



NFC Mid-Eastern Regional Meeting Minutes

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WOW! It was great to see framers, GCs, home builders, engineers and hardware suppliers in the same room talking about the challenges of our industry.

A special thanks to **Joe Hikle with Shelter Systems** for helping to put this meeting at the Maryland Building Industry (11825 West Market Place, Fulton, MD 20759).

Also a special thanks to the following suppliers:

DAP (Steve Padgett & Chris Garrity)



Safety Pole (Paul Cracknell)



We also want to thank all of our members and sponsors that have been such great supporters of NFC.

The NFC meeting was conducted by Kenneth Shifflett of Ace Carpentry.

We opened the meeting outlining the Antitrust Law Policy and then discussed how George Hull, a framer from Texas, started the NFC along with several truss and component manufacturers and the importance of setting standards of framing in our industry.

The meeting moved forward with the presentation on FrameSAFE and the new NFC Safety Manual Template.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- FrameSAFE



- Toolbox Talks



- Jobsite Orientation Checklist
- Safety Posters



We introduced the new sub-committee for the Standard Development Committee that Scott Stevens of Modu-Tech will be heading. Some of the topics that Scott will be working on include:

- Roles and responsibilities for owners, GC's homebuilders, framers, competent manufactures, wood and hardware suppliers.
 - Job readiness
 - Mold and moisture
 - Storage and handling
 - Tolerance with wood framing
 - Shrinkage and compression of wood

The meeting lead into an open conversation of the importance of all framing companies to have a safety training program. We want to make sure that all of our workers go home every night in the same manner that they arrived and the importance of the standardized safety training program. There was a discussion that OSHA is requiring them to have their own safety plans and the importance for lower tier subs to have safety plans as well.

The discussion moved into liability of our lower tier subs not having their own safety training.

Topics:

- If you do not have your own Safety Plan, OSHA can issue citations for not having a training plan.
- If your lower tier subs do not have a safety training program OSHA can and will issue citations to them with the option at their discretion to site up. Basically, they can cite the lower tier, the framing sub-contractor and the GC/Home builder on the job. This creates a lot of liability for everyone.

After the meeting closed there was a lot of interaction between the attendees about the work that the NFC is doing and we received lots of positive feedback.