



June 2005

100th NFSA Anniversary Celebration A Phenomenal Success

The 100th Anniversary Gala of the National Fire Sprinkler Association May 1, 2005 in New York City at the Grand Hyatt Hotel was an outstanding three-day event. All in attendance claimed it to be a classy and worthwhile time with programming and exhibitions second to none previously. In his opening and closing remarks, outgoing **NFSA Chairman of the Board, Aus Marburger** promised great satisfaction to all and again called for the “Coalition of the Willing” to band together making the sprinkler industry to be the best it can be.

Opening highlights of the conference included the following and more:

Regina Wilson of the **New York Fire Department** beautifully vocalized national anthems for the USA and Canada. **John Galt**, **Canadian Automatic Sprinkler Association**, **James Shannon**, **NFPA**, **Bill Hite**, **UA General President** and **James Burns**, **NY State Fire Administrator** all gave guest remarks extending their well wishes for a successful second century for the NFSA. **NFSA Northwest Area Director Jeff Bennett** and **Paul O’Connor**, **Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board of Puget Sound** gave the Grand Hyatt, the host hotel, the coveted **Rest Assured Award**.

Barry Waterman, **NFSA Director-at-Large-Acme Sprinkler Service Company**, presented the 2005 **Sprinkler Hall of Fame inductees: Lewis Berman, Percy Bugbee, William Clark, McEldon “Mac” Fleming, Laurence Larson, O.L. Swats, Jack Wood and Frederick Vogel**. At this juncture all 100 Hall of Famer’s were shown to attendees.

Barry kept the stage and introduced the **Golden Sprinkler Award”** winner for 2005, **NFSA President John A. Viniello**. JAV expressed his humble appreciation for the recognition and thanked everyone for their confidence. He proudly introduced his family and stated that he hoped this wasn’t a hint to leave as he had work he wanted to get done and it was going to be a few years before he left his position.

President Viniello concluded the opening ceremony with the chronicled history of the association. This well documented and entertaining presentation covered a storied 100 years of growth and activity that entrenched the industry globally as the best formula for saving lives and property. After an introduction of the NFSA “A” Team, the session closed to the hit tune *Celebration* and cannons shooting streamers into the audience, a spectacular finish choreographed by NFSA staffers **Jim Dalton, J.P. McKeefe, Jim Murphy** and others.

Attendees were given opportunities to see the latest and greatest in the industry at the best ever product exhibition. Vendors uniformly expressed their enthusiasm for the tremendous traffic over the next day of the program.

Workshops of valued importance to successful business management inundated attendees on Day 2. Comments accentuated the enhanced value of the sessions.

Day 3 started with opening remarks by **Wayne Gey, NFSA-Vice Chairman of the Board**, followed by an awe-inspiring presentation by **Congressman Curt Weldon, R-PA**. The congressman was articulate and motivating. His passion for fire safety and fire sprinklers was evident in his voice inflection. He claimed that legislation in our interest has not passed because the industry and our friends aren't working hard enough to get it done. He challenged all to get to know the staffers of our senators and representatives. If there was any reason to attend the Annual Seminar & Exhibition, Curt Weldon gave reason.

Giulio Martini, Chief Investment Officer, AllianceBernstein, gave a presentation on an up swinging sprinkler economy.

Russ Fleming, NFSA Executive Vice President gave a history of the fire sprinkler and predicted the next 100 years of technology.

Ron Hazelton, National Spokesman for the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition, talked about the importance of protecting his family with residential sprinklers and stated that it's a market that must be expanded for America's safety.

Early Bird drawing prizes were given to two for the **Illinois Burn Prevention Invitational**.

As mentioned above, **Aus Marburger** closed the final day of the program encouraging everyone to make the industry better. A black tie Centennial Ball ended a memorable experience and sent attendees home rejuvenated again from the NFSA influence.

[Sprinklers Planned at Site of Dorm Fire](#)

This article from the May 4, 2005 *Chicago Tribune*:

Officials at Southern Adventist University in Tennessee say they will install sprinklers in both of the school's dormitories after a Woodridge, Illinois woman died in a fire in her dorm. Kelly Weimer, 20, a junior studying English, died April 26 on the third floor of Thatcher Hall, the women's dormitory at the Collegedale campus. Investigators ruled the fire an accident, saying it might have been caused by an unattended candle.

The dormitory had sprinklers on one wing and in the basement, but not on the wing where the fire occurred. Fire codes at the time the residence hall was built did not require them. But officials said in a news release Monday that they plan to install sprinklers in both the women and men's dormitories on campus before the fall semester.

"The safety of our students is our primary concern, and we want to demonstrate that," Gordon Retzer, chairman of the school's board of trustees, said in the release. "We want to exceed fire safety standards."

[Hotel Fires in France Result in Call for Better Fire Safety](#)

The death toll from the April 15, 2005 fire in the Paris-Opéra hotel has risen to 22, of whom 11 were children. **Dominique de Villepin, the French Interior Minister**, has announced that he has asked the Directeur of the Sécurité Civile to form a group of experts to produce proposals to further strengthen the fire safety regulations for hotels. This hotel complied with existing French legislation and passed its last inspection three weeks ago on 24 March 2005.

However, the hotel clearly did not comply with the 1986 European Council Recommendation on fire safety in existing hotels. This would at least have required a second staircase, which is difficult to create in an existing building. These staircases should lead directly to the outside, not to a lobby. They should also be fire safe, so that they do not themselves spread the fire to the rest of the building. Most European countries have ignored this advice for existing hotels because it would be very expensive to comply with it. The cheapest, alternative way to

safeguard means of escape in these older hotels is to install a sprinkler system.

The Marriott group has revealed that their Paris hotel on the Champs-Élysées suffered fire just days before, which was extinguished by the sprinkler system. Nobody was hurt and the hotel is open for business.

On April 12th a fire in the Pierre et Vacances hotel in the French alpine ski resort of Val Thorens also did not result in any deaths. The fire began in the kitchen. The 300 occupants were safely evacuated but unlike the Marriott this unsprinklered hotel was totally destroyed. On April 21st, **Glyn Ford** MEP submitted a written question in the European Parliament about hotel fire safety.

[Fire Sprinklers are Extra Insurance](#) (Letter to Editor in Arizona)

Would you own a home without fire insurance? Of course not! How do you think the cost of fire insurance premiums are determined? By the amount of fire losses, of course! The more claims, the higher the premiums.

Why, then, would anyone object to city-mandated fire sprinklers in all new construction? I'll bet the homeowner whose house burned down in Sun City Grand recently wished the developer had required sprinklers. In fact, a smart developer would require sprinklers in his housing development as a marketing tool.

I don't see any less construction in Scottsdale because they require sprinklers. Doesn't this refute the argument of "affordability?"

I am a Sun City Grand resident who wishes sprinklers had been installed in all the houses and who hopes Surprise will require sprinklers in all new construction. - **John Cadby**, Surprise, AZ

Below is a letter to the editor of *The Daily Trojan*, the University of Southern California campus newspaper water damage caused by sprinkler activation in a residence hall at Birnkrant Residential College. The fire started when some clothing was left atop a lamp. The fire started at 11:30 PM resulting in little fire damage but water flowing resulted in wet books and clothing to students housed in the hall. Some comments included calls home to tell parents about their water damage and no reference to the lives saved. Two reporters contributed to the article and only quoted the Los Angeles Fire Captain about the type of fire and that the "system put out a lot of water." I felt a response was necessary.

I read the April 14, 2005 "Daily Trojan - News" article "Birnkrant fire costs estimated to be at least \$10,000" and wonder why there was more emphasis on water damage caused by fire sprinklers and not on the numbers of lives potentially saved by the system doing what it was installed to do. Imagine the fire not being quickly intervened by the system. It could have very well been a replay of the Seton Hall arson fire of a couple of years ago where three students were killed and 58 injured. Another "front-page" story occurred in Chapel Hill, NC where five students were trapped from an accidental fire that all were killed.

More front-page national news chronicled fires on the University of Miami and Mississippi campuses where three students died in each fire. These examples are just four of many where the students weren't able to call home and tell their parents that their possessions had gotten wet. The parents of the fourteen students above received a call to come identify their child/student, the one they sent to college for an educational experience, not to die. Those articles were front-page news in every paper in the country, not just a by-line in the daily student press.

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[Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act of 2005 Needs Your Advocacy!](#)

As Encouraged by Congressman Curt Weldon, Let's Start The Letters Flowing Again!

Access the Special Link Page through NFSA.org

Both the House and Senate versions of the *Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act of 2005* are **now posted on the NFSA web site link page**. The House Bill is HR 1131 and the Senate Bill is S 512. 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.

It's easy! Just log onto the site at www.nfsa.org and use the Cap Wiz set up (**upper right corner of the home page**) to send pre-prepared or personalized letters to your Congressional Representatives, members of the House Ways and Means Committee or the Senate Finance Committee. These are the committees of jurisdiction over the bills. **Have your staff and employees write! Have your family write! Ask your friends and acquaintances to write!** Don't procrastinate! We cannot afford to lose the tremendous momentum that we accomplished during the 108th Congress. The 109th Congress is a whole new ball game! **As the congressman stated, it's our fault this hasn't passed already! This legislation is important to the entire industry, don't shirk your responsibility.**

[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. Then click "online library", pick a 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: 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 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](#)

Through some painfully arduous negotiations with the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers, an amendment to the Illinois Fire Sprinkler Contractors Act (HB 1445), introduced by industry friend Dan Burke, has passed through both the Illinois House and Senate. It awaits the governor’s signature that will formally allow for a NICET certification of "layout drawings" to be passed onto the AHJ for approval. The amendment should be signed by September at the latest. PE's must still stamp hospitals and nursing homes as it is a specific requirement of the Illinois Department of Public Health.

This represents a major victory for the industry, as it will allow a contractor employing a NICET certified employee to “layout”, not design or engineer, a drawing according to professional engineer’s specifications and submit for approval. The requirement is in line with many other states doing the same thing. The NFSA has been the catalyst throughout the country to see this issue to close. The contractor act antagonized the PE’s into opening the language of their Professional Engineer Act of 1989 to buck our long accepted process.

Again, many thanks to the team that got this accomplished, **Dave Egelsaer, US Fire Protection-IL, Rich Ray, Cybor Fire Protection, Buddy Dewar, NFSA Director of Regional Operations and Margaret Vaughn, Chapter lobbyist**. Special thanks to Rich and Margaret for their outstanding special efforts.

[The Illinois Dormitory Sprinkler Act Funding Being Reviewed](#)

Your Regional Manager was invited by the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal to participate in discussion about funding the Illinois Dormitory Fire Sprinkler Act passed last summer. The meeting included representatives of ten universities to discuss funding mechanisms to financially support the installation of fire sprinkler systems for student housing.

The funding issue surfaced after the state discovered it had no retrofit funding for campuses. The good thing is that most schools are preparing plans to get their schools in compliance by the 2013 deadline. Several expressed they would be ready soon while others stated they wouldn't be completed until the 2013 date.

The definition of "dormitory" caused some debate and the "ad hoc" committee would address the term at a June meeting. The significance of the term would dictate what buildings had to comply.

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, more than 130 contractors have applied 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 OSFM will be enforcing the ability to halt work if not properly credentialed. Getting NICET certified is the future, check NFSA programming for test preparation.

The State of Illinois signed into law the Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act in December 2002. The administrative rule package 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."

Wisconsin

Wisconsin Moving on More College Legislation

The Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau has prepared final language for introduction. It has taken some time and re-writes as the Wisconsin Fire Sprinkler Industry Coalition had concerns with earlier drafts. The coalition is made up of NFSA contractors, Locals 183 & 669. The final draft calls for all private school existing high-rises, privately owned existing high-rises for college residents, fraternities, sororities and all new residential to be protected with automatic fire sprinklers. Senator Ron Brown, R-Eau Claire will be our sponsor and lobbyist; Martin Schreiber & Associates are shopping for co-sponsors. Be ready to help with communications to your state representatives and senators.

Wisconsin Commercial & Multi-family Code Councils Discuss Building Code Update

The building code revision process has gotten underway for the state of Wisconsin with state special councils reviewing the International Building Code (IBC) as the guide. The state adopted the 2000 inaugural IBC effective July 1, 2003. It is hoped open hearings can occur spring 2006 with adoption by July 1, 2007. Better fire sprinkler thresholds are anticipated, including ALL multi-family housing. The latter occurs easier now that the infamous Wisconsin mini-max multi-family code was enrolled into the state building code. This means there isn't a legislative conflict anymore. A revision in the state building code to affect multi-family will be much easier.

A new structural council had been created in 2004 to review some of the components of building materials. It is believed at this point that sprinkler applications will not be affected by their review.

Wisconsinisms for the new code proposal includes, removing the seismic county line contour map and replacing it with the new IBC/FEMA 0.2 second and 1.0 second spectral response acceleration maps, basically establishing seismic regions by zip code. Other Wisconsinisms are intended to remain in the proposed building code revision.

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

The Annual NFSA-WI Summer Meeting, Seminar and Golf Outing have been set for July 12, 2005. The meeting and seminar will again be held at the Holiday Inn Express in New Berlin. **Kevin Kelly, NFSA Manager of Codes**, will give a 1.5-hour CEU accredited program on Large Drop Sprinklers. All should have received their notices. If not contact me at (262) 245-5255 or dannfsa@aol.com.

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. More than \$1,200,000 has been raised the past sixteen years. Expect invitations by mid-June. Contact **Dan Gengler (262) 245-5051** or **Kay Luedke (262) 782-3311** for more information. Sponsors are wanted to help make this year's event the best ever for the special causes it promotes. The outing is sponsored by the **Midwest Fire Sprinkler Industries, Milwaukee Fire Department** and presented by the **Wisconsin Alliance for Fire Safety**.

NFSA News

NFSA Opens Contractor's Forum Email List for Members

In response to numerous requests, the NFSA has established an email list for the exchange of information among contractor members. This feature of our website will allow contractors to quickly reach a broad cross-section of their peers to ask questions, share problems and solutions and stay up to date on the issues affecting the automatic fire sprinkler industry. Any employee of an NFSA contractor, manufacturer or Supplier Company who is interested in joining the list can go to the Members Only section and register for a password that will allow them to create an account. NFSA is working on additional enhancements to the Members Only section so check back for further announcements in the near future.

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

EDUCATIONAL OPORTUNITIES

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 Diana Romano 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.

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 Ravel @ (914) 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 2005-second semester classes in next month's newsletter.

[2005 Date, Topic and Instructor](#)

6/21/05 NFPA 13 Ch's 14-16 & 18-Plans, Calculations, & Commissioning Cecil Bilbo-Consultant

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.

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:

**SIX WEEK ON-LINE PROGRAMMING:
NEW HYDRAULICS FOR FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS,
PUMPS FOR FIRE PROTECTION
RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLERS HOMES TO HIGH-RISE
INSPECTION, TESTING & MAINTENANCE OF WATER BASED FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS**

NFSA Midwest Regional In-Class Seminars

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.

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

**Central State Fire Sprinkler
Bloomington, Illinois
(6/25/02) 3 years**

**Cybor Fire protection Company
Downers Grove, Illinois
(6/11/92) 13 years**

**Fire Protection Company
Alsip, Illinois
(6/01/86) 19 years**

**Fire Suppression Systems, Inc.
Champaign, Illinois
(6/22/01) 4 years**

**IDOD Systems LLC
Grant Park, Illinois
(6/20/00) 5 years**

**Millennium Piping, Inc.
Chicago, Illinois
(6/05/03) 2 years**

**Sentinel Fire Protection Co.
Naperville, Illinois
(6/01/76) 29 years**

**Starfire, Inc.
St. Francis, Wisconsin
(6/21/90) 15 years**

**Superior Fire Protection Systems
Forsyth, Illinois
(6/01/81) 24 years**

Thanks for your industry support!

Don’t wait to schedule your calendars. Make plans to attend the NFSA conventions of the future. They promise to offer insight and profit potentials.

**NFSA Annual Seminar
Fairmont Southampton
Southampton, Bermuda
April 27-29, 2006**

**FSA Annual Seminar & Exhibition
Red Rock Station Resort Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada
May 2-5, 2007**

[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.

