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THINK SPRING, THINK AHEAD

While writing this month's issue, I had to take time to clean my drive again from what seems a daily dose of snow. We're expecting another 8-10" later today. Then the snow will quit, only to have temperatures drop once again to below zero. It's been a vicious cycle of snow then cold that has everyone, except skiers and snowmobilers, anxious for spring. With more than 24" of snow on the ground in a winter where more than 70" has already graced our area, we look forward to potential flooding in the days ahead.

But, spring is but weeks away, then summer. There is hope and as a friend once said, "hope is not a plan." Making plans for spring means taking care of business now and preparing for the expected future of green leaves and sunny days.

In what appears to be a recession, some say it's here already, we must prepare for what may be a snow storm followed by bitter cold. Some time in the future we can look back on the days ahead and say we survived. Now is the time to check your benefits in the NFSA Network to help weather out the near future.

NFSA Area Director Election Results Announced

NFSA is pleased to announce the results of recently conducted elections for Area Directors. NFSA Area Directors hold positions on the association's board of directors.

In the race for the at-Large Director seat, Fred Kroll of Alliance Fire Protection was elected. In area elections, Donald DeLuca of SRI Fire Sprinkler Corporation was re-elected in Area 1, which includes the states of New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. Wayne Gey of Wayne Automatic Fire Sprinkler was re-elected in Area 4, the state of Florida. Gregg Huennekens of United States Fire Protection was re-elected in Area 6, which includes the states of Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Todd Little of RCI Systems was re-elected in Area 9, which includes the states of Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Montana, Nevada and North and South Dakota. Kent Mezaros of Quick Response Fire Protection was elected in Area 2, which includes the Mid-Atlantic states of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia and also Washington, D.C. Aus Marburger, the current Area 2 Director whose term ends at the upcoming March meeting of the Board of Directors, did not seek re-election. Each Director will serve a 3-year term.

The Voice of the Fire Sprinkler Industry.

NFSA Announces Theme for 2008 Annual Seminar

Registration materials for the highly anticipated 2008 NFSA Annual Seminar scheduled for May 14-17, 2008 at the magnificent Atlantis hotel on Paradise Island in the Bahamas are now available. With this year's theme being "NFSA.....Making Waves", you'll see and hear first-hand how NFSA is making waves in the fire sprinkler industry. There is an informative program scheduled from Best Practices to Valuating a Sprinkler Contractor that will highlight the comprehensive workshop sessions NFSA has planned. And when it comes to recreational events, there is the annual golf tournament at the Ocean Beach Golf Club and for those that enjoy the beach activity; there is the volleyball tournament which continues in its tradition of camaraderie and team building. Closing out the conference, it wouldn't be a party unless it were on the beach...and those fortunate enough to have attended the one held in Aruba in 2000 will remember what a great time it was. In addition to registration materials now being available, the NFSA room block at the Atlantis is also open. Be sure to visit the NFSA website at www.nfsa.org for more information. Look for updated links under the Atlantis photo.

And speaking of photo's make sure your passport is ready!

NEW PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS

All travelers including U.S. citizens, to and from the Caribbean, Bermuda, Panama, Mexico and Canada must have a passport to enter or re-enter the United States.

NFSA Welcomes New Chapter

NFSA is very pleased to welcome the Tennessee Fire Sprinkler Contractors Association (TFSCA) as its newest state chapter. The announcement comes following the conclusion of a two-year pilot program in which TFSCA members were able to take advantage of all the services, resources and benefits of NFSA membership.

Upon receiving the news of the TFSCA commitment to NFSA, NFSA President John Viniello said, "We are absolutely delighted the members of the Tennessee Fire Sprinkler Contractors Association have collectively made the strategic decision to join with NFSA to promote fire sprinklers. This partnership will help strengthen NFSA's presence not only in the state of Tennessee, but throughout our Southeast Region." He added, "This is a perfect example of a state association working with a national organization to set and achieve mutually beneficial goals. Our Director of Regional Operations, Buddy Dewar, Director of Membership, Karyn Hudgens, Southeast Regional Manager and Tennessee Fire Sprinkler Contractors Association Executive Director, Wayne Waggoner and the leadership of the TFSCA are to be commended for the statesman-like work that went into making this partnership a reality."

Regular updates on the activities of the Tennessee Fire Sprinkler Contractors Association – a Chapter of NFSA, are posted at the TFSCA website at www.tfscacom. For more details about this and other TFSCA news, NFSA's Southeast Regional Manager Wayne Waggoner can be contacted by phone at: 865.947.3393; or by emailing: waggoner@nfsa.org.

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Don't Wait Until the Last Minute, IRC Final Action Hearing, September 2008, Minneapolis, Begin Preparations to Attend Now

On or about September 20-21, 2008, the International Residential Code (IRC) Final Action Hearing will take place and the residential fire sprinkler issue will be decided. Voting governmental members of the International Code Council (ICC) will have the opportunity to change the IRC to require fire sprinklers in new homes, addressing a fire safety issue that has plagued America since its beginning, and causes more deaths than all the natural disasters combine each year, dwelling fires. This is your opportunity to be a part of the historic event by casting your vote for RB64-07/08 and place the requirement for residential fire sprinkler into the body of the code and eliminate Appendix P.

The IRC Fire Sprinkler Coalition's residential sprinkler proposal will be on the agenda as Item [RB64-07/08](#). If this item is accepted by ICC's voting governmental members, the residential sprinkler requirement will become a part of the 2009 edition of IRC. As a government employee, YOUR attendance in Minneapolis is critical because, to pass, this recommendation will require support by a two-thirds majority of voting governmental members present at the meeting.

If you've never attended an ICC hearing there is no better time to participate in a hearing. You can be a part of saving thousands of lives in the future and a historic event long overdue.

If you would like to support this effort, YOU MUST BECOME AN ICC VOTING GOVERNMENTAL MEMBER BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2008. For more information on ICC voting governmental membership, which is required to vote at the hearing.

All regional managers have been tasked with getting action activities going in their regions to help facilitate attendance at the IRC Hearings. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at Gengler@nfsa.org.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS (IAFC) JOINS PUBLIC SAFETY EFFORTS OF HOME FIRE SPRINKLER COALITION (HFSC)

The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) is bringing the strength of its diverse network of chief fire officers to the nonprofit Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (HFSC). IAFC, which represents fire service leaders from around the world, has joined HFSC's Board, which oversees the Coalition's strategic planning and program development.

"It is our intention to have our participation in HFSC activities taken as a sign that a highly influential fire service organization fully supports the mission of increasing the understanding and usage of residential fire sprinklers among the public and among home builders," says IAFC President, Chief Steven P. Westermann.

The IAFC brings valuable expertise to HFSC's Board, and will provide a range of activities in the coming year to support the Coalition's efforts to publicize its free sprinkler educational materials to the fire service.

"Collectively, the fire service is HFSC's most important partner and the most trusted local channel for reaching the public with information about the value of home fire sprinklers," says Coalition Chair Gary Keith. "Having IAFC's strong and visible support will help us reach even more fire departments with the tools, information and materials they need to educate their communities about the life-saving value of sprinkler technology."



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Increased installation of residential fire sprinkler systems is imperative to the national effort to reduce fire deaths. While more than 80 percent of all fire deaths occur in homes, residential sprinkler installations lag far behind other occupancies. HFSC maintains that knowledge is the first step toward increased usage. Starting with the fire service, HFSC provides accurate information about sprinkler technology so consumers, home builders, and local authorities can make informed decisions.

Recently, HFSC was awarded federal Fire Prevention and Safety Grant funding to underwrite the creation of a new public educator's kit for the fire service. Produced compactly on CD Rom and DVD disks, the kit contains everything a fire department needs to establish sprinkler education at the local level. The free kit may be requested on HFSC's Web site: www.homefiresprinkler.org.

The Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (HFSC) was formed in 1996 in response to the tremendous need to inform the public about the life-saving value of home fire sprinkler protection. HFSC is an independent nonprofit organization incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Industry Advancement Fund Hits \$183,000 in Pledges

The National Fire Sprinkler Association's Industry Advancement Fund continues to grow. The fund has grown to \$183,000 since the inception of the fund. If you would like more information about the fund and how you can be a contributor, click on http://www.nfsa.org/Industry_Advancement_Fund.pdf to see a prospectus and to donate to the fund go to www.nfsa.org and click on "donate" under the Industry Advancement Fund banner on NFSA's website.

Lubrizol Introduces FGG/BM/CZ™ System Compatible Web Site Enhancement Program-Upgraded site allows for immediate notification of updates

The Lubrizol Corporation (NYSE:LZ) announces several new enhancements to its FGG/BM/CZ System Compatible program Web site, www.systemcompatible.com. This new online initiative allows customers and end users of FlowGuard Gold®, BlazeMaster® and Corzan® pipe and fittings faster and easier access to program updates as well as a guide to help determine chemical compatibility.

The FGG/BM/CZ System Compatible program Web site takes users through step-by-step instructions to assist in determining chemical compatibility of materials that may come in contact with CPVC. The site also includes an online feedback form for direct communication and the opportunity to register for regular updates to the program and other chemical compatibility information. The system compatible program is continually updated to ensure the most accurate list of chemically compatible products. Registering for this service allows users immediate notification via email of the most up-to-date list of chemically compatible products and program information.

The FGG/BM/CZ System Compatible program, which began in 2001, tests and monitors ancillary products on an ongoing basis to ensure their chemical compatibility with Lubrizol CPVC piping systems.

All designated products qualify for the program by undergoing rigorous testing, which assures the product will not fail as a result of chemical incompatibility. Because CPVC products are made with base resins having different molecular weights and varying chlorine contents and compound additives, the FGG/BM/CZ System Compatible Program can verify chemical compatibility only with the products with which they have been tested.

Products in the program display the FGG/BM/CZ System Compatible mark on their label. This mark quickly assures installers that the product is chemically compatible with FlowGuard Gold, Corzan and BlazeMaster CPVC

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products. Only manufacturers that have passed these specific chemical compatibility tests are able to place the FGG/BM/CZ compatible mark on their product labels.

The FGG/BM/CZ System Compatible Program is the only known program of its kind in the industry designed to increase user confidence and help eliminate the guesswork about which products are chemically compatible. The program is in active use in the United States, Canada, Mexico, 25 European countries, the United Arab Emirates, India and China.

To learn about all the chemical compatible products in the program, call 888-234-2346, x4477393 or visit www.systemcompatible.com.

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Sprinkler Saves



Disaster Avoided in Vegas Casino Blaze

Gamblers fled the Las Vegas casino floor as firefighters rushed up flights of stairs, but remarkably no one was seriously injured in a blaze that blackened the top floors of the 32-story Monte Carlo hotel-casino. The 3,000-room resort was at near capacity Friday when the fire broke out midmorning, sending guests and employees onto the Las Vegas Strip where ashes and embers rained. The blaze was contained within an hour.

An ambulance company spokeswoman said 17 people were taken to area hospitals with minor injuries, mostly from inhaling smoke or from fleeing the building. None of the 120 firefighters who fought the blaze was hurt. The spectacle brought to mind the state's deadliest fire. In 1980, 87 people were killed in a fire at the old MGM Grand just down the street from the Monte Carlo. Strict fire codes, including mandatory fire sprinklers, have since been adopted for the casinos on the Las Vegas Strip.

Fire Chief Steve Smith credited firefighters, not the sprinkler system for quickly containing Friday's fire. He called it an exterior fire that consumed a foam-like building material. He said it was best fought from the interior. Firefighters entered top-floor rooms, broke windows and leaned out with hoses to aim water at the flames.

"It's very precarious up there," Smith said. "They did expose themselves to some extreme danger. They could have fallen out."

Huge crowds formed to watch the fire, and traffic on the Las Vegas Strip was gridlocked as streets were blocked off around the hotel. Nearby resorts were not evacuated.

The Monte Carlo Resort & Casino has 3,002 guest rooms and 211 suites. The resort, on Las Vegas Boulevard near Tropicana Avenue, opened in June 1996 and is modeled after the Place du Casino in Monte Carlo, Monaco.

Fire forces evacuation of Appleton hotel

A fire January 28 broke out in a basement laundry area of the CopperLeaf Boutique Hotel, resulting in the evacuation of about 40 people from the five-story building, authorities said.

Battalion Fire Chief Tony Palma said investigators were trying to determine what caused of the Sunday night blaze, which destroyed a computer and at least two-dozen towels. The fire activated some sprinkler heads, and firefighters put it out quickly, he said. No injuries were reported.

Guests were evacuated to the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel across the street and a city parking ramp for several hours before they were allowed to return to the CopperLeaf.

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.

Sprinkler Firewatch service helps track saves

A new service to automatically inform you of catastrophic fires in the country and to report reported sprinkler saves has been created by Ed Comeau. You can get up-to-date reports on the above and report saves for the program.

To receive and take part in Sprinkler Firewatch log onto: www.YAHOO.com. (If you do not have a YAHOO i.d., in the upper right hand corner is “FREE E-MAIL: Sign Up”. Once you have signed up for a YAHOO e-mail address, you can join any “public” YAHOO group. You do not have to use the YAHOO e-mail address to obtain the alerts from Sprinkler Firewatch).

At: www.YAHOO.com, click on Groups on left hand column. On the next page type in “sprinkler firewatch”, the next page click on “Join this Group” in upper right hand side of page. On the next page, sign in using your YAHOO e-mail and password.

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NFSA Expert of the Day-Some of Your Competition is getting 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

Need an Ordinance? Check this Process

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

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!

New NFSA Reference Textbook into Second Printing

The NFSA's new textbook titled Layout, Detailing and Calculation of Fire Sprinkler Systems has been an incredible success. The first printing sold out in only nine weeks. With more than 700 pages of information, this is the most complete text-book ever written for the fire sprinkler engineering technician.

Written by the NFSA Engineering Department staff and edited by Kenneth E. Isman, P.E., Vice President of Engineering, this text covers every aspect of determining the necessary details for a fire sprinkler system, including: Hazard classifications; Sprinkler spacing; Hanger and brace requirements; Hydraulic calculations; Water supplies, pumps and tanks.

The text also contains a significant review of basic math and physical science that is helpful to the user in understanding the scientific principles behind the requirements that need to be followed.

Minnesota: www.nfsamn.org

Fire Sprinkler Forum

The NFSA-MN Chapter promoted the first annual MN Building/Fire Code Fire Sprinkler Forum that was held February 26, 2008 at the Mermaid in Moundsview, MN. Aimed at helping Authorities Having Jurisdiction and contractors find common ground on local ordinances and municipal polices, the program was attended by authorities having jurisdiction and fire sprinkler contractors. The session addressed issues that can make the process for installing fire sprinkler protection a commitment by the parties to ensure systems being installed more uniformly in the region. A joint committee of NFSA members and AHJ's met for months to establish an educational program complete with expert presenters. The Minnesota State Fire Marshal Division and the State Fire Chiefs actively participated in the process and it is hoped to trigger future educational opportunities for all parties.

Burn Aid Golf Classic Scheduled for September 8, 2008

John Hoppe, Brothers Fire Protection, and Bill Yorkson, National Automatic Sprinkler Company, have again graciously offered to co-chair this years Burn Aid Golf Classic scheduled for September 8, 2008 at the North Oaks Golf Club. It may be snowy and cold outside but one can dream of warmer weather, golfing and doing great charity work now. Enter the date and location as information will be out mid summer. Think Golf!

Sprinkler kids Trademarked

The Minnesota Chapter of the NFSA has finally gotten their *Sprinkler kids* trademarked. The logo showing children type sprinklers is used on bookmarks and rulers with some products covering the country. The trademark must be displayed indicating the MN ownership.

Advisory Rules Committee Gets Requirement for AHJ Competency

An advisory group to the MN State Fire Marshal was able to get a rule passed to require a level of competency to perform fire protection system plan review and or inspections of such systems. The criteria for this competency comes in several categories:

A licensed professional engineer under Minnesota Statutes, section 326.03, with w competency in fire protection designs.

Certified NICET Level III or IV in the filed of fire protection & in the subfield of sprinkler system layout

Certified by the MN Department of Administration Building Codes & Standards successfully completing Fire Suppression Systems course work of the Building Inspection Technology degree program

Successfully completed, 30-hours of courses on automatic sprinkler systems & components accepted by the MN DOA Commissioner

8-hours of courses on automatic sprinkler system hydraulic calculations & design acceptable by the MN DOA Commissioner.

A person certified to perform sprinkler plan review or inspection must obtain 18-hours of CEU's every three years in fire protection systems and provide documentation of the to the commissioner.

The effective date of commencement for the competency requirement was not available.

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Wisconsin: www.nfsawi.org

S&B March 1, 2008, Commercial Building Code Change Insert Pages

The Wisconsin Department of Commerce Safety and Buildings Division has created PDF files showing the Wisconsin Commercial Building Code language effective March 1, 2008 modifying the adopted 2006 editions of International Code Council model codes. These files may be printed and inserted into the loose leaf three-hole versions of the adopted model codes. (You might want to print the pages on colored paper.) These insert pages do not include all of the language of the new Wisconsin code, Comm 60-66. People using the code who wish a paper copy of all the new WCBC may obtain it from (800-266-3358). Paper copies of these insert pages will be available to purchase from state Document Sales in the near future.

The adopted ICC codes - International Building Code, International Mechanical Code, International Energy Conservation Code, International Fuel Gas Code, and International Existing Building Code - are available from the ICC at <http://www.iccsafe.org/e/category.html>. The WCBC references the International Fire Code, which also is available from ICC.

Separate PDF insert pages are provided here according to the chapters of the ICC codes and each ICC code also has one larger PDF file that contains all the pages for that code. More information is available at:

<http://commerce.wi.gov/SB/SB-CommBldg2008InsertPages.html#special>

MINI-MAX BILL TO BE PUSHED FORWARD; CURRENTLY WORKING ON AMENDMENT TO EXEMPT RETROFIT WORK

The Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) continue to push for legislation to require a uniform Commercial Building Code, referred to as the mini-max legislation. The Wisconsin Fire Protection Coalition headed by the NFSA-Wisconsin Chapter with locals 183 & 669 is working to get a solid position on this issue. The reality is, this is a top priority for ABC, and will continue to be regardless of whether we can prevent the passage of the bill this session. It will take a lot of political capitol to stop this bill; therefore, the coalition must identify priorities and goals.

Considering the sprinkler coalition and fire service partnership success on the rule related to multifamily dwellings, commercial buildings are the only buildings that would be affected by this legislation. In other words, local units of government could not adopt an ordinance stricter than the state guidelines on fire sprinklers.

Being unsure of the likelihood the locals pass such ordinances, we are requesting feedback from you on how big of a priority this legislation is, especially compared to future priorities this group may have. This information will help us shape the position of the coalition.

If you have questions about this request, please contact Annie Early, Wisconsin Chapter Lobbyist at 414-405-1050.

BUILDERS ASSOCIATION WANTS LEGISLATION ON TRACKING INCIDENTS OF FIRE AND FIRE-RELATED DEATHS

Our lobbyist, Annie Early, Martin Schreiber & Associates, received a phone call from the Builders Association lobbyist to discuss specific language of a bill that would require better tracking of fire and fire-related deaths. Additionally, the bill would track the presence of smoke alarms and fire sprinkler systems.

Annie arranged a meeting with the Builders Association in January to discuss the specific details of the bill, and also to ensure the language is plausible. Specifically, the intent is to get dates of construction for all residential

housing. It is believed the data was supposed to help the builders in their future arguments regarding fire safety mandates.

NFSA Project Management Class Scheduled for September in Milwaukee

By popular request, NFSA's Project Management 2-Day Program will be presented in Milwaukee, WI at the Windham-Airport on May 21-22, 2008. This program has a great agenda and promises to help contractors reach a bolder Black bottom line.

The full program begins with a one-day in-class instructional seminar, 7 ½ hours of contact time. This is followed by six weeks of self-directed study and mandated mail-in assignments. The program concludes with another one-day, 7 ½ hours contact time, in-class instructional session. Each participant is provided with a complete reference book and safety manual.

Audiotapes to be utilized in the self-directed study between in-class sessions are supplemental material, with interesting case studies and examples. They are used in conjunction with text to help the participant analyze their company operations, strengths and deficiencies, and to recommend corrective actions.

This program is a must to help ensure job site decisions are in the best interest of the fire sprinkler contractor. The class is limited to the first 20 applicants and Wisconsin contractors can earn CEU's for attendance.

Wisconsin Looking to be 23rd State to Adopt Fire-Safe Cigarettes

On the heels of a tragic Madison house fire that killed a University of Wisconsin-La Crosse student last fall, the state Assembly and state Senate are moving forward in tandem on a pair of identical bills that aim to reduce fires caused by cigarettes. The proposed bills mandate that all cigarettes sold in Wisconsin be made with flame-resistant paper that self-extinguishes if it is not being smoked. If passed, all cigarettes sold in Wisconsin would have to conform to the new regulation.

So far, the bills have moved swiftly through both the Assembly and Senate with nearly unanimous support. Sen. Judy Robson, D-Beloit, a key proponent of the bill, said she is confident the measure will be approved. "When you have companion bills that are moving this quickly, it is not a question of whether the legislation will be passed, it is largely a case of seeing which bill will get through both houses first," Robson said.

Ryan Murray, communications director for Sen. Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, said the bills would have little impact on tobacco vendors, producers and suppliers. "Some Republicans had initial reservations that the bill would be overreaching, but after talking to people involved in the tobacco industry, we realized the impact it would have on those people would be minimal," Murray said. "The tobacco industry is already making these cigarettes, so it would not disrupt those industries."

"Fire-safe" cigarettes have been adopted via legislation by 22 states and have been implemented in five of those states. There would be no change in the price or taste of cigarettes, and only the paper the cigarette is made of would change. Both types of cigarettes would be available for more than a year after the passage of the bill.

The proposed bills come less than three months after a deadly fire killed UW-La Crosse student Peter Talen at 123 N. Bedford St., just off the Madison campus. The Madison Fire Department said a discarded cigarette may have started the blaze.

Ed Ruckriegel, inspector for the MFD, called the measures set forth in the proposals "the most effective means of protecting lives and property since the adoption of requirements for smoke detectors in the 1970s."

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Lori Wirth, a representative for the MFD, also lauded the emphasis on public safety. “The benefits of the legislation are so clear, everyone [in the MFD] is in agreement with it,” Wirth said. “This was a long time coming.” Regional Manager Dan Gengler testified before both Wisconsin State Senate and Assembly Committees in support of a legislative initiative to require cigarettes to be made of components that will self extinguish if not being drawn on for smoking. Many may know Dan is the Chairperson for the Wisconsin Alliance for Fire Safety and this legislation fits in the organizational mission. Wisconsin Burn Camp Director Maylon Mitchell gave testimony for the Alliance. The Wisconsin Fire Protection Coalition is supportive of this action and the testimony was given in support of the coalition’s fire service friends. As smoking is the biggest cause of fire deaths in the US, this legislation will help to reduce the incidents and tragedies of fire.

[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 Winter/Spring 2008

(B) Basic, (I) Intermediate, (A) Advanced

Date	Topic	Instructor
Mar 11	NFPA 13R Systems-Outside the Dwelling Unit (I)	Cecil Bilbo, Jr.
Apr 1	Foam Sprinkler Systems Update (I)	Russell P. Fleming, P.E.
Apr 22	Water Supply Systems (B/I)	Cecil Bilbo, Jr.
May 6	Exposure Protection Systems (I)	Russell P. Fleming, P.E.
May 20	Water Cooling Towers (I)	Michael Friedman, P.E.
Jun 10	Standpipes, Pressures and Pumps (I)	Kenneth E. Isman, P.E.
Jun 24	The Extent of Systems (B)	Jeff Hugo

The topics for the 2008 “**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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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. Those needing CEU’s for *their 2004 license need to have their 12-hours of CEU’s completed and submitted prior to March 30, 2004. We can help! NFSA is offering to all AHJ’s the member rate for these live on-line seminars. Order all 10 and save 30%. For more information on this offer and information on these seminars please contact Dawn at Dawn@nfsa.org or 845-878-4200 x133.*

Date	Topic	Instructor
March 20	Strategic Planning for Contractors	Don Pamplin
April 17	ICC Code Development Process and FS-FP Proposals	Bruce Johnson and Dorothy Harris
May 8	Best Practices	Brian Cullen
June 19	Safety for Contractors	Ray Lonabaugh

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 North Central Regional In-Class Seminars

Your Regional Manager is looking to schedule more 2008 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.

The MN Chapter of the NFSA is sponsoring 4-day programming April 1-4, 2008 at the Bill & Bonnie Daniels Firefighters Hall & Museum, 644 22nd Avenue, Minneapolis. Plan Review Policy and Procedures is scheduled the first day with two 4-hour programs; Certification of Pumps and Advanced Pumps the second day, then Sprinkler Protection of Rack Storage and Hydraulics for Fire Protection completing the schedule the next two days. Minnesota and Wisconsin CEU’s available. To register, contact Peg at (651) 452-8506.

The McFarland, WI Fire Department is co-sponsoring One-Day Plan Review, Policies and Procedures (April 29), One-Day Pumps for Fire Protection (April 30), Half-Day Commissioning & Acceptance Testing of Fire Sprinkler Systems and Half-Day Advanced Pumps (May 1) seminars. Get Minnesota & Wisconsin CEU’s for attending.

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The Oak Creek, WI Fire Department is co-sponsoring Half-Day Introduction to Fire Sprinkler Systems (June 10), One-Day Plan Review, Policies and Procedures (June 11), Half-Day Commissioning & Acceptance Testing of Fire Sprinkler Systems and Half-Day Underground Piping for Fire Protection Systems (June 12) seminars. Again, get Minnesota & Wisconsin CEU's for attending.

Contact Mike Repko, NFSA @ (845) 878-4200 ext. 120 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.

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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.