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Ability will enable a man to get to the top, but character will keep him from falling

With the recent and probable legislative challenges in quite a number of states, the passing of the residential fire sprinkler language in the International Residential Code more than nine months ago leaves the friends and members of the sprinkler industry on a climb that must not let us fall or fail in the quest to protect the people who live in one- & two-family new homes. We had the ability and drive to get there, now we need the stamina to finish the job.

Join the campaign by insuring your local fire service is supportive and contributing.

NFSA Cancels 2010 Hawaii Annual Seminar, Cites Responsibility to Industry

On June 16, 2009, the Board of Directors of the National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA) made the very difficult – but in light of the current economic climate – the prudent decision to cancel next year’s Annual Seminar scheduled for May 12 – 15 at the Fairmont Orchid on Hawaii’s Big Island. After reviewing results of a survey conducted by NFSA designed to gauge the membership’s interest in attending next year’s conference in Hawaii, it became obvious that the most responsible course of action was to cancel the event.

“The Association takes its contractual obligations very seriously,” said NFSA President John Viniello commenting on the Board’s action. “That’s what made the decision to cancel next year’s seminar in Hawaii such a difficult one. After taking every possible detail into consideration, the Board felt that it would be in the best interest of the membership to cancel the event.” While this is an extraordinary measure driven by the severity of the times, NFSA’s move to cancel the Annual Seminar is not without precedent. During a similar period of economic crisis in the early 1990’s, NFSA cancelled its Annual Seminar in Cancun, Mexico, opting for a more downsized, strictly business oriented event held in New Orleans in conjunction with the National Fire Protection Association’s annual meeting.

As a result of cancelling the conference in Hawaii, NFSA’s convention manager has been directed to investigate possible alternative cities and hotels in the Midwest including the Chicago Fairmont, site of NFSA’s very well-attended 1999 Annual Seminar & Exhibition. While not definite, it is possible that NFSA will host a downsized, two-day annual event in a Midwestern city within easy, cost-effective reach of the entire membership. As plans develop, additional information will be posted at the NFSA website at www.nfsa.org as it becomes available.

National fire experts make the case for greater fire protection

Live fire demonstration shows the need for home fire sprinklers

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) held a June 10, 2009 live demonstration of the need for home fire sprinklers as part of the [2009 NFPA Annual Conference & Expo](#) at McCormick Place today. The side-by-side room burn highlighted the speed and effectiveness of sprinklers in controlling a residential fire and reinforced NFPA's new campaign promoting sprinkler advocacy, [Fire Sprinkler Initiative: Bringing Safety Home](#), which was launched earlier this year.

“Home fire sprinklers save lives and this demonstration shows how important they are to keep people safe at home,” said Jim Shannon, president of NFPA. “NFPA is a vocal advocate for home fire sprinklers because too many of the residential fire deaths across this country could have been prevented by this proven technology.”

Approximately 80 percent of all fire deaths occur in homes and nearly 3,000 people died in house fires in 2007 – that’s nearly eight Americans every day. The chances of dying in a fire decrease by about 80 percent when home fire sprinklers are present. When a house is protected by home fire sprinklers, the fire is contained by the activation of just one sprinkler roughly 90 percent of the time. In homes where sprinklers are not present, the fire can burn for minutes, raging out of control, filling the home with toxic smoke and resulting in far greater losses. A [recent report](#) (PDF, 353 KB) from NFPA shows that sprinklers can reduce the average property loss by 71 percent per fire.

The live fire demonstration in Chicago, hosted by the [Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition](#), ROC Exhibitions and the Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board, included a side-by-side display with identically furnished rooms. One side of the display had home fire sprinklers installed; the other side of the display did not. One at a time, both rooms were set on fire. As the room without sprinkler protection was set on fire, thick black smoke quickly filled the enclosure. The fire burned out of control, to the point of flashover, until the Chicago Fire Department stepped in to extinguish the fire. The room with home fire sprinklers was then set on fire. As the heat built up in the display, the sprinklers activated. In stark contrast to the first room, the fire in the sprinklered room was quickly controlled by the overhead sprinklers. Home fire sprinklers are designed to activate when a certain temperature increase is reached and can effectively control smoke, heat and flames. The fire and smoke damage in the sprinklered room was significantly less than in the room without sprinklers. Currently, all model building codes call for sprinklers in new construction of one- and two-family homes. There are approximately 50 communities in the Chicago area that have such a requirement.

“The Chicago area is one of our national models for providing greater fire protection to its residents and the fire service by requiring sprinklers,” said Shannon. “Communities here are showing the rest of the country how to spare their residents from the devastating effects of fire.”

In addition to featuring one of NFPA's new campaigns, the *Fire Sprinkler Initiative: Bringing Safety Home*, the four-day conference at McCormick Place included educational sessions, as well as the latest in fire, security and life safety products and technology from across the country.

NFSA Wins Award for Fire Sprinkler Recruitment Video

The National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA), the longest-tenured fire sprinkler advocacy organization in the U.S., announces it won a Public Relations Society of America New Jersey Chapter "Pyramid Award" for its

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Fire Sprinkler Design Technician Recruitment Video, targeting entry-level workers to join the fire sprinkler industry.

The annual awards program recognizes companies and public relations firms for their exceptional performance generating public relations visions, strategies, and programs that result in measurable return for their client's brands and bottom lines. The technician recruitment video project was lead by NFSA's Technician Recruitment Committee, co-chaired by Terry Victor of SimplexGrinnell and Alan Wiginton of Wiginton Fire Systems; and NFSA's public relations agency, R&J Public Relations.

"As fire sprinklers have become more accepted among the general public, the need for trained fire sprinkler technicians has grown among fire sprinkler contractors," said John Viniello, president of NFSA. "To spearhead an industry effort to fill this need, NFSA developed an educational video to increase interest in the field while educating and engaging new talent. We are very proud this tool is recognized by the communications industry as an effective product to help recruit new professionals to our life- and property-saving industry."

The Public Relations Society of America strives to advance the standards of the public relations profession through the sharing of best practices, forums and professional development, showcasing the Pyramid Awards to recognize agencies and companies that advance the industry through successful programs and results.

NFSA Joins United States Green Building Council

While it has been promoting the "green" benefits of automatic fire sprinkler protection for some time now, NFSA has made its support of environmentally friendly construction practices official by becoming a member of the United States Green Building Council (USGBC). NFSA's membership will give the fire sprinkler industry an important voice in the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) program. Appearing in the Mar/Apr 2009 issue of SQ magazine, NFSA's Northeast Regional Manager Dominick Kasmauskas wrote an article reviewing USGBC, their LEED program and the role fire sprinkler protection can play in the reduction of ozone depleting greenhouse gases.

Special SAM Council Election Results

At the request of the NFSA Supplier and Manufacturers (SAM) Council, the NFSA Board recently amended the Association's By-Laws to expand the membership of the Council from 9 to 12 members. A special election was held among the SAM members of the Association, and three individuals have been elected to staggered terms:

Robert Lopuzzo – Ferguson Fire and Fabrication, Passaic, NJ, will serve through 2012

Randal Greenslate – Fire Protection Products, Carlsbad, CA, will serve through 2011

Patrick Wallis – Allied Tube and Conduit, Harvey, IL, will serve through 2010

These individuals will be seated at the June 15, 2009 meeting of the NFSA Councils, which will take place in Quebec in conjunction with the Canadian Automatic Sprinkler Association's Annual General Meeting.

Annual Report Available

The NFSA Annual Report is now available on-line. To read what the NFSA 2008 programming included check: http://www.nfsa.org/2008_annual_report.pdf

Legislative Alert

The NFPA has a web site that is monitoring legislation that is threatening the adoption of home fire sprinkler provisions for new one- and two-family dwellings. Across the United States, sprinkler opponents are pushing state legislation that would restrict a community's ability to make its own decision about model safety codes for new construction. The legislation would prevent any community from implementing any new sprinkler mandates in one- and two-family homes. If it becomes law, such legislation will put lives at risk.

NFPA's Fire Sprinkler Initiative *Bringing Safety Home* campaign is encouraging its members by getting involved. They can help make sure that these laws do not pass. The NFPA has resources one can use to help educate others in their community about the issues, plus adding a letter one can use to let elected officials know that you do not support any statewide effort to prevent home fire sprinklers.

The NFPA identifies that more than one in three states, 18 in total have filed bills. States where anti-sprinkler legislation has been filed:

<http://firesprinklerinitiative.org/itemDetail.asp?categoryID=66&itemID=1100&URL=FeaturedResources/>

Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act Introduced to 111th Congress

The *Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act of 2009*, HR1194 has had very little legislative support for public sponsorship this past month. The bill creates tax incentives for property owners to retrofit buildings with automatic fire sprinkler systems. Similar legislation was introduced in the 108th followed by the 109th & 110th Congresses where it garnered over 140 cosponsors each time. As of late June only 87 Congressmen and 12 Senators have signed onto the monumental legislation. Region cosponsors include: MN Representative Oberstar and WI Representatives Baldwin, Kagen and Kind. Presently there is no companion Senate bill.

NFSA Director of Public Fire Protection, Jim Dalton, remains on point as NFSA's representative working with members of Congress and a coalition of fire protection industry concerns in supplying information and support as required to keep these vital pieces of legislation moving through the legislative process.

This piece of legislation would reduce the tax depreciation time on nonresidential real property from 39 years to only 5 for those that install sprinklers. Benefits of this legislation also include lower local fire department costs, increased loan activity, reduced insurance claims and premium costs and increased retrofitting and installation jobs. A lower 2006 re-scoring of the bill for the fiscal impact that would result with the passage of the fire safety friendly legislation gives proponents great optimism this year.

The NFSA Cap Wiz process has been updated for use and is promoted as a quick means for constituents and others to write in to support this important piece of fire protection legislation. Any and all Senators should be recruited, but members of the Senate Committee on Finance should be primary targets.

Go to this site and help us help America be safer: <http://www.nfsa.org/fsia/fsiahome.html>. For a document explaining the Incentive Act bullet points go to: http://www.nfsa.org/fsia/FSIA_Bullet_points.pdf.

Join now in petitioning those uncommitted by logging onto www.nfsa.org and going to the Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act button in the upper right of the Home-page. Click on sponsors to find your representative and forward a letter asking for them to sign on (copy provided) or thank them for their support.

Sprinkler Saves

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Sprinklers Mentioned as Need in Fitchburg

From the City of Fitchburg Fire Department and using the theme that the home had NO residential sprinkler system. More fire department press releases and statements to the public should be phrased like this.

The City of Fitchburg Fire Department, along with automatic aid units from the Town of Madison, Verona, and Oregon fire departments, responded to a report of a mobile home fire at 5291 Byrne Road in the City of Fitchburg.

The renter of the home was awakened by a smoke detector and discovered a fire in the utility area.

First arriving crews found heavy fire at one end of the mobile home. All occupants had safely exited prior to the arrival of the fire crews.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. The mobile home was not equipped with an automatic residential fire sprinkler system.

Menomonee Falls Factory Saved by Nine Sprinklers

Fire caused about \$50,000 in damage June 17, 2009 to a building products manufacturing company, Menomonee Falls Fire Chief Jeff Hevey said.

Firefighters were called to Builders Hardware and Hollow Metal, N5690 Continental Parkway, at 8:41 a.m. for heavy smoke in the rear of the building, Hevey said.

Prior to the department's arrival, the building's sprinkler system was activated, he said. When firefighters arrived, they found the sprinklers did much of the work putting out the fire, he said. It took nine sprinkler heads to put out the fast and hot fire. Typically, two sprinkler heads will do it, he said but it took nine because the fire spread so quickly. The fire originated in the filtering system in a paint booth but the ignition source is not known, Hevey said.

Investigators was back at the business the next day, he said. He also mentioned that when the owner was presented with the scenario of a multitude of fire apparatus pouring water onto the remains of his factory, the owner was ecstatic about having fire sprinkler protection.

North Shore High-Rise Save Reported

On June 24, 2009, the North Shore Fire Department reported that three people were transported to area hospitals as a result of a fire at a nine story apartment building in Shorewood.

Firefighters arrived on scene at 1600 E. River Park Ct. at approximately 10:46 P.M. and found a resident hanging from a second floor apartment window. While firefighters checked for extension after a single sprinkler controlled the fire in a second floor apartment, other companies removed the trapped occupant using ground ladders. The occupant was transported to Columbia-St. Mary's Hospital-Milwaukee Campus by North Shore Fire Paramedics. The condition of the occupant is unknown at this time. Two other occupants of the building were transported; one with smoke inhalation and one other for medical evaluation.

Firefighters initiated a partial evacuation of the building, specifically in areas of the building adjacent to the apartment that was on fire. The Fire Department estimates that at least seventy-five people evacuated the

building. Other occupants that resided in apartments distant from the fire were allowed to remain in the building. The fire building is a large nine-story high-rise apartment building with multiple wings.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Shorewood Police Department and the North Shore Fire Department. Damage is estimated at \$65,000.00. At least five apartments will be uninhabitable until contractors can complete clean-up work in the building. Additional private ambulances were called to the scene as a precautionary measure due to the hot, humid weather and since many occupants of this building are elderly with existing medical conditions. The system saved lives last night.

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 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.” Sprinkler Saves will help inform others that the systems do work and will provide life and property saving values.

NFSA Expert of the Day You Can Get Great Advice

While most of the questions are answered within a few hours of being asked, there have been instances where the response to a request has been longer than what our membership considers optimal. To that end, we are instituting a series of checks and balances on our end to insure that your request is answered as soon as possible.

You can help us by following one simple procedure. When you have a request that you want answered, please e-mail your request to eod@nfsa.org or call the NFSA at (845) 878-4200 and ask for the Expert of the Day. That way, your request will go directly to the individual assigned the duty that day and we will have mechanisms in place to track it.

Since many of our staff travels extensively, they can't always respond in a timely manner to their individual voice mails and emails. When emailing your requests, we would appreciate if you would use our general email address, eod@nfsa.org, if calling in, please follow the prompt for the expert of the day. These procedures will allow us to insure quicker responses to your questions. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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

MINNESOTA: www.nfsamn.org

Months after fire, Burnsville apartments ready to rebuild

The Burncliff complex, where nearly 200 lost their homes, will reopen next spring. Added amenities and safety measures are featured in the plan to rebuild the Burncliff Apartments building in Burnsville that was destroyed by fire three days before Christmas.

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The Goodman Group, owner of the property, had its request for a permit to rebuild approved by the Burnsville City Council this week. Groundbreaking is scheduled for early July.

The Goodman Group plans an open house to coincide with the groundbreaking. Construction will take nine to 10 months. Apartments will be available in early spring 2010.

Nearly 200 people lost their homes and belongings when the 64-unit building was destroyed on Dec. 22, 2008. A second building on the property was not damaged.

The story drew widespread attention when an anonymous donor came forward with \$1 million for the victims.

The fire was traced to faulty wiring in a third-floor laundry facility. Because of updated fire codes, the new building will be fitted with a sprinkler system. The original, built in 1969, was not required to have sprinklers.

The new building will have 63 units. Among the design changes, a central laundry facility will be built on the lower level rather than having a laundry room on every floor.

WISCONSIN: www.nfsawi.org

WI DOC Proposes Sprinkler System Registration

The Wisconsin Department of Commerce presented the COMM 14 Fire Code Committee a proposal to establish a data-base of all commercial automatic fire sprinkler system in the state. The intent is too record every system and to insure that they are being complied with the state mandated NFPA 25 Inspection, Testing & Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems (ITM) statute. DOC Program Development Director Bob DuPont validated the concept by comparing previous such information collection by mentioning the success of the boiler registration program. It appeared that boiler maintenance was an issue some years back when the DOC decided to the registration program to insure a safety compliance schedule for the boilers. In a short period of several years, the maintenance schedule compliance for boilers rose from near 50% to 98%. The DOC had targeted a 95% goal.

The DOC was looking at cross-connection device registration when the concept of extending the idea to registering fire sprinkler systems came to mind. The proposal is still in concept but the state's fire service feels a great benefit to it albeit many municipalities already do keep similar records. It is assumed that a number of systems are not recorded and possibly maintained properly and this proposal may justify being moved upon. There are a number of questions that arise with administrative costs being at the top of the list. Mr. DuPont assured me that the registration would not be a "witch hunt" to find non-compliant ITM systems. He mentioned that the Department was only looking to see if ITM was being done and not was the potential violations would be as he said that was a local matter.

DuPont said that the data-base would create a WI Department of Administration automatic distribution of a reminder to the building owner informing them of their requirement to have an ITM of their system(s). It was intended that this could help identify systems that need attention while being a friendly nudge for the others.

The COMM 14 committee is considering a sub-committee to work with the DOC to move the concept in a doable format. The NFSA-WI Chapter has offered to participate with the sub-committee if established.

Building Contractor Registration Language Released

The state Assembly included language concerning the Building Contractor Registration in legislation approved May 28: "Construction Contractors. Require effective January 1, 2010, the following: (a) 1% withholding of payments to independent contractors and single-member limited liability companies (LLCs) providing construction services when a 1099 tax form is filed; (b) establish a fine of \$25,000 under state laws governing unemployment insurance, worker's compensation, equal rights, state income, sales, excise, and inheritance, and public safety for willful misclassification of workers; (c) require construction contractors to register with the Department of Commerce and provide Commerce with authority to levy an administrative forfeiture for failure to register; (d) exempt homeowners, tenants, and state and local government units from these provisions; and (e) require Commerce to promulgate administrative rules to administer regulation under (c)."

The Building Contractor Registration goes into effect July 1, 2009, under a currently valid emergency rule.

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

The Annual NFSA-WI Summer Meeting, Seminar and Golf Outing has been scheduled for July 22, 2009. The meeting, seminar and exhibition will be held at the Holiday Inn Express in New Berlin. Golf will be played at nearby Morningstar Country Club. **Buddy Dewar, NFSA Director of Regional Operations**, will give a 1.5-hour CEU accredited program on Inspection, Testing & Maintenance of Sprinkler Systems Contract Language. All should have received their notices. If not contact me at (262) 245-5255 or dannfsa@aol.com.

NFSA Online Interactive Seminars Schedule - ***Get Wisconsin CEU's

The 2009 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.

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

July – December 2009 Technical On-line Schedule

Inspection and Testing Requirements for the Sprinkler Industry

Learn skills in inspection procedures and testing requirements for sprinkler systems and standpipes. Documents covered include: NFPA 13, NFPA 14, NFPA 22, NFPA 25, and AWWA M14.

- Seminars prepare participants for topics included in the NICET Inspection and Testing of Water-Based Systems certification exam.
- Join hundreds of Contractors, Engineers, Fire Marshals, Inspectors, Insurance Authorities and Property Managers
- Listen to instructors lecture while viewing a slide presentation

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- Ask questions via e-mail that can be answered by the instructor
- Qualify for CEUs or NICET re-certification credits

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System Terminology

Victoria B. Valentine, P.E., Director of Product Standards

One of the struggles to beginning in any industry is learning the terminology. This is no different for the sprinkler industry and those responsible for inspecting the sprinkler systems. This program will review the components that make up the water-based fire protection systems. It will include basic definitions that are applied in inspections of systems as well as necessary forms and checklists. (Great study guide for NICET Work Elements 41001, 41002, 41003, and 41008)

Basic Programming

August 4, 2009

Inspection and Testing of Wet Pipe Sprinkler Systems

Jeff Hugo, C.B.O., Manager of Codes

This seminar will start with discussing the proper tools used during inspection and testing of sprinkler systems and preparing to perform a proper inspection. It will cover the basic inspection and testing requirements of NFPA 25 for wet pipe sprinkler systems along with a review of the basic system components of a wet pipe sprinkler system for identification purposes. The seminar will wrap up with a discussion of the proper use of forms to report findings to the owner. (Great study guide for NICET Work Elements 41007 and 43002)

Basic Programming

The topics for the **2009 "BUSINESS THURSDAY"** Seminars have been specifically selected to help the fire sprinkler contractor deal with current problem areas in the business environment. The instructors bring varied backgrounds relevant to the subjects they will be teaching. **Watch for schedule next month!**

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 2008 license need to have their 12-hours of CEU's completed and submitted prior to March 30, 2008. 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 please contact Dawn at Dawn@nfsa.org or 845-878-4200 x133.**

You can attend a NFSA Seminar without traveling to a classroom. For more information and to view a demonstration, visit our Website at www.nfsa.org, or call Dawn at (845) 8784200 x 133. Check these on-line programs:

NFSA North Central Regional In-Class Seminars

Your regional manager is looking to schedule 2009 programming in a facility near you. Please contact at dannfsa@aol.com or call (262) 245-5255. Check the NFSA web site to register and to link to our other regions for seminars that may fit your educational needs.

The Alexandria Fire Department is sponsoring half-day Introduction to Sprinkler Systems and NFPA 13, 13R & 13D (2002) Update Classes on September 8, One-day Plan Review Procedures & Policies on September 9 and Inspection Testing & Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems on September 10, 2009 at their 302 Fillmore Street Station.

The Town of Menasha Fire Department is co-sponsoring seminars October 28-30, 2009 at their 1326 Cold Spring Road station. Get Wisconsin CEU's for attending if you are willing to travel. Specific classes will be announced next month.

Contact Dawn Fitzmaurice, NFSA @ (845) 878-4200 ext. 133 for information or registration for any NFSA training program. Check the NFSA web site, www.nfsa.org, to register and to link to our other regions for seminars that may fit your educational needs.

Special Discounts:

Register 5 Attendees for One Class; get a 6th Free for that Same Class.

Non-Member Fire & Building Officials: When a building or a fire official wants to take an NFSA "full-day in-class" seminar, they can get a special discount package that pays for the seminar and also gives them a one-year membership in the NFSA. The regular seminar fee is \$99.00 dollars and the regular one-year subscriber membership is \$85.00 dollars. That totals \$184.00 but when you join the NFSA as a subscriber member when you register for the NFSA seminar, you only pay a combined fee of \$149.00 dollars which saves you \$35.00 dollars on the total package.

Just make sure you check-off the "F&B" box with red pricing on the seminar registration form.

By becoming a member and taking an NFSA seminar all at the same time, you're getting valuable industry information both ways.

NFSA Honor Role- Thanks for your industry support!

Ahern Fire Protection
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
(7/01/81) 26 years

Milwaukee Valve Company, Inc.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
(7/23/88) 19 years

Olympic Fire Protection
Owatonna, Minnesota
(7/3/86) 22 years

NFSA Code of Ethics Preamble

The members of the National Fire Sprinkler Association recognize that their work has a direct, as well as indirect, impact on the quality of life for all humanity. Accordingly, the services provided by NFSA members require honesty, impartiality, fairness and equity, and must be dedicated to the preservation of life and property and the further enhancement of the public safety, health and welfare. In practice of their profession, members

of the National Fire Sprinkler Association must maintain and constantly improve their competence and perform under a standard of professional behavior, which requires adherence to the highest principles of ethical conduct with balanced regard for the interests of the public, clients, employees, colleagues and the greater fire protection community they serve. Members of the National Fire sprinkler Association are expected to act in accordance with the provisions of this code of ethics and all applicable laws, and actively encourage others to do the same.