



# National Association of Purchasing Management Northwest Indiana



## NEWSLETTER



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### Calendar

**April 16, 2008 Wednesday**  
**Plant Tour- Task Force Tips**

2800 E. Evans Ave  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
**Educational Meeting**  
Valparaiso Country Club  
2501 Country Club Rd  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**May 21, 2008 Wednesday**  
**Educational Meeting- Election- Marty Harper Award**

T. J. Maloney's (Holiday Star & Radisson Hotel)  
I-65 & US 30 800 E 81<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
Merrillville, IN 46410

 *President's Pen*  
*by Pam Hale, C.P.M.*

Pam is off on a supplier audit presently, but will return for her article next month.

### **April Meeting**

Our April meeting will be a plant tour of Task Force Tips in Valparaiso, Indiana. NAPM-NI member Eric Haverstock, Purchasing Manager there has arranged this tour.

Task Force Tips Inc.  
2800 East Evans Ave.  
Valparaiso, Indiana 46383-6940

Here is some information from Task Force's web site:

### **Mission Statement**

TFT is a worldwide leader in providing first responders with high quality, innovative agent delivery solutions

### **Company History**

Ever since the invention of the fire pump, firefighters have been plagued with the difficulty of obtaining correct nozzle pressures for nozzles. Based on a simple and reliable design, Task Force Tip nozzles solve this dilemma by constantly adjusting to the varying pressures of the hoseline. First developed by Clyde McMillan, the Company is still managed with the personal touch of the McMillan family. Over the years, many additional products have evolved to make firefighting more effective and safer for firefighters around the world. As a result, the company which first started in the family basement has grown many times to meet the expanding market demands. A constant interest in staying on the leading edge of technology, the in-depth use of computerization at all levels, and strong desire for continuing innovative research and development, has made Task Force Tips one of the leading companies in the fire industry.

Task Force Tips moved into its present facility in April of 1987. We are continually adding additional computerized machines and support equipment to our plant. Additional personnel have been hired for our production and assembly divisions with an outlook for additional employees in the future. We have sales in all parts of the United States and over thirty (30) foreign countries.

At TFT employees are our most valuable asset. The company works continually with employees to make their work experience both enjoyable as well as productive. We are a proactive employer and are constantly looking for ways to improve the workplace and quality of the work environment. The "team spirit" and goal oriented nature allow employees to meet

personal goals while achieving the objectives and goals of the expanding company. Each employee's personal involvement and enthusiasm has resulted in record breaking months for Products produced and shipped. The entire TFT "family" is firmly dedicated to excellence and performance as well as unmatched customer service. With this much interest in achieving top performance in all areas, success is sure to result.

Please make your reservations now on our web site to attend our April Plant Tour and educational event. Tour starts promptly at 4:00 PM

### **March Meeting**

Our speaker for the March meeting had some family health issues, which gave us a unique opportunity in a unique setting of Strongbow's Board Room to sit down for some open discussion on our affiliate. I will leave Pam fill you in on more of the details, but we have compiled the slate for next year, and will be forwarding a survey to you to get your input on some very important issues to chart our course for the future.

### ***ISM's Summer Leadership Workshops will be held as follows:***

**Charlotte, NC, June 27-28, 2008**

[www.visitcharlotte.com](http://www.visitcharlotte.com)

**Boston, MA, July 25-26, 2008**

[www.bostonusa.com](http://www.bostonusa.com)

**Las Vegas, NV, August 1-2, 2008**

[www.visitlasvegas.com](http://www.visitlasvegas.com)

ISM's Leadership Training Workshops are tailored specifically for affiliate leadership. The workshops offer invaluable networking opportunities as well as sessions addressing the tactical, strategic and interpersonal training necessary to run a successful affiliate.

**One of our member's companies is looking for an entry level buyer, (Porter County) anyone interested please forward me your name and contact information so I may pass it along.**

## **NAPM-NI Employment Opportunities**

**We continue to receive employment opportunities which we share with those members interested. I would like to update the list of those who wish to receive these notifications. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to me at [ttimm@csinet.net](mailto:ttimm@csinet.net).**

**I posted this notice on last month's newsletter, and only received 2 replies. If you are interested in receiving this opportunity information please forward your contact information to me.**

**Thanks**

**Tim**