



**May 2006**

## **We have enough youth, how about a fountain of smart?**

This is not to say that the youth of today aren't as sharp as us veteran folk. I know I'll get an argument from some but a "fountain of smart" could be the elixir we need to keep us in the know with our future. One drink from this bubbly flow would assure us of making the right decision the first time. Let's just hope that fountain isn't off a main drain! In lieu of this magic potion we may look for a more realistic opportunity to get acquainted with being in the know. When it comes to the fire sprinkler industry, many revert to continued education as the fluid providing them their fountain to prosperity. Yet, some others decidedly look to the luck of the market. Playing a hand in your own fate and that of those associated with you should provide a youthful look at being smart.

### **IFSA's 6th International Fire Sprinkler Conference & Exhibition Huge Success**

The International Fire Sprinkler Association (IFSA) 6th International Fire Sprinkler Conference & Exhibition concluded March 29th in Lisbon, Portugal. The conference received rave reviews from the record audience of approximately 300 fire sprinkler industry representatives from all over the world with some traveling from as far away as China and Taiwan.

The theme for the intensive two-day conference was "*New Developments in Fire Sprinkler Applications*" and featured 26 guest speaker presentations on myriad topics including: New Developments in Fire Sprinkler Legislation, Developments in Applications – Tunnels, Research Developments in Special Applications, Developments in Applications – Hotels and High-rise, Developments in Special Applications, Fire Sprinkler Advantages and Developments in Fire Sprinkler Promotions.

Following the first day's speaker session, highlighted by the presentation of the Harry Marryatt Award to IFSA Board member Eduard J. Job of JOB GmbH in Germany, was the 2nd International Fire Sprinkler Exhibition – the largest event of its type in Europe dedicated exclusively to the fire sprinkler industry.

### **NIST WTC THREE YEAR STUDY NOW AVAILABLE**

In response to the World Trade Center (WTC) tragedy, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has conducted a three year building and fire safety investigation to study the factors contributing to the probable cause (or causes) of the post-impact collapse of the WTC Towers (WTC #1, WTC #2 and WTC #7). The research has been expanded in areas of high-priority need such as:

- Prevention of progressive collapse;
- Fire resistance design and retrofit of structures;
- Fire resistive coatings for structural steel;
- Input from building and fire safety communities for timely, expedited considerations of recommendations stemming from the investigation.

The collapse of New York City's World Trade Center structures following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, was the worst building disaster in recorded history, killing over 2800 people with more than 350 deaths to fire, police and other emergency responders which was the largest loss of life for this group in a single incident. For more information, go to: [www.wtc.nist.gov](http://www.wtc.nist.gov).

### **Florida Legislature Passes Lawsuit Prohibition Bill**

On March 30, 2006, the Florida Senate passed the "Joint and Several Lawsuit Prohibition Bill". The final vote was 27-13 and the Bill is now on its way to the Governor for his signature. The bill's purpose states that as a Florida sprinkler contractor, they will only be liable for their percentage of error, not the disproportionate share the contractors have been living with in Florida litigation for years. It is expected that this new litigation environment will produce a reduction in insurance liability costs over the next few years and rightly so!

Just 10 days ago, the anticipated vote count was 18 to 18 with 4 undecided. What changed that was the incredible deluge of Capwiz-Email letters sent to Florida Senators that convinced them to support this much-needed tort reform law. Never underestimate the collective power of your letter on any issue of public safety or government accountability! You can make the difference when working as a team. Congratulations to **NFSA Director of Regional Operations, Buddy Dewar**, for his leadership with this critical legislation.

Buddy was also proud to announce that: "With the construction defect bill passing committees in both the Senate and the House also this week, we have had a great week for the Florida fire sprinkler business environment." Another great job protecting the Florida business interests.

### **NFSA Appoints New Vice Presidents of Industrial Relations and Labor Relations**

**Mr. Al Gettler** has been appointed to the position of **Vice President of Industrial Relations** for the National Fire Sprinkler Association. Commenting on the appointment, **NFSA President John Viniello** said he was delighted to have Mr. Gettler join the Association, noting that he has an impressive background as Chief Labor Spokesperson for the General Contractors and Master Painters and Decorators Association and possesses a wealth of experience in dealing with multi-employer negotiations and has served as Management Trustee on Pensions and Health & Welfare Plans. He has a B.S. Degree in Labor Relations from Cornell University and an MBA from New York University. Mr. Gettler officially started on April 1, 2006.

The NFSA is also announcing that **Fred Barall** will be rejoining **NFSA's Labor Department** effective May 1, 2006 as **Vice President of Labor Relations and General Counsel**. Fred worked for the Association in the early 1980's. He will report to Al Gettler newly appointed Vice President of Industrial Relations. Also effective May 1, 2006 **Jim Lynch** has been named **Director of Labor Relations and Corporation Counsel**. All of these men will be working closely with **Neil Cahill** and our Labor Advisory Committee in crafting strategies for all aspects of NFSA's Labor Relations Activities.

### **Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act of 2005 - HR 1131 & SB 512**

**Access the Special Link Page through [NFSA.org](http://www.nfsa.org)**

The support list for HR 1131 grows every month. As of this writing, representatives now number **155** with Illinois and Wisconsin contingencies holding steady at 15 and 4 respectively.

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

your Senators and Representatives to advocate for passage of this landmark fire protection legislation.

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

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

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

### **[NFSA Endorsed Dental Plan Available to Membership-Save Your Teeth Campaign Initiated](#)**

In a continuing effort to bring additional value to its membership, National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA) has announced it has entered into an agreement with HealthFlex Dental to make available a special dental health plan.

HealthFlex Dental is a fixed-fee program designed to make dental care affordable for more Americans. With over 60,000 participating dentists nationwide, employees of NFSA member companies participating in the program can visit participating dentists as often as they like and save up to 60% off dental bills for themselves and eligible family members. HealthFlex Dental includes virtually everything from routine check-ups, to fillings, crowns, braces and even cosmetic work. NFSA has negotiated a special rate of just \$49.95 per family per year, a rate not available anywhere in the country.

Participating dentists and specialists who participate in the HealthFlex Dental Plan have agreed to accept a discounted fee as payment in full for each service performed. For more information or to register in the program, visit the special NFSA HealthFlex Dental program website at <http://www.ndhslc.com/dental/nfsa> - because smiling is something that should never be taken for granted.

### **[Noteworthy Sprinkler Saves](#)**

#### **[Blue Island-Oak Forest Firefighters Respond to Vehicle in Building](#)**

On Sunday, March 26, 2006, at approximately 2:05 pm, the Blue Island Emergency Dispatch Center received multiple calls of a structure fire at the R.C. grinding company at 14410 S. Western Avenue in Posen, Illinois. Upon arrival of Posen Captain 2840, she found a vehicle well into a building, fully involved in fire, with the driver of the car lying in the middle of Western Avenue.

Two witnesses to the crash pulled the driver from the burning car. The driver was going south on Western Avenue at a very high rate of speed, went across a rail road crossing and slammed into the building. When the vehicle hit the building, it set off the buildings fire sprinkler system, which helped knock some of the flames down. Fire did not spread into the building. Damage was held to the vehicle and the destroyed brick wall.

Crews made a quick knockdown of the vehicle fire outside the building, and checked the building for any extension. The driver was transported to a trauma center in serious condition.

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

Contact me **A.S.A.P. at (262) 245-5255 or e-mail: [dannfsa@aol.com](mailto:dannfsa@aol.com)** if you have information regarding a Major Fire or Sprinkler Save. A major fire is defined as "one where there is extensive property loss, multiple death or injury to citizens or firefighters, or any other significant circumstances regarding fire sprinkler protection or lack thereof." Our goal when the appropriate fire scenario occurs is to influence immediate post-media coverage regarding the application of 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 –This Service is paying your competitors dues](#)

The NFSA Engineering Department has established a new email address for requests of the Engineer of the Day. The new address is [eod@nfsa.org](mailto:eod@nfsa.org)

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

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

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

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

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

## ILLINOIS

### HB4894 NICET Inspection Bill Killed in State Senate

The Luck of the Irish didn't smile on the industry on March 17 as the Illinois State Senate killed the NICET Inspectors Bill through its Rules Committee that date. It was not stopped because of the merit or intent but a technical mistake made by the Illinois Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB). The LRB is the agency responsible for drafting all legislation for the state. They initially drafted the legislation with an incorrect position identified. Unfortunately that mistake was not corrected until after it was submitted to the Assembly.

The senate has a standing policy to stop a bill's progression if there is a technical mistake with the draft. A simple change in language in HB 4894 meant doom for the legislation. We will be able to submit the "right" version next winter and anticipate good fortune with it. The "right" version will be identical to the one that was corrected too late this session as stated above; the bill did not have merit problems.

With quite the number of bills to be presented to the Senate's committee's, the Senate President's staff was advised to limit as much as they could by nit picking every bill and not letting them through because of the shortened seven week session. When this bill was drafted, though it amended the Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act the attorney at the Legislative Reference Bureau was up against a deadline and mistakenly put the heading "An Act Concerning Health Care Workers" instead of "An Act Concerning Regulation". It was corrected after it was introduced but still seen as a "flaw" by those looking to nit pick. Assembly sponsor, **Representative Robert Rita, Crestwood**, went into to see the Senate Chief of Staff to beg for its release to no avail.

### State Passes Prompt Pay Legislation – Awaits Governor's Signature

On April 5, 2006 both the Illinois Senate and Assembly passed AB 5260. The bill amends the State Prompt Payment Act to require that the notice of defect for construction related bills or invoices must be given not later than 30 days after the bill or invoice was first submitted (instead of within that period or not later than 30 days after the receipt of the goods or services, whichever is later). Sets forth that if one or more items on a construction related bill or invoice are disapproved, but not the entire bill or invoice, then the portion that is not disapproved shall be paid. Provides that certain payments to subcontractors and material suppliers shall include interest received under the Act. Amends the Local Government Prompt Payment Act. In a Section requiring the appropriate official or agency receiving goods or services to approve or disapprove a bill from a vendor or contractor within certain time periods, sets forth that if one or more items on a construction related bill or invoice are disapproved, but not the entire bill or invoice, then the portion that is not disapproved shall be paid. Requires that certain interest payments to contractors to whom payment has been delayed shall be disbursed to subcontractors and material suppliers to whom payment has been delayed, on a pro rata basis. Effective July 1, 2007.

The bill was dogged by the **Illinois Mechanical and Specialty Contractors Association, (IMSCA)**. The **Northern Illinois Chapter of the NFSA** recently decided to join this business advocate coalition of contractors looking to create a better business environment for its members. Thanks to **Louis Giordano, Executive Director**, for his lead in seeing this legislation through.

### Village of Schaumburg to Require Sprinkler Protection for Condominium Converts

**Schaumburg Fire Marshal Bill Clark** reported that on March 14, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Schaumburg approved an ordinance requiring all future condominium conversions, both residential and commercial, to have automatic sprinkler systems installed in those buildings not already having sprinkler protection. The proposed ordinance was originally brought to the March

7 Public Safety Committee meeting by **Fire Chief David Schumann** where recommendation was made by the Committee for approval by the Village board at the March 14 meeting. There were no attendees present at either meeting to offer any opposition.

### **Illinois Task Force on Model Building Code Met for Final Time**

The last meeting for the Illinois Task Force on Model Building Code was held in Springfield April 10, 2006. The task force met to review the last draft of the document to be presented to the state legislature. There were minor changes to the document that hopefully, with great reserve, will influence the state to pursue a statewide building code. More than sixty volunteers worked for seven months with the Illinois Capital Development Board to draft the document.

The 70-page report provides the background suggesting that a building code should be the direction for Illinois's building future by adopting a model code. Illinois is one of just four states not having a model building code. Recommendations were reduced from several options, including creating a home grown code. The task force is recommending that three options remain and that a development committee investigate and chose one of the alternatives then the most friendly model code from either the International Code Council or the National Fire Protection Association. The options are:

- Adopt a model code from the two options
- Adopt a model code and allow local influence to be more stringent
- Adopt a model code and not allow for local interference (mini-max)

Industry representatives on the task force include; **John Pasko, F.J. Murphy & Son-Springfield, Rich Ray, Cybor Fire Protection-Downers Grove and Regional Manager Dan Gengler, NFSA**. There were many allies to providing consistent safe codes, including fire sprinklers. We await the legislature's pleasure on this action but don't anticipate a quick vote of support.

### **Trailer Homes in Justice Now Required to Have Fire Sprinklers**

All manufactured homes coming into the Town of Justice must now be outfitted with sprinkler systems for fire prevention. Last year the Village Board approved a sprinkler requirement for all new residential construction. Manufactured homes, also known as mobile homes or trailers, were inadvertently left off the list, said Village President Melvin VanAllen.

The new measure, unanimously approved this week, will primarily affect residents in the Chief's Trailer Court. Existing homes will not be required to retrofit their residences. VanAllen said the number of sprinkler heads required is based on the hydraulically calculated square footage of the home.

### **Fire Team USA to Visit Illinois**

Illinois has been selected to be one of ten states to present the Fire Team USA program and arrangements are being made. As of this writing, the Holiday Inn Williams Tell in Countryside will be the location of this very influential NFPA13D program. **Dan Gengler, NFSA Midwest Regional Manager**, has been working with the **Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal** to host the day and a half program August 9-10, 2006. Partners from the fire service and code officials will help make the program a success. Fire chiefs and local legislators will be invited free for the program that will educate these decision makers about the value of protecting one- and two-family homes with residential fire sprinklers.

### **Illinois Fire Prevention Outing Scheduled for June 12-Don't Wait to Sign Up**

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Illinois Burn Prevention Golf Invitational has been scheduled for June 12, 2006 and again will be held at the beautiful and challenging Glen Flora Country Club in Waukegan. After last year's record outing for fundraising and participation, the steering committee has been

up to the task to make this event even greater. Proceeds go to the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance Camp I Am Me, Loyola University's Burn Center and to fire prevention educational programming. Don't wait until it's too late to enter, all should have received their invite. Reply right away as you don't want to miss this great event.

Sponsorships at multi levels are being sought for this fantastic outing. For more information contact **Amos Minor, U.S. Fire Protection at, (847) 816-0050.**

### Layout Tech Class in Countryside – A Successful Educational Experience

The two-week NFSA Layout Technician Class held in Countryside was filled with students learning the technical basics of fire sprinkler system layout. Twenty-five students, mostly from the Illinois area spent ten days getting an education from a team of NFSA instructors. Several of the students were new to the industry while several others are short term veterans. All felt the experience will better prepare their careers creating life and property saving systems. Because of the Illinois Fire Sprinkler Contractors Act requiring most contractors to have NICET certified employees; this program offered a great opportunity for attendees to move upward in the NICET process. With continued interest, the program will return next spring to help others with their NICET preparation.

### Wisconsin

#### Commercial & Multi-Family Code Council Review of the Wisconsin Building Code

The revision process for the state code revision continues with a stop in the Wisconsin Department of Commerce (DOC) slowing it down. The International Building Code (IBC)-2006 is still the base document the state of Wisconsin is attempting to advance as its replacement code to the IBC-2000 Enrolled Wisconsinized version.

Meetings with DOC Secretary Mary Burke with the homebuilders and our lobbyist, Marty Schreiber, have yielded questions about the multi-family provisions of the proposal. Optimism remains high that the new code would eliminate the state's weak mini-max code for multifamily residential buildings. After these meetings, the Secretary directed her staff to investigate other states multifamily applications for fire sprinkler thresholds.

Public hearings were expected to be scheduled during April for this very important direction for the state's new and existing buildings. The further study by the DOC will delay public opinion. It is hoped that the completed proposal can be presented to the legislature for approval by September 1, 2006.

#### Builders Get Support for Mini-Max Legislation

With the building code being revised and a present mini-max code in effect, the Wisconsin Builders Association and a group of architects have been able to get a bill to the Assembly Labor Committee that would establish the state as a mini-max construction restriction to local municipalities. The fiscal estimate statement reads as follows:

2005 AB 956 would prohibit a municipality from enacting an ordinance regarding standards for commercial building construction, repair, and maintenance unless that ordinance strictly conforms to the rules promulgated by the Department.

Currently, the Department administers rules regarding the construction, repair, and maintenance of commercial buildings. A municipality may administer a program, regulating commercial buildings in their municipality. Such a program must be at least as stringent as the Department's program (i.e., the Commercial Building Code is currently a minimum code). A municipality may institute a program that is more stringent.

2005 AB 956 would change the commercial building code from a minimum code to a uniform code because any ordinance enacted by a municipality must strictly conform with the rules of the Department.

There are currently 151 municipalities that administer a commercial building program (conduct both plan review and building inspection) and an additional 17 municipalities that conduct only commercial building inspection.

A statewide uniform code may result in less time spent by a governmental unit developing a unique set of regulations and advising customers regarding those unique regulations (e.g., a builder from outside the municipality). Therefore, the Department estimates that having a uniform code may increase efficiency in a municipality that currently has a unique code, and reduce workload and costs for the municipality.

Attempts have been made and relationships with the state fire service, Municipal League and League of Cities to stop this bill from proceeding out of committee. We will keep you informed but be ready to participate in the campaign to kill this harmful legislation.

**[NFSA-WI Chapter Annual Summer Meeting, Seminar and Golf Outing](#)**

The Annual NFSA-WI Summer Meeting, Seminar and Golf Outing has been set for July 19, 2006. The meeting and seminar will again be held at the Holiday Inn Express in Middleton. **Ken Isman, NFSA Assistant Vice President** of Engineering, will give a 1.5-hour CEU accredited program on *2007 NFPA 13 Update*. Notices will be out in early June. Contact me at (262) 245-5255 or [dannfsa@aol.com](mailto:dannfsa@aol.com).

**[NFSA News](#)**

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

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

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

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

**[Inspection and Testing Certification Review Seminar](#)**

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

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

The first of the 2006 On-line Technical Seminars have been scheduled. All seminars are conducted by NFSA staff or consultants on Tuesdays and will start promptly at 10:30 A.M. Eastern Time and run approximately 1.5-hours. Seminar topics are designed to different levels of understanding, Basic (B), Intermediate (I) and Advanced (A) levels. There are several seminars that cross two levels.

<b>Topic Course Level</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Instructor</b>	
<i>Sprinkler Aesthetics &amp; Protective Coverings</i>	<i>May 9</i>	<i>Russell P. Fleming, PE</i>	<i>Intermediate</i>

<i>Spray Nozzles &amp; Directional Sprinklers</i>	<i>May 23</i>	<i>Cecil Bilbo, Jr.</i>	<i>Intermediate</i>
<i>Water Mist Nozzles</i>	<i>June 13</i>	<i>Victoria B. Valentine, PE</i>	<i>Intermediate</i>

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.**

**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](http://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 2006 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 Oak Creek, WI Fire Department is co-sponsoring Half-Day Introduction to Sprinkler Systems, One-Inspection, Testing & Maintenance of Water Based Protection Systems (to be conducted at Sprinkler Fitters Local 183) and One- Day Fire Sprinklers – Homes to High-rise seminars June 27-29 respectively. Get Wisconsin CEU's for attending.**

**Contact Mike Repko, NFSA @ (845) 878-4200 ext. 120** for information or registration for any NFSA training program.

#### **Special Discounts:**

Register 5 Attendees for One Class; get a 6<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Aurora Pump**  
North Aurora, Illinois  
1 Year

**Midwest Fire Fabrication**  
Elk Grove Village, Illinois  
4 years

**Nova Fire Protection**  
Addison, Illinois  
3 years  
Thanks for your industry support!

**Simplex Grinnell LP**  
Everywhere  
101 years

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 & Exposition**  
**Red Rock Station Resort Casino**  
**Las Vegas, Nevada**  
**May 2-5, 2007**

**Registration materials for the 2007 conference will be available in Winter 2006.**

### **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.*