

# 2005 Conferences a "Home Run!"

Touted by many attendees as the greatest in years, this year's conferences in Las Vegas and Atlantic City were informative, exciting, and well attended. A dazzling keynote address kicked off both shows, followed by a program chock full of information concerning codes and standards, business management practices, and industry and association updates.

Next year, as the conference committee works tirelessly to top this year's program, we will return to our three show schedule with the conference and expo appearing in Las Vegas, Atlantic City, and St. Louis, Missouri. As soon as dates are set, we will let you know!

**Many thanks to this year's sponsors, whose generous contributions helped make both conferences a success! We look forward to seeing you all again in 2006!**



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## What's the value of attending the NAFED Conference and Expo?

How does \$151,738.69 sound? Just ask Jeff Eastburn of Hoopes Fire, Newark, Delaware, who hit the jackpot on quarter slots in Atlantic City. He's already preregistered for next year's conference and expo!



## Charles A. Dancheck Sr. Receives NAFED's Lifetime Achievement Award

A highlight of the annual conference, Charles A. Dancheck Sr., of A. Dancheck, Inc., Edwardsville, Pennsylvania, received NAFED's Lifetime Achievement Award.

The following are excerpts from President John Gioseffi's remarks:

*Charles A. Dancheck, Sr. has demonstrated, throughout the course of his entire career, foresight and tireless dedication to the consistent growth and evolution of our industry. We all owe him thanks for his role in creating an environment that allows us to maintain the prosperous and progressive industry that exists within fire protection.*

Congratulations, Charlie! We commend you!

## NAFED and FEMA Partner for Portables



NAFED solidified their support of and partnership with FEMA during the annual conference in Atlantic City with the presentation of \$15,000 on behalf of NAFED members and the board of directors. The pledge will

help bolster FEMA's efforts in the fight to protect fire extinguishers and their place as part of balanced fire protection.

"I think there is a lot of work we can do legislatively and in terms of public awareness by partnering with FEMA," said NAFED President John Gioseffi. "I'm very excited for this partnership."

Mike Lauderoute, FEMA's code consultant, and Eric Moore of Badger Fire Protection, accepted the check from Gioseffi on behalf of FEMA. ❖

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