

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



PS&S Associate Principal George Reichert knows a thing or two about putting out fires – literally and figuratively.

During the span of his 35-year PS&S career, Reichert has been associated with some of the firm’s most demanding engineering challenges, from the casinos of Atlantic City and the New Jersey State Aquarium in Camden to various big-ticket projects with the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles (NJDMV).

And he’s been equally dedicated over that time to his other passion – serving as a firefighter in Quakertown, a community located in Franklin Township, N.J., where he also served for a time as the Fire Department’s Assistant Chief.

As Structural Field Services Manager, Reichert’s memorable career moments include engineering work with Harrah’s Casino in Atlantic City in the early 1980s. The casino ran into serious structural issues soon after its completion, and Reichert was dispatched to fix the problem. A PS&S team was onsite for several months, conducting surveys and analysis. Eventually, the building had to be reinforced.

Reichert said he learned some important lessons from those first days of the PS&S Harrah’s relationship -- “Always have an overnight bag packed in case you get stuck someplace” was one – and remembers it as a unique opportunity for a young member of the firm.

“As a young guy, it was a unique job to be the eyes of the company for the first part of it, and we’ve been there ever since. It’s a huge facility and we’ve done a ton of work for them,” he said.

Reichert was also a structural engineer on the New Jersey State Aquarium, a complex project that required his onsite presence for almost a year. “It is an unusual facility, and we only get one chance to get it right,” he said. Another of his noteworthy projects involved structural engineering for the NJDMV when the agency decided to revise and rehabilitate its inspection stations, including adding and rebuilding lanes at the facilities, to better accommodate changing population and traffic patterns.

His career with PS&S began as a draftsman while still a student at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. Over the years, he has mixed his career accomplishments with community service. His interest in firefighting and prevention began as a teenager when he became involved in town blood drives and fundraisers, and later took every relevant fire prevention course he could find.

As a long-time fire official in Quakertown, he was instrumental in modernizing the town’s fire and emergency response capability, helping with the building of the community’s first self-contained Rescue Squad and establishing a Bureau of Fire Prevention. Reichert’s commitment to community service extends beyond the Fire Department; he’s also served on the Franklin Township zoning board.

“It’s been a rewarding career – both at PS&S and with the Fire Department,” he said.



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