



*Great Spirits have always encountered violent opposition  
from mediocre minds*

Boy does that sound familiar when we look at those stepping into the fire safety arena. When speaking of “great spirits”, I would like to think the fire sprinkler industry stands atop the mountain offering vigilance in protecting what everyone values most, the lives of our families, friends and those we don’t even know. Mediocre minds may very well be a compliment or sorts to those in opposition to our pattern of thoughts.

In an ideal world, people would understand and support a technology that can stop the evils and trauma of fire. We don’t live in that world but must endure those that want to keep the perfect world from existing. Too bad we encounter these non perfectionists in the code development process and in the council chambers, state houses and federal legislatures. Our salvation is in the phrase: “Good things come to those who wait.” The “good things” are happening but the pace is slow. I believe all agree, it will be picking up the pace and we “Great Spirits” must be ready to handle the protection movement.

[NFPA to Award Highest Honor to NFSA’s Russ Fleming](#)

The National Fire Sprinkler Association is proud to announce that the National Fire Protection Association will be awarding its highest honor, the **Paul C. Lamb Award**, to **Russell P. Fleming, NFSA’s Executive Vice President**. The award is named for Paul C. Lamb, whose long career in fire protection and many years of dedication to the NFPA stand as a symbol for all NFPA volunteers to strive for in their service. This award recognizes such personal attributes as leadership skills, tact and diplomacy, straightforwardness, professional integrity and active dedication to the goals of the Association. The award is not given every year, having been presented to only 17 individuals since its inception in 1980. This year’s presentation will be made on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at the NFPA World Fire Safety Conference in Orlando, Florida.

Responding to the announcement, **NFSA President John Viniello** expressed congratulations on behalf of NFSA and stated: “We are very pleased that NFPA is recognizing the many contributions Russ has made over the past 30 years to that organization and its mission of fire safety. The NFSA membership takes pride in the fact that he has represented our organization so well for so many years within the broader fire protection community.”

Russ has served the NFSA in a number of capacities since attending his first NFPA meeting in 1975. He has been a member of twenty different technical committees, including membership on the Committee on Automatic Sprinklers since 1978. He served as a member of the NFPA Standards Council, which oversees the NFPA standards writing process, from 1987 through 1992, and served as chairman of the Council from 1993 through 1998. He later served as a member of the NFPA Board of Directors from 1995 through 2002. He has also participated in technical steering committees of the NFPA’s Fire Protection Research Foundation, contributed to several editions of the NFPA’s Fire Protection Handbook and Automatic Sprinkler Systems Handbook, and since 1999 has written a “Heads Up” column on fire sprinklers for the NFPA Journal. Russ was awarded the Standards Medal, the NFPA’s highest technical honor, in 1998.

Russ is a 1974 graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where he received bachelors and masters degrees in civil engineering. He has worked for the fire sprinkler association his entire career, except for a two-year period in which he was involved in course development at Worcester Polytechnic Institute during the early years of its graduate fire protection engineering program. He is a licensed professional engineer and has been active in the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE), in which he was elected a Fellow in 1995. He is a past president of the New York Metropolitan Chapter of SFPE and currently a vice president and member of the board of directors of the international organization. In his current capacity of Executive Vice President for the National Fire Sprinkler Association he oversees the organization's engineering, training, communication, regional operations and internet services activities. He also serves as Technical Director of the International Fire Sprinkler Association. He and his wife Kathy are the parents of a son and two daughters and reside in Carmel, New York.

We at the NFSA are honored to be working next to Russ's passion and talent.

### **Europe Experiences Fires and Sprinkler Saves Too**

Below are two fires with different outcomes reported by **Alan Brinson, Executive Director of the European Fire Sprinkler Network**:

Sogn Avis, a local news service, reports that fire broke out on May 17 in student accommodation in Sogndal, Norway. Smoke detectors woke the seven occupants who managed to escape. Some had minor injuries and several had to jump from the first floor. The two storey building was totally destroyed. There was no sprinkler system in the building.

Ole Jacob Eide reports that the same night a fire started in a flat in Bergen. Cigarettes fell from an ash tray and ignited a sofa. One residential sprinkler system then operated and extinguished the fire. Nobody was hurt and damage was restricted to the sofa.

### **NFPA Announces Theme for FPW 2006 - "Prevent Cooking Fires: Watch What You Heat"**

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) today announced that this year's theme for Fire Prevention Week will be "Prevent Cooking Fires: Watch What You Heat." Fire Prevention Week is scheduled to take place October 8 through 14, 2006. The NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 80 years.

During Fire Prevention Week an emphasis is placed on raising the public's awareness of fire prevention and safety with a special focus this year on the importance of preventing cooking fires in the home. NFPA studies show cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Three out of four fire injuries reported each year occur in the home. It is vital to stress the importance of cooking safety as hundreds are killed and thousands are injured each year.

Home cooking fires kill hundreds of Americans and injure roughly 4,000 more each year. Aside from death and injury, other personal losses are suffered with half a billion dollars in homes and their contents destroyed annually.

NFPA offers detailed information about home cooking fires, including the report entitled Home Cooking Fire Patterns and Trends, along with advice for cooking safety and other valuable resources on the official Fire Prevention Week Web site, [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).

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### [Center for Campus Fire Safety Becomes Non-profit, Announces Board of Directors](#)

Folks...as a result of the **Center for Campus Fire Safety (CCFS)** becoming a non-profit, we have to establish a formal Board of Directors. After much discussion and thought and looking at other organization's structures as models, we've developed the following structure that will best help the Center's operations as we move forward and expand our mission:

#### Board of Directors

The Board will have formal oversight responsibility for the operations of the Center that will include fiduciary responsibility and oversight. We're developing the formal structural policies right now.

Members of the Board of Directors currently include:

**Mike Halligan**  
**Shawn Kauffman**  
**Tim Knisely**

**Paul Martin**  
**Mike Swain**

#### Advisory Circle

This will be comprised of people with an interest in working with the Center and have specific expertise to offer. The members will include:

**Tom Chapin**  
**Diane Collins**  
**Judy Comoletti**  
**Bruce Fraser**  
**Sherry Kenyon**  
**Gail Minger**  
**Chris Rovenstine**  
**David Stevens**  
**John Viniello**

By implementing these two bodies, it will provide the Center with the oversight required by IRS regulations and the advisory capacity as well. This is still a "work in progress" as we develop the formal policies and procedures, and I would appreciate any ideas or suggestions that you may have based on your experience with other organizations.

**Director of the Center for Campus Fire Safety, Ed Comeau** addressing the many CCFS supporters stated: "I would like to thank everyone for their incredible support as we move forward. From the small beginnings about three years ago, to a major, national force in campus fire safety, the Center has grown only because of all of you that are helping us in our mission. Without you, we would not be what we are today."

### [The Center for Campus Fire Safety Announces the Addition of Two Sponsors](#)

The non-profit Center for Campus Fire Safety received support with the addition of two sponsors, Tyco Fire and Building Products and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

"We are grateful for the support of Tyco Fire & Building Products and NFPA," said **Ed Comeau, director of the Center for Campus Fire Safety**. "Both of these organizations have long demonstrated their commitment to reducing the loss of life from fire, and with their help we can continue the mission of the Center to reach out with life-saving fire safety information to the 17 million students enrolled in schools across the country."

Tyco Fire & Building Products is a global manufacturer of water-based fire suppression system components and ancillary building construction products.

NFPA's mission is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. Established in 1896, the non-profit NFPA serves as the world's leading advocate of fire prevention and is an authoritative source on public safety.

The Center for Campus Fire Safety, a leader in fire safety, is a non-profit organization devoted to reducing fires at campuses across the nation through education and advocacy. More information on campus fire safety can be found at the Center's web site at [www.campusfire.org](http://www.campusfire.org), including a compilation of fatal fires and a list of questions that parents and students can ask when looking at campuses.

**[Online registration is now open for Campus Fire Forum 8!](#)**

November 7, 8 and 9  
Sheraton Chapel Hill  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

This year's conference promises to be the best one yet with a stellar lineup of presenters starting with a keynote address by James Lee Witt, former head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the International Code Council.

Throughout the three days there will be unparalleled educational sessions that will include:

Marketing Fire Safety to College Administrators  
Greek Housing Triathlon, the Three E's of Education, Engineering and Enforcement  
Water Mist Technology  
Legislative Panel  
Laboratory Fire Safety  
Campus Fire Protection "Down Under" in Australia  
Princeton Review Questions Workshop  
ADA Compliant Systems Technology  
Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Installed Sprinkler Systems  
Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Installed Fire Alarm Systems  
Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Fire Extinguishers  
A Fire Chief's Perspective of an American Campus  
National Incident Management System (NIMS) – Implication of New Homeland Security Mandate for Campuses  
"Climbing Inside Their Heads" – How to Effectively Reach College Students  
In addition, there will be a Vendor Exhibit with over 30 companies on Wednesday. What a great opportunity to learn about the latest in campus fire safety products and services, all in one place!

You can register online right now for only \$375 a person, which includes the three days of educational sessions, admission to the Exhibit Hall, lunch and dinner each day and all presentation materials.

The conference and lodging will be at the Sheraton Chapel Hill with a rate of only \$119 per night, including breakfast.

**[NFSA to co-sponsor 1<sup>st</sup> Labor Management Caucus](#)**

The National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA) and the USA Sprinkler Fitters Business Managers Association are pleased to announce their co-sponsorship of the 1<sup>st</sup> Labor Management Caucus. The caucus will be held October 15 – 16, 2006 in Tucson, Arizona at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in conjunction with the National Automatic Sprinkler Industry "NASI" Fund Trustee meetings.

The tentative schedule of events for the 1<sup>st</sup> Labor Management Caucus calls for a golf outing on the afternoon of Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> followed by a lavish welcome reception in the evening. The morning of Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> begins with a continental breakfast. Speaker sessions will run until about noon. Tentatively scheduled presentations include an update on federal legislation affecting the fire sprinkler industry, building code updates on NFPA 5000 and the International Building Code, sprinkler markets of the future including residential and retrofit and killer contract language.

The registration fee for the caucus is \$125.00 per person and \$165.00 per person for golf. And while a room rate is still being negotiated with the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, it will be about \$199.00 per night.

This will be a unique opportunity for leaders on both sides of labor management to meet in an inviting, informal atmosphere to discuss issues of mutual interest. For more information, contact **NFSA Communications Coordinator and Events Planner Debby Somers** at [somers@nfsa.org](mailto:somers@nfsa.org). Registration materials will be available within the next few weeks, however, providing Debby with an estimate of how many plan to attend the golf outing and the caucus in advance of the registration materials being available will help NFSA in making accurate estimates for tee times and menu planning.

#### [ICC and the Navy discuss sprinklers](#)

ICC staff participated in a meeting with the Naval Facilities Command on the subject of residential sprinklers, providing details on the IRC Appendix that addresses sprinklers. The Navy and other services adopt the IBC and other I-Codes, but the fire-side of the Navy uses NFPA 101 and wants to apply that to one- and two-family dwellings because it requires sprinklers. Others in the Navy support the IRC.

#### [Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act of 2005 - HR 1131 & SB 512](#) **Access the Special Link Page through [NFSA.org](#)**

The support list for HR 1131 grows every month. As of this writing, representatives now number **162** with Illinois and Wisconsin contingencies holding steady at 15 and 4 respectively. Due to the bill scoring poorly by a committee, it was felt the legislation may be shelved. But efforts by **Buddy Dewar, NFSA Director of Regional Operations** and **Jim Dalton, NFSA Director of Public Fire Protection**, the legislation has new life and very optimistically offers an insurance savings formula that will hopefully carry the bill into law.

Both the House and Senate versions of the **Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act of 2005** are **posted on the NFSA web site link page**, <http://www.nfsa.org/fsia/fsiahome.html>. In addition to the bills, the site contains a host of other important information that can be downloaded, including a list of current cosponsors and support organizations. Most importantly, it is time once again to write to your Senators and Representatives to advocate for passage of this landmark fire protection legislation.

Help us make the difference, join the effort, write you representatives in Congress and encourage their support of this historic fire safety legislation. Fire Sprinklers Save Lives and Property!

Illinois Representatives needed to sign on are down to four of the state's nineteen representatives. Speaker **Dennis J. Hastert, 14<sup>th</sup>**, is not able to commit because of his position. **But Daniel Lipinski, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Danny K. Davis, 7<sup>th</sup> and Melissa L. Bean, 8<sup>th</sup>**, have yet to sign on. If you are a constituent of any of these politicians, please contact them. Wisconsin Representatives not signing at this point: **Ron Kind, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Gwen Moore, 4<sup>th</sup>, Thomas E. Petri, 6<sup>th</sup>, David R. Obey, 7<sup>th</sup>**. If you are constituents of any of these congressmen, please follow the instructions above.

Fourteen senators have committed to the Senate side of the bill. Senators from both states have yet to commit as well, contact them too; **Durbin, Richard- (D - IL), Obama, Barack- (D - IL), Feingold, Russell- (D - WI) and Kohl, Herb- (D - WI).**

### [Noteworthy Sprinkler Saves](#)

#### [Residential Sprinkler Saves New Home in Carroll County Maryland](#)

Below was reported by **Captain Douglas Alexander, Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company.**

On Saturday May 20 at 6:18 p.m. the MAVFC was alerted for a fire out investigation at 411 Saddleback Trail in the Sterling Glen section of town. Upon arrival of E12 and Deputy Chief Kenny Stull, it was found that a candle had been accidentally left burning on a coffee table in the living area of the home. The candle burned down and ignited the coffee table, carpet, and the front of the couch. After only a very short burn time, the nearby sprinkler head on the cathedral ceiling activated and extinguished the fire. When the homeowner discovered the situation, he called the fire department. The fire service units removed the burned coffee table and checked to be sure the fire was out in the couch and carpet. The house was ventilated and utilities checked. This particular home is in the first development that was required to have residential sprinklers in single family houses under the law adopted in January of 2003. This is the first fire recorded in a sprinklered home required by the ordinance. The outcome was as expected, a fire extinguished in a very small stage, little smoke and heat damage, and a home saved by residential sprinklers. Water damage was minimal as only one sprinkler head activated and extinguished the fire. Due to a language barrier, other details of occupants whereabouts and other actions were not obtained.

#### [Sprinkler stops fire in Madison Apartment Building](#)

An automatic sprinkler system was credited with stopping a kitchen fire from spreading on the city's east side on June 8, 2006. **Madison Fire Department spokeswoman Lori Wirth** said the fire broke out at a second-floor apartment at 5201 Brookside in-the Barrington Place Apartments at about 12:35 p.m. The occupants of the apartment thought their stove was turned off, but it was accidentally turned at "high."

The occupants tried to extinguish the flames, but were unsuccessful. But a sprinkler above the stove had extinguished the flame before fire fighters arrived. Damage costs were estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

#### [Sprinkler System Saves Madison Restaurant](#)

A fire in a dryer at a Madison restaurant was held at bay by a single sprinkler earlier this year. Towels overheated when too many were placed in a dryer causing the fire. Firefighters arrived needing only complete extinguishment with a five-gallon water handpump extinguisher. All patrons were able to exit safely as the danger of smoke and flame were confined by the action of the fire sprinkler system. The next day it was business as usual as opposed to diners finding another "favorite" joint to eat.

### [Sprinkler Saves - WE NEED THIS INFO TO HELP PROMOTE THE INDUSTRY!](#)

Contact me **A.S.A.P. at (262) 245-5255 or e-mail: [dannfsa@aol.com](mailto:dannfsa@aol.com)** 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 F

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.

### [NFSA ENGINEER OF THE DAY –Some of Your Competition is getting Great Advice!](#)

The NFSA Engineering Department has established a new email address for requests of the Engineer of the Day. The new address [is\\_eod@nfsa.org](mailto:is_eod@nfsa.org). Don't miss this opportunity to change your bottom line!

The National Fire Sprinkler Association has for over a year offered the “Engineer of the Day” service to its' membership. Every business day, a member of the NFSA Engineering Department is assigned the duty to handle incoming technical questions of the day. The rotation assignment is scheduled so that all members of the engineering division have an opportunity to interface with the membership and this service shares the load of more than 1200 requests for assistance that occurred in 2004.

The average time between receiving the request for information and sending out the response by phone, fax or email was one-third of a business day. Phone call requests are handled by a return phone call, email requests by a return email and faxes by a return fax. In order to ensure that the request is handled as quickly as possible, members should send the request in the correct manner.

This service has been an outstanding success as members are receiving timely information that significantly helps throughout the entire fire sprinkler engineering/contracting discipline. You can check-out NFSA Engineer of the Day at their website and read what our members are saying about this invaluable service. (<http://www.nfsa.org/news/articles/eodnews.pdf>)

For more information, contact: NFSA, PO Box 1000, Patterson, New York, 12563; by telephone at (845) 878-4200, by Fax at (845) 878-4215 or at our website: [www.nfsa.org](http://www.nfsa.org)

### [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](http://www.nfsa.org) and click on the banner below and sign up for the NFSA Academy, your competition is! **Wisconsin contractors, get your CEU's here!**

### [ILLINOIS](#)

#### [Fire Team USA to be Presented in Countryside](#)

A mailing has gone out for the August 9-10, 2006 presentation of the Fire Team USA program in Countryside. The Holiday Inn William Tell will be the location of this very influential NFPA13D program. **Dan Gengler, NFSA Midwest Regional Manager**, has been working with the **Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal** to host the day and half program. Partners from the fire service and code officials will help make the program a success. Fire chiefs and local legislators will be invited free for the program that will educate these decision makers about the value of protecting one- and two-family homes with residential fire sprinklers. For more information, go to the FTUSA website: [www.fireteamusa.com](http://www.fireteamusa.com).

### Minooka to Protect All New Commercial Buildings

Anticipating fire prevention needs and in the midst of great growth the Minooka Fire District Board members became the 58th Northern Illinois district/municipality to pass a progressive ordinance calling for all new commercial construction to be fire sprinkler protected.

This was done to protect future citizens and to be able to have the new buildings have built in fire protection. Congrats to Chief Yancey and to the Minooka Fire District Board of Trustees.

### Plainfield Takes Giant Step Forward in Fire Safety

Plainfield Fire Protection District and the Village of Plainfield have adopted new codes setting the district and the village on a course to protect the growing community from fire danger. **Plainfield**

**Fire Protection District Deputy Chief Jon Stratton** advised that the 2003 Edition of the International Fire Code as amended for a 2,000 square foot fire sprinkler threshold; this from the basic code numbers.

According to the Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board, Plainfield and the Plainfield Fire Protection District are now ranked #81 & #82 on the list of most progressive Illinois fire protected communities. Previously, Plainfield was not even on the list which contains over 154 listings.

The move by the Village of Plainfield and the fire district recognizes the partnership that is required by a fire district and a municipality it protects.

Today, that trend is apparent with over 150 communities and districts making more strict and progressive adoptions of the base model codes, with 100 towns and districts doing so by 2003 and only 7 towns doing so in 2000.

### 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Illinois Burn Prevention Burn Prevention Golf Invitational – A Fantastic Experience

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Illinois Burn Prevention Golf Invitational held June 12, 2006 at the Glen Flora Country Club in Waukegan, Illinois was another wonderful event. Always a great and fun outing, this year was no different. Great weather brought together a bunch of people that purely wanted to enjoy the day and do some good. More than \$9,000 was raised for the outing that included golf, dinner auction and raffles. Proceeds for this venture benefit the *Illinois Fire Safety Alliance "Camp I am Me"*, the *Loyola Burn Unit* and NFSA Educational Fund. Guest speaker **Ron Rivera, Chicago Bears Defensive Coordinator** gave a compelling speech that highlighted the event's scope and purpose. Ron also facilitated some active bidding for Bears memorabilia that enhanced this years bottom line.

Kudos go the Steering Committee; **Chair Amos Minor, US Fire Protection, Co-chairs Cary Nicol, Viking Supply Net, Don Smith, Chicago Backflow, Danielle Sandfox, Fox Sprinkler Supply, Chris Toft, Loyola University Medical Center and Tom Lia, NIFSAB.** Special thanks go to **Lisa Woodward and Peg Paul** for their support. Special recognition for the more than sixty wonderful sponsors of the event.

### Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich Signs Fire-Safe Cigarette Law

To help prevent fires caused by smoldering cigarettes, the bill requires that all cigarettes sold in Illinois be certified as low-ignition. The requirement takes effect in 2008. Low-ignition cigarettes are wrapped in special paper containing a fire retardant band that can automatically extinguish the cigarette. Self-extinguishing cigarettes are one of ICC's legislative priorities. **Chapter**

**Lobbyist Margaret Vaughn** participated in this venture when representing her clients affiliated with the fire service.

## Wisconsin

### Commerce Building Code Revision Continues to be Delayed by Research

Department of Commerce, DOC, officials are still in the process of compiling research at the request of **Commerce Secretary Mary Burke**. We are continuously working to identify and develop potential allies in this debate as we prepare for the public hearing stage.

The DOC is collecting what may be the most accurate national data relating to the International Building Code, IBC. If the research is not completed by the end of the month, there will be delay in getting to public hearing. The result will be a postponement of adoption activity this year. The NFSA has been asked to query members and non-members on issues that affect changes in the code proposal. Questions were asked specifically to assist the DOC refute challenges made by parties attempting to stop the inclusion of multifamily building below the present state requirement. As always, we will continue to keep you updated and schedule conference calls as they become necessary.

### NFSA-WI Chapter Annual Summer Meeting, Seminar and Golf Outing – Call Now It's Late

The Annual NFSA-WI Summer Meeting, Seminar and Golf Outing has been set for July 19, 2005. The meeting and seminar will again be held at the Holiday Inn Express in Middleton. **Ken Isman, NFSA Assistant Vice President**, Engineering, will give a 1.5-hour CEU accredited program on *2007 NFPA 13 Update*. Contact me at (262) 245-5255 or [dannfsa@aol.com](mailto:dannfsa@aol.com).

### 18<sup>th</sup> BCGI is Near-Don't Miss It!

Invites are out for the **18th Annual Burn Center Golf Invitational**. Scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup>, this year's event promises to be as exciting as ever. For the fourteenth year, the invitational will be played on the beautiful and challenging Brute and Highland Courses of the **Grand Geneva Resort & Spa in Lake Geneva, WI**. The **Midwest Sprinkler Industries** and the **Milwaukee Fire Department** sponsor the outing while the **Wisconsin Alliance for Fire Safety (WAFS)** is the presenter. The evening offers a gracious European style dinner with live and silent auctions to highlight the festivities.

The seventeen-year total for the event has surpassed \$1,392,000. Profits are forwarded to **St. Mary's Regional Burn Center and the WAFS Camp for Burn Injured Youths**. Some monies dedicated for the annual WAFS Newspapers in Education Program, the St. Mary's Burn Prevention Educational Program, the National Fire Sprinkler Association Education Fund and the George Collentine Scholarship Fund started with proceeds from last years outing.

We're looking for Diamond (\$6,000), Gold (\$3000), Silver (\$1,500), Champion Circle (\$500) and Tee & Green (\$200) sponsors. There are plenty of benefits to our sponsors. **For information contact me at: (262) 245-5255 or Co-Chair Kay Luedke, Freedom Fire Protection (262) 253-9300.**

## [NFSA News](#)

**Check the NFSA web site, [www.nfsa.org](http://www.nfsa.org), for more information on these valuable industry issues. The topics may save you money or they may put money in your business.**

**[Sprinkler Pre-Op Survey-Help Us Help Protect the Integrity of the Industry-Help Us Help the Industry](#)**

[Contractor’s Forum Email Program Helpful for NFSA Members](#)

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

[Inspection and Testing Certification Review Seminar](#)

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

[NFSA Online Interactive Seminars Schedule - \\*\\*\\*Get Wisconsin CEU’s](#)

The first of the 2006 On-line Technical Seminars have been scheduled. 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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Instructor</b>
<b>July 11</b>	<b>CPVC Piping Compatibility and Use</b>	<b>Russell P. Fleming, P.E.</b>
<b>Aug 1</b>	<b>Where Codes Override Installation Standards</b>	<b>Kevin J. Kelly, P.E.</b>
<b>Aug 22</b>	<b>Sprinkler Obstructions</b>	<b>Victoria B. Valentine, P.E.</b>
<b>Sept 12</b>	<b>Concealed Spaces</b>	<b>Cecil Bilbo, Jr.</b>
<b>Sept 26</b>	<b>Commissioning of Systems</b>	<b>Victoria B. Valentine, P.E.</b>
<b>Oct 10</b>	<b>Draft Stops and Closely-Spaced Sprinklers</b>	<b>Russell P. Fleming, P.E.</b>
<b>Oct 24</b>	<b>Confusing Aspects of Storage Protection</b>	<b>Kenneth E. Isman, P.E.</b>
<b>Nov 7</b>	<b>Emerging Issues for Residential Sprinkler Systems</b>	<b>Kevin J. Kelly, P.E.</b>
<b>Nov 21</b>	<b>Protective Coatings for Piping</b>	<b>Cecil Bilbo, Jr.</b>
<b>Dec 12</b>	<b>Other Problem Areas/Frequently Asked Questions</b>	<b>Kenneth E. Isman, P.E.</b>

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. *Those needing CEU’s for their 2004 license need to have their 12-hours of CEU’s completed and submitted prior to March 30, 2004. We can help!*

**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.**

[NFSA to Launch “Business Thursday” Online Seminars](#)

Building on the success of the “Technical Tuesday” online seminars that the NFSA has been conducting for many years, the NFSA will be presenting a series of ten “Business Thursday” online seminars for the second half of 2006. Aimed at the contractor or project manager rather than the technician, these seminars will follow the same format, starting at 10:30 am Eastern time and continuing for 1 to 1-1/2 hours. The schedule of dates and topics is as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Instructor</b>
<b>July 6</b>	<b>Safety and Risk Management</b>	<b>Michael Friedman, P.E.</b>
<b>July 20</b>	<b>Contract Language Pitfalls</b>	<b>Buddy Dewar, MBA</b>
<b>August 10</b>	<b>Change Orders</b>	<b>Michael Friedman, P.E.</b>
<b>August 24</b>	<b>Insurance “Wrap-Up” Programs</b>	<b>Buddy Dewar, MBA</b>
<b>September 14</b>	<b>Pre-Job Planning</b>	<b>Michael Friedman, P.E.</b>
<b>September 28</b>	<b>Mold Remediation</b>	<b>Buddy Dewar, MBA</b>
<b>October 19</b>	<b>Project Scheduling</b>	<b>Michael Friedman, P.E.</b>
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