propane marketers with 50 or fewer employees will be classified as small businesses. Previously, the threshold for a marketer to be considered a small business was less than \$6.5 million total receipts.

This change provides much greater regulatory clarity during times of price fluctuations because DOT uses this threshold for calculating the annual bobtail tax fee. Small businesses are required to pay a \$300 fee, but DOT recently proposed increasing the fee for non-small businesses to \$2500.

NPGA worked closely with key members of Congress to achieve this result, particularly the Chairwoman of the House Small Business Committee Nydia Velazquez (D-NY). She and her staff aggressively pressed this issue on NPGA's behalf throughout the process.

The information on this page came from the NPGA website.

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### DOT Renews NPGA's 5 Percent Special Permit For An Additional Four Years

The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) deputy secretary, Admiral Thomas Barrett, announced during his speech at the Fourth Annual Propane Days in Washington, DC, that the department has renewed the National Propane Gas Association's (NPGA) Special Permit 13341 (SP-1 3341) for the full four-year renewal period. SP-13341 was scheduled to expire on May 31, 2008, but with the agency's renewal, it is now effective through March 31, 2012.

This special permit allows permit holders to transport consumer storage tanks from a customer's premises back to a bulk plant for offloading regardless of how much propane is in the tank. Formerly, any tank that contained propane in an amount greater than 5 percent of the tank's water capacity had to be offloaded on the customer's premises. It is safer to offload a propane tank at a bulk plant, which is typically more secure than a customer site.

DOT has granted the special permit to all members of NPGA. The trade group has sent DOT a copy of its membership list, and its members need not make any separate application for the permit. Other propane marketers are eligible for the permit but must apply directly to the DOT to obtain party status to the special permit.

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