



April 2005

***If Time is any Indication of Success, Then 100 years of
NFSA is the essence of excellence!***

Make Plans Now for the 100-Year Anniversary Conference & Exhibition

The 100-year anniversary conference and exhibition will be one conference you do not want to miss. Reserve Your Hotel Room Now. More details are available in the registration materials have been mailed to members. Latest counts received from the Grand Hyatt in New York City indicate that sleeping rooms for this celebration event are going fast. If you are already a NFSA member, don't miss out on the Early Bird seminar registration discount—***make your Hyatt reservation, include your confirmation number on the conference registration form.*** Book your hotel reservations by calling (212) 883-1234—refer to the National Fire Sprinkler Association to get the contracted room rate. **Be sure to keep your confirmation number, you will need it to receive the early bird conference registration fee discount.**

Pre-conference events will take place Saturday April 30th like New York Yankee baseball, in the house that Ruth Built at Yankee Stadium and Broadway theatre.

Actual conference opening will be on Sunday May 1, 2005 with events starting at 11:00. Sunday afternoon and all Monday there will be a **huge Exhibition** with more than 100. Exhibitors on the show floor and educational sessions (WI CEU approved) on timely subjects will be available. The exhibit opportunity coupled with the educational sessions offer business benefits that will pay major dividends.

The grand finale Tuesday evening, May 3rd will be an elegant Black Tie affair and will feature a surprise guest star that will entertain you with a show stopping performance.

Check the www.nfsa.org to download a brochure.

Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act(s) of 2005 Introduced to 109th Congress

On Thursday, March 3, 2005 at 2:15 PM on the grounds of the US Capitol, **Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA), author of the Senate Bill 512, Congressman Curt Weldon (R-PA), author of the House Bill 1131 and Congressman Jim Langevin (D-RI)** held a press conference to announce the introduction of the Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act of 2005 in both houses of the 109th Congress. The Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act will amend the 1986 Internal Revenue Code to accelerate the present depreciation schedule for the retrofit of fire sprinklers to five years at 20% per year. This accelerated depreciation schedule, coupled with insurance reduction savings, will allow building owners who retrofit their property with fire sprinklers to recover the cost over a much shorter time period.

The NFSA has been dogging this legislation for more than two years in anticipation of creating a monumental incentive to put fire sprinklers in existing buildings. **Check the web site for more information: www.nfsa.org.**

[AHCA/NCAL Backs Santorum-Weldon Fire Protection Bill to Accelerate Sprinkler Installation Depreciation Safety of Nursing Home Residents Integral to Providing Quality Care](#)

Citing the fact that resident safety is integral to providing quality nursing home and assisted living care, the **American Health Care Association (AHCA)** and **National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL)** endorsed legislation introduced by **U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA) and Curt Weldon (R-PA)**, called the Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act of 2005, to help quicken and facilitate the installation of sprinkler systems by accelerating their rate of depreciation. "Ensuring the safety of nursing home and assisted living residents is integral to providing quality care, and legislative efforts designed to help facilitate sprinkler installation in long term care facilities is a vital, necessary public policy initiative," stated **Hal Daub, President and CEO of AHCA/NCAL**.

Daub noted, however, that the **Santorum-Weldon bill covers only sprinkler installation in private facilities – not non-profit nursing homes**. "The Santorum-Weldon bill is a solid platform upon which to boost national fire safety, yet we must also encourage governmental measures to protect residents in non-profit facilities."

AHCA/NCAL continue to work with **U.S. Rep. John Larson (D-CT)** and others on Capitol Hill concerning legislation that would **mandate that all existing nursing homes be equipped with automatic fire sprinklers** and offer other forms of government assistance to help providers complete sprinkler installation work.

[Viniello to Receive Coveted Golden Sprinkler Award](#)

The National Fire Sprinkler Association Awards Committee is very pleased to announce that this year's recipient of the **Golden Sprinkler Award** is **John A. Viniello**.

Viniello is a dynamic leader and as President of NFSA since 1984, he has skillfully guided its development to be the fire sprinkler industry's recognized leading organization in promoting the fire sprinkler concept. Under his watch the fire sprinkler industry has experienced unprecedented growth during which time the sprinkler concept has earned the enviable reputation as being the undisputed best in fire protection.

Commenting on this year's decision naming Viniello as recipient of the Golden Sprinkler Award, **NFSA Awards Committee Chairman Barry Waterman** said, "Looking back over the tremendous advances the fire sprinkler industry has made over the last 20 years in the model building codes, installation standards and public awareness, it seems only fitting to this year recognize the leadership of the man whose efforts in large part as President of NFSA were responsible for making it all possible." He added, "With the Association celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year, being punctuated by an extravaganza in New York, this is the perfect time to honor John, in the presence of his dedicated staff and devoted family."

The presentation of the Golden Sprinkler Award will take place during the opening session of NFSA's 100th Anniversary Celebration & Exhibition scheduled for April 30 - May 3 at the Grand Hyatt New York.

[YOUR VOTE IS REALLY NEEDED IN LAS VEGAS!!!!!!!!!!!!](#)

The NFPA Technical Committee on Residential Occupancies has completed its work in preparing the next editions of NFPA 101 (the Life Safety Code) and NFPA 5000 (the Building Construction and Safety Code). In both documents, the Technical Committee decided to require fire sprinkler systems in all new one and two family dwellings. This is an incredibly historic event for fire safety throughout the United States. Never before has a consensus model code organization taken such a strong stand in favor of mandatory sprinkler protection for single-family homes where most of the fire deaths occur each year. There are still a couple of hurdles to get over before it officially becomes part of the next edition of each standard. In order to defeat any amendment motions that may come from fire sprinkler opponents, we will need a voting majority of pro-

sprinkler supporters at the NFPA Annual Meeting in Las Vegas (June 6-10, 2005 at the Mandalay Bay Resort in order to defeat any amendments that would remove this much-needed sprinkler requirement. Only those who have been members of NFPA since December 2004 will be allowed to vote at this meeting.

Locate an Exhibitor – Get a Start on NFSA 2006

The NFSA Exhibition is an integral and popular feature of the NFSA Annual Seminar providing the industry with the latest and greatest products available. Association members are a valuable source for identifying suppliers, even including their own companies, who would benefit by exhibiting their products and services to the leading installers of fire sprinkler systems who attend the Annual Seminar.

If you refer a potential first-time exhibitor who joins the 2005 Annual Seminar and Biennial Exhibition, the Association's 100th Anniversary, you will be entered in a drawing for a truly exceptional prize. One winner will be selected for a complimentary full seminar registration at the 2006 NFSA Seminar being held at the Fairmont Southampton in Southampton, Bermuda.

Submit contact information for potential exhibitors to NFSA Exhibit Management, c/o Exhibit Promotions Plus, Inc., 11620 Vixens Path, Ellicott City, MD 21042. You can also contact them at 410-997-0763, by fax at 410-997-0764 or by email to nfsa@eponline.com. Good Luck to all!!

US Agency to Study Fire-Alarm Response Times - Focus to be on Deaths, Injuries, Property Damage

The US Fire Administration says it will conduct a national study of how long fire departments take to respond to fire alarms, and whether delays are contributing to deaths. A series of articles in January in the Boston Globe documented a steady lengthening of response times, as fire departments have received smaller shares of municipal budgets. The newspaper reported that the Fire Administration, a federal agency under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), has been collecting response times on incident reports since 1986, but has never analyzed them. Once a day on average in the United States, someone dies when firefighters arrive more than 6 minutes after receiving a fire alarm. The fire industry goal is to get to 90 percent of building fires within 6 minutes of the alarm.

Need an Ordinance? Check this Process

If you are looking for the prototype ordinance, go to the web. Start by entering this: www.municode.com. The click "online library", pick state then pick a community you know has ordinances that favor sprinkler protection. For a quick look at some also go to the Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board site at: www.firesprinklerassoc.org and go to the Square Foot Upgrades by Town button.

SPRINKLER ACTIVATION PROJECT

The Residential Sprinkler Activation Project is a cooperative undertaking between the **US Fire Administration, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), and the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM)**. The purpose is to gather current and relevant data regarding residential sprinkler activations. It is anticipated that this data will demonstrate the effectiveness of sprinklers, be useful in offsetting objections to them, and provide valuable reference material in the fire code process.

Individual fire departments are encouraged to participate, and the first step is to obtain a logon and user name. This can be done by contacting either **Roy Marshall**, email rfsirlm@netins.net or at 712-829-2734, or **Dan Carlson**, 605-770-7850. If you have been assigned a logon and user name go to the NASFM home page (www.firemarshals.org) or if you prefer a search engine use NASFM or National Association of State

Fire Marshals. On the home page you will see a logo in the upper left corner—a star with a helmet at the top. Put your cursor on the helmet and click. You will be taken to a page that asks for logon and password. After entering these you will, in most cases, go directly to the report entry form (if you are taken first to a page with choices, select sprinkler activation project.) Complete the data fields on the report, most of which are drop-down choices. Keep in mind that for the purposes of this report NA and Unknown are interchangeable (if a question is unknown use the menu choice NA). All fields must be completed, with the exception of an option near the end, which allows you to include digital pictures. The **National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST**, will be using these reports, and they asked that departments be given the option of including a picture. If you have one, that's fine, but this field can be bypassed. You will be able to generate reports of your own entries if you wish to do so, and if someone at state level is designated a state level user that person may generate reports for the entire state. For the purposes of this report "residential" is permanent housing, but does not include transient housing such as hotels and motels.

This is a two-year program, so any residential sprinkler activation between the dates of July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2005, may be entered.

NFSA Academy Trains You at Your Desk

To answer the call for a quality distance-learning program, NFSA has introduced the **NFSA Academy**. With 80 modules to pick from, dealing with beginner to advanced training, the Academy has something for everyone! Save on lost billable hours and travel expenses by getting your continuing education needs right from your own desktop. Log onto www.nfsa.org and click on the banner and sign up for the NFSA Academy, your competition is!

Major Fire Protocol/Sprinkler Saves - WE NEED THIS INFO TO HELP PROMOTE THE INDUSTRY!

Contact me **A.S.A.P. at (262) 245-5255 or e-mail: Gengler@nfsa.org** if you have information regarding a Major Fire or Sprinkler Save. A major fire is defined as “one where there is extensive property loss, multiple death or injury to citizens or firefighters, or any other significant circumstances regarding fire sprinkler protection or lack thereof.” Our goal when the appropriate fire scenario occurs is to influence immediate post-media coverage regarding the application of fire sprinkler protection, or lack of protection.” Sprinkler Saves will help inform others that the systems do work and will provide life and property saving values.

When forwarding information of a major fire include; date, time, city, state, address, sprinkled, non-sprinkled, injuries, deaths and any other fire related particulars that may be available. Also, contact me if your company replaces a sprinkler head(s) due to activation by fire.

ILLINOIS

Illinois Professional Engineer Legislative Update

Rich Ray, Cybor Fire Protection, Dave Egelsaer, US Fire Protection and your regional manager have been communicating with **Chapter lobbyist Margaret Vaughn** about the NICET/PE language being proposed as an amendment to the Contractor's License Act. As all know, the issue is to have “shop drawings” signed off by a NICET III or IV if a professional engineer is not used to stamp such drawings. The definition of “shop drawings” verses “technical submissions” becomes the argument. A professional engineer, according to their act, must review and stamp technical submissions. The problem lies in the definition of shop drawing as being a document not for local authority approval but as a reference document of construction.

The amendment bill, HB 1445, authored and submitted by **Representative Dan Burke of Chicago-Alderman Ed Burke's** brother, was written by Margaret with our assistance. The bill was introduced to the House Regulations & Registration Committee chaired by **Representative Skip Saviano**, the original author of our license bill, on March 9, 2005.

The session started and our bill was second on the agenda. Margaret and your regional manager appeared for the amendment and **Tom Collins, Sprinkler Fitters Local 281** name was used as a proponent as well. He said it could be used. Another name spoke in favor but I'm not familiar with him. The lobbyist for the Society of professional Engineers spoke in opposition and mentioned that she knew of opposition from both the Illinois Departments of Public Health and Professional Regulations. That commitment was strange as we both knew that the departments would have physically been present to make their intentions noted to the committee.

The PE lobbyist stated that past practice of NICET or industry people submitting plans to AHJ's was illegal and that the practice should not have set precedent. She asked the committee to place the amendment to second hearing meaning that we should meet with our group and the PE's, not the IL Board of PE's, to reach a common ground. The committee stated that they did not want to do anything that constituted an illegal support of a practice. Therefore, they voted 16for-1against-1abstained to place our bill to second hearing.

If we can't reach a compromise, our bill dies and we are in a situation that will bring more scrutiny to plan submittals. As of this writing, we are attempting to get a small meeting of the minds to responsively review all of the problems, including the illegal interpretation by some PE's stamping plans. We hope to have had such meeting within next two weeks of the introduction of the bill as legislative items will be advanced by mid April and our getting this rectified with the PE's must be satisfied by then.

Strategies have been drawn and the "game is afoot!" We'll keep you informed next month.

THE ILLINOIS DORMATORY ACT IS IN DANGER!!!!

Your regional manager met with Deputy Director Joe August, Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal and discussed the Illinois Dormitory Fire Sprinkler Act passed last summer. He mentioned that a provision of the act was changed just before passage. Unfortunately, that was the funding mechanism to financially support the installation of fire sprinkler systems and someone removed it from the bill unknown to the interested parties. In essence, this means that systems DO NOT have to be installed if state funds are unavailable. They are unavailable because the legislature did not provide them as someone removed that language. The state didn't have the money and didn't provide the means to raise it.

The bottom line now is that any campus building that needed to be retrofit doesn't have to comply until the state gives the money. Technically any new building, especially high-rise dorms, would not be required under this situation regardless of NFPA 101 being adopted for the state.

There is to be a meeting of the minds regarding this issue, Fire Marshal and representatives of the university systems March 23, 2005. Your regional manager mentioned that some information on the possibility of pension funds may be available. We are hoping this and other potential funding will keep the legislation alive and impressive work for the industry.

NIFSAB Helps Communities Hit Tri-fecta

In an effort to increase fire safety and protect its citizens, three Chicago suburbs approved ordinances requiring the installation of automatic fire sprinkler systems in all new construction homes installed according to NFPA 13D.

March 7th, the **Des Plaines** Village Board passed the ordinance becoming the 24th municipality March 8th, the **Libertyville** and **Huntley** Village Boards voted to require fire sprinklers in all new homes bring the total number of towns and fire protection districts with residential sprinkler ordinances to 26.

The Libertyville Board voted unanimously. The Huntley Board reaffirmed the Huntley Fire Protection District Board's decision to also require sprinklers in all new homes built in the district a few months earlier.

Tom Lia and the Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board (NIFSAB) provided the fire departments/districts and elected officials with background information and resources about NFPA 13D including essential fire report data, cost comparisons, insurance research and copies of the America Burning Recommissioned and Firefighter Life Safety Summit reports from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Other municipalities and fire districts that require residential fire sprinklers include: Barrington, Berkeley, Clarendon Hills, Countryside Fire Dist., Glen Ellyn, Hickory Hills, Hoffman Estates, Huntley, Indian Creek, La Grange Park, Lake Barrington, Long Grove, Matteson, Mount Prospect, North Maine Fire Dist., Park Ridge, Round Lake Beach, Skokie, Streamwood, West Dundee and Wheeling. Several other communities are also progressing towards this goal.

You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says, 'My God, you're right! I never would've thought of that!' (The thought process exhibited at town hall meetings by some organizations opposing fire sprinkler ordinances.)

License Application for Illinois Fire Sprinkler Contractors-Some Still Haven't Applied!!! You Can't Work if You Don't Have a License!

According to the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal, some contractors installing sprinkler systems in the state have yet to apply for licensure. Illinois requires any person, partnership, corporation or other business entity that installs or repairs any fire sprinkler system in Illinois to be licensed by the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal. The Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act [225 ILCS 317/1 et seq.] establishes the minimum standards for licensure of fire sprinkler installation contractors for the purpose of protecting the public health and general welfare of the citizens of Illinois

The State of Illinois signed into law the Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act in December 2002. The administrative rule package has recently been adopted through the legislative process and requires the following:

- anyone installing automatic fire sprinkler systems in all commercial buildings must be registered as a Licensed Fire Sprinkler Contractor with the State of Illinois
- anyone installing automatic fire sprinkler protection in any residential building greater than eight-family occupancies having at least one side with three floors exposed also requires an Illinois Fire Sprinkler Contractor's License.

An Application Package containing a copy of the Illinois Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act, the rules

and application, is available from the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The Application Package may be requested by calling 217-785-0969 or downloaded from the Internet at "www.state.il.us/osfm."

City Hosts Life Safety Evaluation Presentations

Illinois-licensed architects and professional engineers who were interested in performing Life Safety Evaluations for the **Life Safety and High Rise Sprinkler Ordinance** requirement were invited to attend one of two free Life Safety Evaluation presentations hosted March 1 and March 4, by the **City of Chicago Department of Buildings (DCAP)**. Attendance is not required in order to perform these inspections but all interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Building Commissioner Stan-Lee Kaderbek, S.E., P.E., and his staff provided an overview of the Life Safety and High Rise Sprinkler ordinance, review-what to look at as part of the Life Safety Evaluation, and discuss the key elements of buildings that must be examined and review what the City expects to see in the way of a final report.

The City of Chicago's enacted Life Safety and High Rise Sprinkler Ordinance states it will better protect the lives of building occupants in pre-1975 high-rise buildings by requiring enhanced, more stringent and effective safety measures in both residential and commercial high-rise buildings. In addition to requiring sprinklers in most commercial high-rise buildings, the ordinance also requires residential high-rise building owners to submit thorough Life Safety Evaluations to the City.

Building owners who retain an architect or engineer to complete the Life Safety Evaluation and implement the recommended improvements will help Chicago's commercial and residential high-rise buildings are expected to become safer than ever before. The new requirement of a Life Safety Evaluation concerns buildings that (1) were built prior to 1975, (2) are more than 80 feet in height, (3) are without sprinklers throughout, and (4) are occupied for non-transient uses.

For more information about the Life Safety and High Rise Sprinkler Ordinance, view the City of Chicago Department of Buildings Web site, www.cityofchicago.org/buildings.

Fire Empties Suburban High School

Banners hanging in a first-floor hallway of a west suburban high school somehow caught fire shortly before noon today, forcing the evacuation of nearly 2,000 students, authorities said. The blaze was reported about 11:30 a.m. at Hinsdale South High School, in Darien, said Deputy Chief **Shelli** Gibson of the Tri-State Fire Protection District. The banners were hanging in a hallway near science classrooms, Gibson said. **The school's sprinkler system was activated and quickly doused the flames.** No injuries were reported, and students soon were allowed back into the building, she said.

Panel Puts Sprinkler Plan Back on Table

Persistent community members who have been pushing for more fire sprinklers at **Libertyville High School** are thrilled as school district officials are reconsidering the issue. In a public meeting, residents thanked members of the Libertyville-Vernon Hills Area High School District 128 board for agreeing to revisit adding a sprinkler system to the 51-year-old school. The proposal was rejected by a split board last summer but has been resurrected because a recent community survey showed about 62 percent of residents favor the improvement.

"I'm really happy the community survey did show (this was) an issue," **Libertyville resident Joyce Miller** said during the evening's facilities and finance committee meeting. "The community support is there," **Libertyville Assistant Fire Chief Robert Kleinheinz** said. "We need to revisit it and do it the right way."

Illinois law requires sprinklers only in new public schools or in additions or renovations that meet size requirements. Schools built before 1992 are not required to be retrofitted. Last June, the board narrowly approved a \$5.6 million improvement plan for Libertyville High and Vernon Hills High that didn't include sprinklers. The debates preceding the vote were heated, as were later board meetings at which the topic was discussed. Several passionate residents criticized the board for leaving sprinklers out of the plan. Other residents and some board members defended the move.

A few board members who voted against adding sprinklers to the plan later said they'd reconsider it if the community survey indicated people wanted the equipment - which could cost more than \$1 million - installed.

10th Annual Illinois Burn Prevention Invitational

The **10th Annual Illinois Burn Prevention Golf Invitational** has been scheduled for June 6, 2005 at the beautiful Glen Flora Country Club in Waukegan, Illinois. This popular outing will fill up quickly, so get your registration in early. Proceeds for this event benefit the *Illinois Fire Safety Alliance "Camp I am Me"*, the *Loyola Burn Unit* and NFA Educational Fund. The nine-year total for the invitational has raised over \$380,000 and the committee is looking to greatly up the numbers this year.

Once again, there will be the special raffle of only 500 (\$100) tickets with prizes of \$10,000 for first, \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,000 and \$500. **To order raffle tickets, contact me @ (262) 245-5255 or NIFSAB at: (708) 403-4468.** Watch for your early bird notice to register as the outing will fill and only first in will get a chance to enjoy a day of golf and an evening of great fun. You can do this and benefit some wonderful organizations too!

Wisconsin

Fire Routs Madison Loft Condo Residents

Residents of the new 4th Ward Loft condominiums were stuck outside in the cold for about 45 minutes early Sunday morning after being evacuated from their units due to a car fire in the complex's underground garage. "It was a little chilly. It was snowing, too," said downtown **Ald. Mike Verveer**, who moved into the 4th Ward Lofts, 614 W. Doty St., last June. "You really had to leave the building, though. With the fire alarm being so loud it really jars you out of bed even if you are a sound sleeper. That certainly was the case with me," he said.

The fire began at about 3:30 a.m. and was under control 20 minutes later, according to the Madison Fire Department, which estimated damage from the fire at \$30,000. The cause of the fire is still unknown. An investigator was on the scene until 1 p.m. Sunday and is continuing his investigation today, said **Assistant Fire Chief Gregg Knudtson**.

"It takes quite a bit to clean those underground fires. We've had fires in underground garages before and everything just gets black," Knudtson said. The fire destroyed a new model Cadillac that belonged to a neighbor of Verveer's who was out of town. Her son had been using the car. Verveer said there was smoke throughout the building and it could still be smelled Sunday night. There are 74 units in the complex.

Both buildings were evacuated. The owners from the West Main building were evacuated across the street to the Delta warehouse, where one of the neighbors has an office, Verveer said. Verveer said his car was parked close to the Cadillac. **The fire was well-contained and a sprinkler head above the car helped extinguish the fire.**

La Crosse Sprinkler Save

Another report submitted from La Crosse Division Chief of Inspection Jeff Brohmer, a regular correspondent for this newsletter.

The La Crosse Fire Department was dispatched to a City Brewery warehouse for a reported fire in the building on February 18, 2005. Upon arrival, firefighters found a small fire on a conveyor line that was being held in check by the activation of 1 sprinkler head. A brewery worker had tried to extinguish the fire with a fire extinguisher as soon as it was discovered but failed to do so. The sprinkler head kept the fire from spreading on the plastic conveyor system saving thousands of dollars in damages to the building and empty cans awaiting filling.

Bateman and Bergquist Named to New Council

Jeff Bateman, Pioneer Fire Protection, and Ron Bergquist, Viking Supply Net, have been recently appointed to the new Wisconsin Advisory Code Council for protecting the safety and health of the public. Their participation, along with other safety construction representatives, will be reviewing the 2003 and 2006 editions of the International Building Code(IBC). It is expected that the revised IBC will become effective about July 1, 2007.

NFSA-WI Chapter Annual Summer Meeting, Seminar and Golf Outing

The Annual NFSA-WI Summer Meeting, Seminar and Golf Outing has been set for July 12, 2005. The meeting and seminar, to be given by Ken Isman, NFSA

Burn Center Golf Invitational Date Set

The 17th Annual Burn Center Golf Invitational has been set for August 29, 2005 at the grand Geneva Resort & Spa. Be watching for more information in the next few months.

[NFSA News](#)

Website

Check out the NFSA Website (www.nfsa.org) at least once a week to see what's going on nationally. Daily updates keep our sites fresh. You can see what is happening on a local and national basis. Each regional manager has a site to give the region's industry high and low-lights.

Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board site: www.firesprinklerassoc.org

Wisconsin Chapter site: www.nfsawi.org.

Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition: www.homefiresprinkler.org

EDUCATION, EDUCATION, EDUCATION

[NFSA Adds NFPA 13 Update Seminars to Sprinkler Academy](#)

The NFSA has added two new seminars to the offerings in the **NFSA Sprinkler Academy** for sprinkler contractors and Authorities Having Jurisdiction that are just beginning to adopt and enforce the 2002 edition of NFPA 13.

Each of the seminars, “*What’s New In NFPA 13 Installation Criteria*” and “*What’s New in NFPA 13 Discharge and Support Criteria*” explain the major changes between the 1999 and the 2002 editions of NFPA 13. These seminars are a big help to people that are familiar with the 1999 edition of NFPA 13 and want to know what is new in the 2002 edition.

For a detailed description, visit the NFSA Academy at www.nfsaacademy.org. Have questions? **Call Dawn at 845-878-4200 x133 or by email at dawn@nfsa.org.**

[Inspection and Testing Certification Review Seminar](#)

NFSA has introduced the first in a series of seminars designed for the individual interested in the inspection and testing of water-based fire protection systems. Entitled “*Inspection and Testing Certification Review Seminar*”, the first three-day class was presented in East Syracuse, New York and received rave reviews. Other dates and locations will be announced as they are scheduled.

This seminar is designed for individuals interested in reviewing material required for NICET Level II certification in the relatively new sub-field of Inspection and Testing of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems. By the end of the seminar the student will have an understanding of a sufficient number of Level I, Level II General, and Special work elements to be prepared for Level II certification testing.

To get additional information or to register for either of these programs, **contact Dianna Romano**-no relation to Ray **at (845) 878-4200 ext. 132.**

[APS – Foremen and Construction Supervisors-Contract Programs- In Today’s Industry Environment, You Need an Advantage and We Have it for You](#)

Looking for a great in-house program without exposing your employees to other employers? The APS training program is the second of NFSA’s Professional Development Program designed with the FMI Corporation, Management Consultants to the Construction Industry. The APS-Foreman & Construction Supervisors class objectives include: Increase productivity on projects, conserve and utilize resources, maximize the effectiveness of people and improve customer service. This program is geared to the people supervising operations at the jobsite. Check the NFSA web site for a more information on this seminar.

Your company can contract this program with the NFSA and reap the cost and time saving benefits by having an in-house session. Industry recognized instructor Mike Friedman (2002 Golden Sprinkler Award Recipient) will come to your location and put on a seminar that will pay for itself, and then make your company money. For more information, **Contact Moira Lloyd @ (845) 878-4200 ext 131 or email Mike Friedman at friedman@nfsa.org.**

Speaking of NFSA Contract Classes, we will schedule an in-house training program with your company on any of our programs. Contact me at (262) 245-5255 or e-mail at dannfsa@aol.com for more information.

[2005 Live Online Interactive Seminars Schedule - *Get Wisconsin CEU’s – Understand the Standard](#)**

The Spring 2005 schedule is underway and is devoting its “Technical Tuesday online seminar series to an in-depth review of the **2002 NFPA 13 Standard**. This is your chance to learn from the experts who represent the fire sprinkler industry on the technical committees that write the sprinkler rules. Develop an appreciation for the way in which the material is organized in the 2002 edition while learning more about the background of the rules themselves. The level of all seminar topics is considered intermediate. Because these seminars

are being offered as a complete program on NFPA 13, a 30% discount is available when signing up for all ten seminars in the series.

All seminars are conducted by NFSA staff or consultants on Tuesdays and will start promptly at 10:30 A.M. Eastern Time and run approximately 1.5-hours. Seminar topics are designed to different levels of understanding, Basic (B), Intermediate (I) and Advanced (A) levels. There are several seminars that cross two levels. We will have the 2003-second semester classes in next month's newsletter.

2005 Date, Topic and Instructor

4/05/05	<i>NFPA 13 Ch 9-Hanging, Bracing, & Restraint of System Piping</i>	<i>Victoria B. Valentine P.E.</i>
4/19/05	<i>NFPA 13 Ch10-Underground Piping</i>	<i>Kevin J. Kelly, P.E.</i>
5/10/05	<i>NFPA 13 Ch 11,13 & 17-Design Approaches & Special Occ.</i>	<i>Russell P. Fleming, P.E.</i>
5/24/05	<i>NFPA 13 Ch 12-Storage</i>	<i>Kenneth E. Isman, P.E.</i>
6/21/05	<i>NFPA 13 Ch's 14-16 & 18-Plans, Calculations, & Commissioning</i>	<i>Cecil Bilbo-Consultant</i>

NFSA Member Cost: \$125.00* per seminar per computer.

Non-member Cost: \$250.00* per seminar per computer.

Members Participation Verification w/Certification: \$25.00.

Members Participation Verification w/Certification: \$50.00.

The On-Line Seminars have been approved for 1.5 hours CEU credit in Wisconsin. This is monumental because those needy contractors/fitters not finding the availability to get away from the workplace or jobsite will find this opportunity quite convenient. From the desktop of an office or the comforts of a home, one can watch the 1½-hour live-interactive seminar and receive credit. When registering for the seminar, the registrant needs to inform the NFSA that they are in need to receive Wisconsin CEU's.

NFSA is offering to all AHJ's the member rate for these live on-line seminars. Order all 10 and save 30%. For more information on this offer and information on these seminars contact Dawn at Dawn@nfsa.org or 845-878-4200 x133.

Hey Illinois Contractors!

**[NFSA Announces Unique Training Opportunity - Certificate Program for Fire Sprinkler Technicians](#)
[Hey Illinois Contractors, Get Yourself NICET Certified](#)**

The National Fire Sprinkler Association is proud to announce a unique training program for design technicians called the *Certificate Program for Fire Sprinkler Technicians*. The program will run for approximately two years and will guide a design technician along a career development path, creating knowledgeable and efficient layout and detail professionals.

At the beginning of the program, the participant will be asked to identify a mentor at their company to work with. The mentor should be someone in a supervisory position with experience in sprinkler layout and detail that can help answer questions and monitor the progress of the participant. The mentor becomes a partner with the NFSA and the participant in the learning process.

Program Overview - This six-phase program will take a new sprinkler design technician and guide them through a training process where they will learn to become profitable employees. By the end of the program, they will be capable of working with a minimum of supervision, preparing drawings that detail the installation of fire sprinkler systems, standpipe systems, fire pumps and water tanks. During the program, the participant will be completely prepared and qualified to sit for the NICET Level 2 exam. By the end of the program, the participant will be ready to test for NICET Level 3 Certification.

Target Audience - The program is designed for people that are fairly new to the fire sprinkler business including entry level design technicians, design technicians working towards NICET Level 2 Certification, managers that want to know more about sprinkler requirements and plan review authorities that want to learn more about sprinkler systems. During the program it is anticipated that the technician will take the NICET Level II exam during Phase 3 and will take the NICET Level III exam at the end of the program.

For more information, or to register for the program, go to the NFSA website at the following address: www.nfsa.org/news/articles/techcertificate.doc or phone the NFSA Engineering Department at 845.878.4200 ext. 132.

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PUMPS FOR FIRE PROTECTION
RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLERS HOMES TO HIGH-RISE
INSPECTION, TESTING & MAINTENANCE OF WATER BASED FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS

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Your Regional Manager is looking to schedule 2005 programming, **Contact Dan Gengler (262) 245-5255 or dannfsa@aol.com** for information or registration. Check the NFSA web site to register and to link to our other regions for seminars that may fit your educational needs. **Contact Mike Repko, NFSA @ (845) 878-4200 ext. 120** for information or registration.

The McFarland, WI Fire Department is co-sponsoring One-Day General Storage, One-Day Rack Storage and Half-Day Underground Piping for Fire Protection Systems with Half-Day NFPA 13, 13R, 13D 2002 Update seminars April 5-7 respectively . Get Wisconsin CEU's for attending.

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