

Lemuel L. Laster

Experience

2005 to Present

President / C.E.O.

The Laster Group LLC.

Rocky Face, GA.

(Formerly Speedy Clean)

- C.K.V.S. Service. (Commercial Kitchen Ventilation Systems)
- C.K.V.S. Inspections. (Commercial Kitchen Ventilation Systems)
- Servicing the full gamut of commercial kitchens, independent owners, fast food franchises, national chain restaurants, gourmet restaurants, child care facilities, and health care facilities.
- Consulted with facilities management to improve fire safety in C.K.V.S.
- Subject Matter Expert for Multiple Organizations, for C.K.V.S. related claims.

Commercial Kitchen Ventilation System Cleaning is not a janitorial process; it is “Fire Prevention”. The importance of this process being carried out by properly trained, qualified, and certified personnel is paramount in fire prevention. Inadequate cleaning and reporting of deficiencies in the system to restaurant ownership greatly increase the risk of fire in a commercial kitchen ventilation system.

2014 to Present

Started a division of the company for chemical distribution, we are a distributor for Interchem Inc. a chemical specialty manufacturing company. While we offer their full line of products that range from laundry detergent to hospital disinfectant, as well as “Water Wetter” (surface tension breaker) used for fire fighting, our primary focus is on the “Nano” based technology group of products. These products work by attacking the molecular structure of grease and their metabolic action continues to break down grease long after others stop working. One of our products in particular fits right in with the fire protection of commercial kitchens, “Renew” filter panel cleaner does an amazing job at not only cleaning the panels but assist in keeping the exhaust plenum, duct and fan more fire safe by breaking down the molecular structure of the grease particles. We offer products that work on organic by-products as well as petroleum based products. This technology has found its way into the textile industry and is performing outstandingly.

2007 to Present

Instructor

Phil Ackland & Associates

Summerland, B.C.

- Credentialed Instructor for C.K.V.S. service technicians for Phil Ackland and Associates.
- Credentialed Instructor for Fire, Building, and Insurance Inspectors.
- Conducted the Inspectors Course, training civilian and military personnel in the U.S, Canada, Great Britain, Germany, and Southeast Asia.
- Contributor in the re-writing of the Cleaning Course Training Manual and Exam.
- Contributor in the 5th publication of the Inspectors Training Manual and Exam.
- Peer review for the Fire Investigation course manual.
- Contributor in the Guide for Commercial Kitchen Fires.
- I have conducted the Inspectors Training Program in six different countries on three separate continents for multiple branches of the military and civilian fire, building, and insurance entities.

There are an estimated (22) kitchen related fires per day, these fires result in hundreds of millions of dollars in losses each year. There is great risk to property and life, not only for the property owners, staff, and patrons; but for emergency responders also. Therefore it is imperative that the Authority having Jurisdiction stay up to date on inspection techniques and code requirements and changes. The enforcement of these codes is paramount to sustaining a fire safe environment. It is extremely important that everyone involved in the management, contract writing, maintenance, or over-site of C.K.V.S. educate themselves regarding the hazards associated with these systems. Our program provides instruction and insight into the depths of C.K.V.S. for everyone from the beginner to the seasoned veteran inspector and the system designers.

2003 to 2005

Mid-South Metal Works

Dalton, GA.

- Sales associate, working with dormant accounts to revitalize and improve service.

1995 to 2003

Taylor Adhesives

Dalton, GA.

Plant Manager

- Responsible for daily operations of manufacturing, close interaction with human resources, daily interaction with customer service, and responsible for setting yearly operational budget.
- Assisted with the lay out and implementation of automation process that allowed a 66% reduction in work force and 47% increase in production.
- Served as Plant Safety Coordinator setting a divisional Safety Record during this time.

Education

- 1983-1984 attended Kennesaw State University.
- 1984-1985 attended Dalton Jr. College (Technical Division).
- 1992 ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Certification (Welding) Law Engineering
- 2005 Certified Kitchen Exhaust Service Technician.
- 2007 Certified Instructor for C.K.V. Service Technicians.
- 2008 Certified Instructor for Fire/Building/Insurance Inspectors.
- 2008 Member National Fire Protection Association