



March 2007

Words of Wisdom:

"... every man owes some of his time to the 'upbuilding' of the profession to which he belongs."

—President Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt

This is easier said than done. In the Midwest Region of the NFSA, Illinois & Wisconsin have some very dedicated members working to “upbuild” the fire sprinkler industry. Local Industry Promotion Committees in both states meet on a regular basis investing time, energy and IP dollars to improve the image and marketability of fire sprinkler systems. I would be remiss not to mention the hard work that is done in your interests. These two teams have proved that their respect and admiration is warranted.

In Illinois, **Rich Ray, Cybor Fire Protection**, serves as the chair of the most active IP in the country. He leads a group of very vocal, savvy and aggressive individuals whose intent is to “*Sprinkler America*,” much less greater Chicagoland! Rich is capably assisted in decisions that are the industry benchmark in promotion by **Barry Waterman, Acme Sprinkler Service, Fred Kroll, Alliance Fire Protection, Jamie Reap, U.S. Fire Protection, Don Smith, Chicago Backflow and Cary Nichol, Viking Supply Net. Tom Lia, Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board** provides enough decisions for the entire NFSA organization to ponder, but this group capably and carefully identifies topics that best serve the entire membership of the region. Now add **Peg Paul, Peg Paul & Associates** for their market input and “da IP” is complete.

In Wisconsin, **Al Fox, Ahern Fire Protection**, leads the smaller group of **Steve Sferra, U. S. Fire Protection and Ron Bergquist, Viking Supply Net** into this century with a business approach to informing the state of Wisconsin that fire sprinklers provide the simple answer to the complex question of how to save lives from fires. **Kathy Muelemans, Peg Paul & Associates**, serves as Chapter Publicist and Education Director. This team has gotten more intense as their mission is well underway to make that difference.

Next time you see any of these dedicated people, thank them!

[NFSA 2007 Annual Seminar & Exhibition Approaching Quickly-A Can't Miss](#)

There is not much time to register for the National Fire Sprinkler Association 2007 Annual Seminar & Exhibition, May 3 through 5. This year's event will be held at the brand new Red Rock Resort & Casino in fabulous Las Vegas Hotel ph: (702) 797-7777 – Hotel reservations ph: (866) 767-7773.

Why send your management team to this important event? It will be the best opportunity for your management team to get valuable insight and world-class training not otherwise available.

Special workshop tracks for purchasing agents, designers, engineers, superintendents and chief officers have been scheduled. Their attendance will also influence the practical design, use and application of the products and services you use the most – putting your company on the leading edge in today's competitive market.

To encourage maximum participation at the annual seminar and exhibition, NFSA is offering a special discounted registration fee of only \$150.00 (following two registrations from the same company at full fee). Fire sprinkler contractors who meet either of the following two criteria are eligible for a 50% discount on full conference registration:

- A. Your company was represented at all five of the last NFSA annual seminars, (1) Las Vegas, NV, in 2002, (2) Savannah, GA, in 2003, (3) Maui, HI, in 2004, (4) New York, NY, in 2005, and (5) Southampton, Bermuda, in 2006; or
- B. Your company has not participated in a NFSA annual seminar since 2004, Maui, HI.

NFSA has also negotiated a special discount room rate at the Red Rock Resort at only \$216.00 per couple. For additional information, visit NFSA on the web at www.nfsa.org.

NFSA will also be conducting the first annual "Top Tech" competition during the 2007 Annual Seminar and Exhibition. The four best sprinkler design technicians from each NFSA Region will compete for the title "Top Tech Team of 2007." The competition will be an elimination tournament in a game show format. Come see the Midwest Regional Team take home "da gold!"

Registration materials for the 2007 conference are available at www.nfsa.org

[NFSA Booth Space Hot Commodity in Las Vegas](#)

Exhibit booth space for NFSA's 2007 Annual Seminar & Exhibition scheduled for May 3 – 5 at the Red Rock Resort in Las Vegas is one hot commodity. With the exhibition still another five months out, booth space for the show is already 70% sold out. This is the fastest pace on record for any NFSA exhibition. With proven traffic builders like a cocktail reception being held on the show floor opening night for conference registrants and the elimination and final rounds of the industry's first Top Technician contest being conducted in the hall over a two-day period, a recipe is in place to shatter all previous attendance records.

Suppliers interested in making reservations for the rapidly decreasing inventory of booth space should contact NFSA show management at nfsa@epponline.com right away.

[Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act of 2007 reintroduced in Congress](#)

Legislation reintroduced on the seventh anniversary of the tragic fire at Seton Hall University that killed three freshmen and in the wake of the January 13, 2007 fire that killed three students and two siblings in Huntington, West Virginia.

The *Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act of 2007*, reintroduced January 19, 2007 in Congress, calls upon colleges and universities to report information on the level of fire safety on their campuses to the U.S. Department of Education and to the public. This legislation passed the U.S. House of Representatives in 2006.

Since January 2000, there have been 99 campus-related fire deaths across the country, with almost 90 percent of them occurring in off-campus and Greek housing.

"Just within the past week, tragedy has struck at Marshall University where three students and two siblings were killed in an off-campus fire," said **Ed Comeau, publisher of Campus Firewatch**. "Schools have an incredibly valuable opportunity to educate students about how they can protect themselves by selecting fire-safe housing and practicing fire safety every day. This legislation will help parents identify schools that put a strong emphasis on fire safety so that no parent has to receive a call telling them their child will never be coming home again. I commend Congress for their leadership in helping combat this problem."

The Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act of 2007 is being introduced in the House by **Representatives Bill Pascrell (D-NJ) and Joe Wilson (R-SC)** and it will be introduced in the

Senate by **Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ)**. Fourteen major fire safety organizations co-signed a letter that was sent to every Member of Congress asking for their support (a copy of the letter and the legislation is available at www.campus-firewatch.com).

"The Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act is a common-sense measure that I am proud to reintroduce," said Representative Pascrell. "The House recognized the critical importance of campus fire safety by passing this bill last year, and I will fight for the same results in the new session of Congress. Far too many students are being killed in fires at our nation's colleges and universities. When selecting a school, students and parents must also consider the school's track record when it comes to fire safety. The Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act will provide them with the vital information they need to make an informed decision."

"There's safety in information. Parents and students need to know that a campus is doing all it can to keep students safe," Senator Frank R. Lautenberg said. "We've got to do all we can to prevent a tragedy like the Seton Hall fire from occurring in the future."

Organizations supporting this legislation include:
Campus Firewatch (www.campus-firewatch.com)
Center for Campus Fire Safety (www.campusfire.org)
Congressional Fire Services Institute (www.cfsi.org)
International Association of Fire Chiefs (www.iafc.org)
International Association of Fire Fighters (www.iaff.org)
International Code Council (www.iccsafe.org)
International Fire Marshals Association (www.nfpa.org/ifma)
National Association of State Fire Marshals (www.firemarshals.org)
National Electrical Manufacturers Association (www.nema.org/prod/elec/sig/)
National Fire Protection Association (www.nfpa.org)
National Fire Sprinkler Association (www.nfsa.org)
National Volunteer Fire Council (www.nvfc.org)
Society of Fire Protection Engineers (www.sfpe.org)
Underwriters Laboratories (www.ul.com)

[Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act – Reprised for 2007](#)

The Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act 2007 was introduced in both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives in mid February. This year's version, it's the third attempt after 2003 introductory legislation and 2005 re-introduction promises to be the "charm." The bills were mirror each other and again offer a change to the 1986 Internal Revenue Code by revising the depreciation schedule for all commercial buildings and residential, except one- and two-family homes that include condominiums. The commercial schedule would offer a depreciation of the retrofit of automatic fire sprinkler systems from 39 years to just five while the residential timetable goes from 27.5 to five years.

What makes the 2007 legislative proposal different from previous submittals is but one issue, the fiscal scoring of the bill. Through valiant efforts by the NFSA, led by **Jim Dalton, NFSA Director of Public Fire Protection**, it was discovered that the previous bills had not been properly scored, a method of evaluating the fiscal impact the legislation would have on federal revenue. The original bills had been scored at a \$2.2 Billion Dollar impact over a ten year period. It was adversely viewed as a benefit to the country's coffers. After NFSA influence, the bills were properly scored to a \$884 Million Dollar impact over ten years and a 348 Million Dollar influence over five years. This was signally the biggest hold up to the continuance of the bill's journey. It is now viewed with great optimism for review and passage.

We again implore everyone to participate in garnering legislative support. We can tell our representatives in Washington, D.C. that this will create safer environments in our commercial and residential buildings. Coupled with insurance discounting, many systems will be paid for in

just a few short years while increasing the value of the buildings themselves. Oh by the way, many lives now viewed as always safe, will be.

Go to this site and help us help America be safer: <http://www.nfsa.org/fsia/fsiahome.html>

Senate

[Richard Durbin](#), Illinois
[Barack Obama](#), Illinois
[Russell D. Feingold](#), Wisconsin
[Heb Kohl](#), Wisconsin

House of Representatives

ILLINOIS

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| Bean, Melissa L. , Illinois, 8th | Biggert, Judy , Illinois, 13th |
| Costello, Jerry , Illinois, 12th | Davis, Danny K. , Illinois, 7th |
| Emanuel, Rahm , Illinois, 5th | Gutierrez, Luis , Illinois, 4th |
| Hare, Phil , Illinois, 17th | Hastert, Denny , Illinois, 14th |
| Jackson Jr., Jesse L. , Illinois, 2nd | Johnson, Timothy V. , Illinois, 15th |
| Kirk, Mark , Illinois, 10th | LaHood, Ray , Illinois, 18th |
| Lipinski, Daniel , Illinois, 3rd | Manzullo, Donald , Illinois, 16th |
| Roskam, Peter J. , Illinois, 6th | Rush, Bobby L. , Illinois, 1st |
| Schakowsky, Jan , Illinois, 9th | Shimkus, John , Illinois, 19th |
| Weller, Jerry , Illinois, 11th | |

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| Baldwin, Tammy , Wisconsin, 2nd | Kagen, Steve , Wisconsin, 8th |
| Kind, Ron , Wisconsin, 3rd | Moore, Gwen , Wisconsin, 4th |
| Obey, David R. , Wisconsin, 7th | Petri, Thomas , Wisconsin, 6th |
| Ryan, Paul , Wisconsin, 1st | Sensenbrenner, F. James , Wisconsin, 5th |

[National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation Plans 17-City Fire Fighter Life Safety Whistlestop Tour](#)

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation is set to launch in April and May 2007 a whistlestop tour of 17 cities to promote firefighter life safety and the Everyone Goes Home program. Sponsored by Dunkin Brands, this media event, gathering both local and national coverage, will spotlight the important role firefighters play in our communities and advocate the importance of communities becoming involved in a grassroots Everyone Goes Home campaign to help further the cause of firefighter life safety.

Numerous dignitaries and fire service leaders will be on hand at each of the events. Within the context of music, fun, and community spirit, the Everyone Goes Home message of reducing firefighter line-of-duty deaths and injuries, will be front and center stage in cities across America. Whistlestop cities planned include San Francisco, Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix, Chicago, Nashville, Miami, Tampa, Atlanta, Charlotte, Montgomery County (MD), Philadelphia, New York, Hartford, Providence, and Boston.

[NFFF holds Fire Fighter Life Safety Initiatives Fire Prevention Mini-Summit](#)

On January 13, 2007, in Washington, D.C, the NFFF convened a think tank to begin development of an action plan to reduce firefighter line-of-duty deaths and injuries through proactive, improved fire prevention efforts throughout the United States. One hundred members of the fire service and related safety groups attended. The Fire Prevention Mini-Summit was an important step in the process of creating a direction for implementing the fire prevention, life safety, codes, and public education components of the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives.

Twice the NFFF addresses fire sprinkler protection in the interest of saving firefighters from death and injury. With an emphasis on topics as Prevention, Fire Research, Technology, Burn Care and Codes and Standards, the latter topic gives this direction:

Advocate codes that address firefight safety including the requirement for the installation of home fire sprinklers. Develop a long-term implementation strategy for fire sprinklers and effective smoke alarms in residential occupancies.

Beside numeral 15 of the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives document it is stated: Advocacy must be strengthened for the enforcement of codes and the installation of home fire sprinklers.

[Cell Phone-Do Not Call List](#)

Cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies and you will start to receive sales calls. YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THESE CALLS.... To prevent this, call the following number from your cell phone: 888-382-1222. It is the National DO NOT CALL list. It will only take a minute of your time and will block your number for five (5) years. OR GO TO: www.donotcall.gov.

[Water Purveyors Guide Now Available](#)

The NFSA public water distribution network is one of the most reliable and most commonly used sources of water for fire sprinkler systems. With six model codes now recommending the installation of sprinklers in homes, NFSA has recognized the technical importance and challenges of providing an approved water supply. NFSA now has a Water Purveyor's Guide to assist them in preparing policies for the expansion in the number of sprinklered homes in their jurisdictions. Get your guide at: http://www.nfsa.org/info/Water_Purveyors_Guide.pdf.

[IAFC and NFSA Partners Issuing Guide for Adoption of Residential Sprinkler Mandates](#)

The International Association of Fire Chiefs and the NFSA announced that they are making available a document titled "Residential Fire Sprinklers...A Step-by-Step Approach for Communities." As noted by IAFC President, Chief Randy Breugman, the guide will be available on the web sites of both organizations for easy access by the nation's fire chiefs.

The document is structured in four booklets covering Planning and Research, Preparation, Presentation and Adoption, and Customer Service and Maintenance, Challenges and Appeals. The NFSA is indebted to the IAFC for their support of the project and to **NFSA Consultant Steve Hart and NFSA Director of Public Fire Protection, Jim Dalton**, who worked many long hours to bring this project to completion. Get copy at: <http://www.nfsa.org/news/articles/IAFCbooklet.pdf>

[Noteworthy Sprinkler Saves](#)

[St. Brendan's Inn Fire Controlled by Sprinkler System](#)

An early morning fire at St. Brendan's Inn, located at 234 South Washington Street in downtown Green Bay, was quickly controlled by the building's automatic fire sprinkler system. The fire department received the alarm, which was triggered by the fire sprinkler system activation, at 7:02:31 AM and the first unit arrived at less than four minutes later.

Battalion Chief Mark Plate said, "The automatic sprinkler system alerted the fire department to the fire when a single sprinkler head was activated. This early notice, combined with the water flowing from the sprinkler, controlled the fire and prevented significant fire, smoke, and water damage from occurring".

Firefighters determined the fire was caused by improper placement of a portable radio near a commercial toaster. A damage estimate is not yet available.

No injuries were reported as a result of the incident.

Fire Chief Jeff Stauber said, "This is an excellent example of the value of automatic fire sprinkler systems. A fire in this type of occupancy has the potential to cause death or injury to employees and sleeping guests. It's much easier and safer for our firefighters to assist in the cleanup than to contain and extinguish an uncontrolled fire".

[Sprinkler System Saves Another Green Bay Business](#)

For the second time in a little over a week, an automatic fire sprinkler system helped save a local business. On Friday, February 9, 2007, at 10:26 am, the Green Bay Fire Department responded to a fire call at 500 Day Street, Georgia Pacific's Secondary Fiber Division.

Upon their arrival, fire crews found a fire that was contained within bales of scrap paper. The automatic fire sprinkler kept the fire in check until fire crews could extinguish the blaze. With only two sprinkler heads activating and the rapid response of fire department crews, the fire damage was minimal with the plant's operations back up and running within a half hour of the fire's extinguishment.

The Green Bay Fire Department cannot stress enough, the importance of an automatic fire sprinkler system as well as the proper maintenance of the system.

In 1999 a multi-million dollar fire occurred at Leicht's Warehouse on the Fox River and again this past fall a multi-million dollar fire occurred at Recycled Fibers in Howard. Both of these fires could have been contained and the damage minimal, if these buildings had been equipped with an automatic fire sprinkler system.

[Sprinklers douse strip mall fire in Lake Zurich](#)

An automatic sprinkler is being credited with saving a strip mall on Half Day Road in Lake Zurich, IL. Fire officials said sprinklers inside a business helped control a fire and prevent it from spreading to other businesses.

The fire was called in to 9-1-1 around 4 a.m. Thursday. When crews arrived they saw smoke and fire inside the building, but the fire was contained by automatic fire sprinkler system. According to a release from Lake Zurich Fire Department, the blaze was extinguished quickly with minimal damage to any of the units in the mall.

[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.

[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 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

NFSA "Engineer of the Day" Saves Member Thousands!

"As a small fire sprinkler contractor here in Alabama, we don't have the resources of our larger competitors. So when we recently had a technical issue arise in the field on the interpretation of an installation standard, as members we contacted NFSA's engineering department. Their "Engineer of the Day" saved us time and most importantly, money... value beyond compare!"

Clay Glover

Global Fire Sprinkler LLC-Alabama

[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 below and sign up for the NFSA Academy, your competition is! **Wisconsin contractors, get your CEU's here!**

[NFSA Advanced Technical Training Program in Chicago Next July](#)

The NFSA has also scheduled the **3-day Advanced Technician Training Class for July 24-26, 2007** at the William Tell in LaGrange. This three-day seminar has been developed for fire sprinkler layout and detail technicians that have two to three years of experience. The purpose of the seminar is to assist individuals that are currently holding NICET Level 2 certifications (Fire Sprinkler Layout and Detail Subfield) in advancing their careers by reviewing material necessary for Level 3 and Level 4 certification. This includes calculating loops and grids by hand to enhance the technician's understanding of the reports produced by computer software and improve quality control. This also includes performing Velocity Pressure Calculations by hand.

ILLINOIS

Countryside Served with NFPA 13 D Challenge Lawsuit

An NFSA SWAT (Sprinkler Watch Attack Team) initiative has been put together to address a civil suit filed against the Countryside Fire Protection District (CFPD) in northern Illinois attacking an NFPA 13D ordinance established in 2004. **NFSA's Jim Dalton, Jim Lynch and Dan Gengler** have joined forces with the **CFPD Fire Marshal Mike McNally, NIFSAB's Tom Lia and California NFSA consultant Steve Hart**. Early review indicated the District had authority and that the building requirement is legal. Questions arise regarding reasonableness and notification for just a few of the homes in the challenge. The case may be heard in early February. this writing. The NFSA working with NIFSAB and the district has started preparations for rebuttal.

NFPA 13D Summit in Addison-Major Success

On January 17, 2007, a joint presentation by the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association, Northwest Building Code Officials Association and the Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board gathered 238 interested municipal leaders, code officials and fire service personnel to the Medinah Banquets hall in Addison. They were all there to hear about the fiscal and safety benefits of NFPA 13D Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems.

Speakers from the NFPA, Residential Fire Safety Institute, Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition, ICC and NFSA joined local contractors, suppliers, consultants and fire service personnel to get better acquainted with the concept of residential fire sprinkler systems. Several exhibits were on hand to help sprinkler novices understand the principles of the life saving systems.

Kudos again go to the staff at **NIFSAB** for their intense preparation and professional presentation. The inspectors and building officials organizations were also outstanding participants. The attendance and enthusiasm of every strongly suggests the region is well ahead of the country with information and want to make their communities safer places to live and work.

ICCA Suggests Building Code for State

Illinois Council of Code Administrators (ICCA) has drafted a building code proposal for legislative action. The intent by the statewide organization is to introduce this legislative session a bill that would require the state to get in line with 47 other state by having a statewide building code. A meeting in Bloomington on January 22, 2007, gave an audience of approximately forty stakeholders a snapshot view of the ICCA intent. Literally, the International Suite of Codes, including the International Building Code (IBC), was presented as the base document. The group was looking for input to modify their draft to make it more palatable to the legislature.

Several years ago, the state legislature passed Act 425 in which a building Code task force was created. The group met eight times for nearly a year to establish a recommendation for the state to adopt a statewide building code. A rather intense document was developed identifying the many aspects associated with such a bold move. More than half of the state does not have a building code formally while 85% of the population is covered by local codes. In essence, northern Illinois has codes but most of the rest of the state does not. The recommendation of the task force has been ignored by the legislature.

It is felt that the ICCA is on the right theme but maybe a step ahead of itself. The legislature is anticipated to view a specific code with some reluctance, as the legislatures would have more input into the process instead of being told which code(s) should be adopted. This is a bold move by a group getting impatient with the delays of progress in Springfield. Many hope this to be the catalyst to getting the process underway.

JCAR Issue with Contractor License Act

The State of Illinois Joint Committee Administering Rules (JCAR) will meet with industry representatives March 7, 2007 in Springfield to optimistically clean up the NICET layout technician's ability to submit layout drawings to AHJ's for approval. A decision by JCAR was different than legislative action passed and signed by the governor and will be addressed at the meeting. We'll keep you informed.

12th Annual Illinois Burn Prevention Invitational-Get the Clubs Out of the Basement

If you are reading this in early March, the **Illinois Burn Prevention Association** marks 100 days to the **12th Annual Illinois Burn Prevention Invitational** will be held June 12th at the Cantigny Golf Club in Wheaton. Since it began, this event has raised over \$550,000 for children who have survived burn injuries at the *IFSA Camp I Am Me for Kids*. In recent years the outing included contributions to the Loyola University Medical Center – Burn Center and to fire prevention public education programs that help prevent burn injuries.

On behalf of the Golf Outing Committee, **Chairman Amos Minor, US Fire Protection-IL**, asked that Corporate Sponsors step up in support of the event. He also asked for donation of silent or live auction items to be auctioned off during the dinner to help support our fundraising efforts.

Last year the invitational raised more than \$100,000. "Camp I Am Me", the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance hosts an annual summer camp for children 8 to 16 years old who have experienced a significant burn injury requiring hospitalization. In 2006, ninety-five injury qualifying children from Illinois spent a week at Camp Duncan near Fox Lake. They participated in a wide-range of activities and events that made the week extremely memorable.

The other recipient, Loyola University Medical Center – Burn Center was given a portion of the proceeds for their public education programs teaching preventive measures to avert burn injuries. Loyola is one of the busiest trauma centers nationwide and is recognized for providing the best in burn care.

With everyone's help and donation, the committee believes the event can be even more successful, to help make life a little happier for the kids who attend "Camp I Am Me" and for those treated at the Burn Center at Loyola University Medical Center.

Wisconsin

Commerce Building Code Revision for Wisconsin Building Code

As of this writing dates have not been identified for the Wisconsin Department of Commerce (DOC) to schedule meeting of the three councils that will review recommendations by the department to move forward on adopting the International Building Code (IBC) – 2006 Version. The DOC is moving to adopt specific revisions including the installation of automatic fire sprinkler systems in all new three-family and greater residential occupancies. As noted previously, there has been nearly two years of battle on this provision with stakeholders passionately defending their turf. Obviously, the industry has been a staunch provider of information and the fire service being an advocate to be admired.

Builders, developers and some architects have voiced their opposition of the measure and were thoroughly out-influenced by fact and reason in the argument. Secretary Mary Burke, DOC is adamant in her pursuit to build safer places of residence for citizens of the state.

The Commercial, Fire and Multifamily Code Councils must review the DOC recommendations and act to forward to the legislature. Previously, the Fire and Multifamily Code Councils had overwhelmingly passed the proposal by vote while the Commercial Code Council deadlocked in a tie. As of this writing, meetings have not been scheduled.

NFSA News

Check the NFSA web site, 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 2007 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

Technical Tuesday Schedule for January to June:

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| Mar 20 | Changes to Design Approaches and Calculations | Cecil Bilbo, Jr. |
| Apr 3 | Changes to the Seismic Protection Rules | Victoria B. Valentine, P.E. |
| Apr 17 | Changes to Storage Protection Requirements | Russell P. Fleming, P.E. |
| May 8 | Changes to the Residential Sprinkler Standards | Kenneth E. Isman, P.E. |
| May 22 | Changes to the Standpipe Rules | Cecil Bilbo, Jr. |
| Jun 12 | Changes to the Pump Requirements | Kenneth E. Isman, P.E. |

The topics for the **“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.

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| March 15 | How to Successfully Lobby Sprinkler Legislation | Buddy Dewar |
| April 19 | Dealing with the AHJ during the Final Inspection | Jeff Hugo |
| May 17 | Construction Defect Laws | Buddy Dewar |
| June 21 | Tort Reform | Dominic Kasmauskas |

The Technical 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.**

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

1/2- Day Basic and 1/2 – Day Advanced Seismic Seminars have been scheduled for March 9, 2007 at the William Tell Inn in Countryside. With new building codes including seismic bracing, this class offers insight for layout design professionals.

The McFarland, WI Fire Department is co-sponsoring Two-Day Overview Of NFPA 13 & Plan Review and One-Hydraulics For Fire Systems seminars March 27-29, 2007 respectively. Get Wisconsin CEU's for attending.

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