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CSI and CONSTRUCT are committed to the safety and wellbeing of attendees, exhibitors, staff and CSI members. We are continuing to monitor COVID-19, specifically in the Dallas area, combined with local guidance. CONSTRUCT, an Informa Markets show, made the difficult decision to transition CONSTRUCT 2020 to a digital experience. CSI fully supports this decision.

The CONSTRUCT and CSI teams understand the importance of connecting and celebrating the architecture, engineering, and construction communities. Therefore, we are excited to offer a unique virtual event that will allow the industry to source, learn, network, gain inspiration and overcome challenges in this new environment.

The CONSTRUCT virtual event will take place October 7th – 9th, one week later than the original dates. CSI events associated with CONSTRUCT, such as the Honors and Awards Celebration and the Annual Business Meeting, are being rescheduled as well. Full details will be announced soon.

All attendees will receive a full refund, and answers to frequently asked questions are on the [CONSTRUCT website](#).

Although the decision to transition this year's in-person event was difficult, and we will miss seeing everyone in Grapevine, we are excited about a new way to engage and interact with our industry.

We know the construction community is eager to come together face-to-face. Our reimagining of CONSTRUCT through a virtual event will offer exceptional content, the ability to source new products, learn, share ideas, and network.

Thank you for your continued understanding, patience, and support. We look forward to seeing you online in October.

Douglas Lugo  
CONSTRUCT Show Director

Mark Dorsey  
CSI Chief Executive Officer



### ***CSI Chattanooga Chapter Slate of Officers FY 2021***

President:	Jeff Tippens, CSI, CDT
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Director 2:	Rhonda Bailey, CSI
Director 3:	Mary Ghorashi, CSI
Board Advisor:	Jimmy Lail, FCSI



Before Covid-19 changed the way we live and socialize the Chattanooga Chapter held a social Christmas event on December 19, 2019 to enhance these relationships and to celebrate the season together. The Christmas Party was held at Southside Social with members, their families and other members of the construction community invited.

As part of the activities and the efforts of Vickie Towrey and Rhonda Bailey we had a fun and exciting gingerbread house building competition. They brought tons of candy and gingerbread building materials allowing everyone to use their imagination to build a spectacular gingerbread house that even Hansel and Gretel would not be able to resist.

There were teams of two for each house and team members were selected by random draw. That gave us the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other better. During the 30 minute competition, thankfully, there was only one structural failure with the judges determining the winners from the remaining entries.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place went to the team of Jennifer Thomas and Paul Thompson. They built a one story house that would be found in the country that included a fire pit with gingerbread people enjoying the warmth of the fire on this cold night. Looks like the gingerbread man in front of the house had too many holiday beverages and fell off the roof.



2<sup>nd</sup> place went to the team of Shelbye Lynn and Jo Ann Wilkerson. They used an ingenious building design of a pole barn structure. It had a gable roof including an open loft area. It should be noted that Shelbye and Jo Ann are not actually in the design field and they put those of us that are to shame.

1<sup>st</sup> place went to the team of Bill Wilkerson and Kenny Tyler. They built an impressive two story cottage complete with shingles on a gable roof. Their outside decorations included a Christmas tree and a gingerbread man on a sled while promoting CSI at the same time.



Fun was had by all, memories were made not to mention we entertained the other patrons at Southside Social by bringing the Christmas Cheer!

*Editors Note: The Chattanooga Chapter received a Gulf States Region Special Program Commendation Award for this event.*



May Chapter Board Meeting  
 Monday, May 4, 2020 5:30 PM  
 Zoom– Conference Call



Present: Paul Thompson, Jennifer Thomas, Jimmy Lail, Jeff Tippens, Kenny Tyler & Shelby Lynn

## AGENDA

Call to Order: Paul Thompson 5:32 pm

Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes to be sent for an email vote of approval. Via email vote Cindi Brooks moved to accept the March meeting minutes. Shelby Lynn second. The motion passed.

Treasures Report- Treasurers Report to be sent for an email vote of approval. Via email, Rhonda Bailey moved to accept the March meeting minutes, Jennifer Thomas second. The motion passed.

## New Business

Bric Awards- The chapter will keep the envelope sealed until the banquet is scheduled.

Membership- The chapter will now allow a deferral/ 90 day grace period to renew membership after it has expired.

Programs- TNAW is still closed due to COVID-19, therefore our meeting cannot happen. William is working to come up with a virtual meeting/ program for later in the month.

Year end Celebration- on hold for the time being.

Bylaws- have been reviewed for conformance. Cindi Brooks emailed to the chapter 5/4/2020.

Slate of officers- Jeff and Cindi have made phone calls to the proposed Slate of Officers. Jeff to determine how to proceed with the election.

Institute contact needs to be made to update Chapter officers, Chapter Meetings and Board Meetings.

Jeff and Cindi have discussed updating this information. Jeff will contact Cindi to get it done.

Planning Retreat- Mary offered the Spray Lock office. We'll have to determine an appropriate place that will allow social distancing. Could possibly combine with the Year End Retreat.

Jennifer moved to adjourn, Kenny second. Meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm

## Member Anniversaries

March	April	May
Joshua Dial, CSI	Royce Cornelison, CSI, AIA	Cindi Brooks, CSI, CDT
Suzan Jordan, CSI, CCPR, CDT	David Delcamp, CSI	Robin Vasa, CSI, CCS, CDT, AIA, LEED AP
Billy Martin III, CSI	Jeff Garner, CSI	Danny West, CSI
John McNicholas, CSI, CDT	Marvin Long Jr., PE, CSI	<b>June</b>
Will Tutton, BA, CSI	Bruce Martin, CSI, CDT	Sharon Braden, CSI
Mark Walker, CSI	James Moncrief Jr., CSI	William Sundquist, CSI
Bill Wilkerson, CSI	Barry Payne, CSI	Kenny Tyler Jr., CSI, CDT
	Houston Spencer Jr., Member Emeritus	

Technical Article by Gary Bergeron, CSI, CCS



## Importance of FDC Connections

Many of us in the building design and construction industry are accustomed to observing a sign that says **FDC** in bold red letters, but how many of us understand how important the Fire Department Connection (FDC) is to the fire department personnel responding to the fire? The FDC is a fitting on the side of the building where the fire pumper truck has access. The fire department connects 2-1/2-inch fire hose(s) to this fitting, boosting water pressure to fight the fire more effectively. It is very important these FDCs are visible to the fire department when they arrive on the fire scene. FDC fittings come in several variations and appearances depending upon the NFPA classification of the sprinkler system.

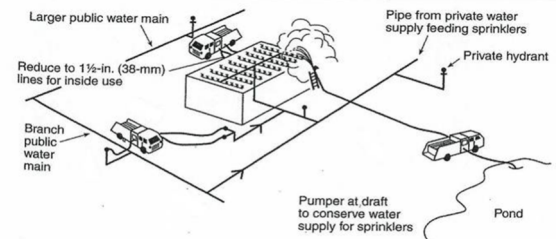
An NFPA 13 sprinkler system often requires a double fire hose connection commonly called a Siamese connection. The Siamese FDC connection often includes a nameplate that includes the words “auto spkr” to indicate the presence of a fire sprinkler system in the building. Older FDCs have a brass screw-on cap with a chain to prevent vandals from stealing the caps for salvage value. Certain modern FDCs include an aluminum or plastic breakaway cap instead of the brass cap. Some city fire departments now require a locking Knox box cap on the FDC to prevent vandalism of the breakaway caps and the insertion of debris, such as soda cans. Several buildings incorporate a sidewalk FDC which is mounted adjacent to the building instead of on the exterior wall.

Some FDCs are designed to serve dry standpipes in parking garages. These are galvanized pipes with valves and firehose outlets on each floor. They eliminate the need for the fire department to drag firehoses up the stairs to fight a potential car fire. The fire truck can connect a 4-inch suction hose to the nearby fire hydrant and connect the 2-1/2-inch hoses to the dry standpipe FDC. This provides water to every floor in the parking garage.

If the fire fighters have to look for the FDC during a fire event, this costs valuable time and possible loss of life. The FDC should be located between 40 feet, and no more than 100 feet, from the nearby pumper fire hydrant. If the fire hydrant is closer than 40 feet, there is a danger of the burning building collapsing on the fire truck. Most pumper fire trucks carry a maximum of 100 feet of 4-inch fire hose to connect to the fire hydrant. The discharge side of the pumper truck is connected to the 2-1/2-inch

fitting on the FDC. Before the fire pumper truck provides pressure to the FDC, the Post Indicator Valve (PIV) serving the building is closed to prevent the pumper truck from pressurizing the city water main. Other fire trucks connect their 2-1/2-inch hoses to other fire hydrants around the building. These fire trucks drive to other fire-fighting points around the building, removing the fire hose from the back of the truck via accordion-style folds.

Next time you see a FDC sign please observe the importance of it in keeping us all safe.



# Welcome

New Members

James Cain, CSI

Jordan Cornelison, CSI, AIA

David Jarrett, CSI, CDT

Kara Kirk, CSI-S

Clarissa Miller, CSI-S, ASID

James Moore, CSI-S, ASCE

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