



YOU CAN'T BE DOING THAT IF YOU'RE DOING THAT

This **Don Smith**, Chicago Backflow Inc., alias the Yogi Berra of the fire sprinkler industry, coined the phrase when trying to explain that the issues of the topic at hand placed the recipient of Don's remarks in a precarious business situation. Are you doing something you shouldn't be doing? Is there a business practice that needs attention in your office, shop or job site? If you had attended one of the NFSA Professional Development Programs, you may have caught a practice that needed revision. A simple to extensive business environmental adjustment may keep you in business or better yet, bold the black on the bottom line.

ICC Adds Residential Sprinkler Requirements to Appendix

NFSA Staff including Kevin Kelly, **NFSA Manager of Codes**, attended and represented the fire sprinkler industry in Detroit, for **the International Code Council (ICC)** Final Action Hearings. The purpose of these final hearings are to present code changes to the ICC membership for them to exercise their voting privileges, which will produce changes in all of the 2006 International Codes. NFSA testified in front of the ICC membership for changes in the **International Building Code (IBC)**, **International Residential Code (IRC)** and **the International Fire Code (IFC)**.

Several changes for the fire sprinkler field, some prompted by NFSA alliances and the NFSA, were made. Some changes for the upcoming 2006 codes are:

- Sprinkler requirements for one and two family dwelling units were added in the appendix of the IRC. Only jurisdictions specifically adopting the appendix can enforce the contents of the appendix.
- A one-hour reduction for fire barrier ratings for occupancy separations in fully sprinkled buildings in the IBC.
- Fire code officials will be notified by building owners when recalled fire protection components are recalled. IFC
- Inspections and testing of fire protection equipment witnessed by fire code officials will need to be requested 48 hours in advance. IFC

NFSA President John Viniello commented, "A special thanks goes out to all the organizations and those individuals who worked with NFSA for many years on this residential sprinkler requirement. It is becoming more obvious by this action that as a Nation we are now ready to require residential sprinklers where we live, work and play."

A more comprehensive report of all changes affecting the fire sprinkler industry can be found in the upcoming Fall edition of **Code Watch**. Look for it!

[NICET Training Comes to Chicago](#)

The NFSA has scheduled a **2-week Basic Technician Training Course** for **March 6-17 2006** to be held at a location to be named soon. This class is designed to take a person with basic knowledge of math, physical science and drafting skills and teach them to be productive basic sprinkler layout and detailing technicians. All of the work elements necessary for NICET Level II Certification will be covered by the course. Students layout and calculate at least four different systems by hand after learning the basic rules for fire sprinkler detailing. This class is the opening session for our two year Certificate Program for Fire Sprinkler Technicians. This program will guide a design technician along a career development path, creating knowledgeable and efficient layout and detail professionals.

The NFSA has also scheduled the **3-day Advanced Technician Training Class** for **April 18-20, 2006** at a location to be named as well. 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.

Be watching in the next report for more information. Those of you not possessing a NICET certified employee may want to participate in this programming as it will help you with your business more than you know!

[NFSA Sets Relief Fund to Aid Katrina Victims](#)

The **National Fire Sprinkler Association** (NFSA) announced it has established a relief fund to aid victims of hurricane Katrina. The fundraising campaign ran for thirty days ending the first week of October.

The NFSA will make a check payable in the total amount received from contributions to the American Red Cross or other charitable organizations already involved in the relief effort. All were encouraged to participate with this encouragement; "This has been a tragic time for many Americans and a time for the fire sprinkler industry to demonstrate its unity in support of the relief effort. Don't let the day go by without making a contribution. Much like the life saving devices the fire sprinkler industry manufactures supplies and installs on a daily basis, this too is a matter of life and death."

[Fires in North Carolina and Kansas Kill Two Frat Brothers and Injure Two Students](#)

Two fires on October 6, 2005 turned into tragedies on the campuses of North Carolina State and Kansas. The North Carolina fire claimed the lives of two fraternity brothers as they were trapped in their house unable to get out from a fire of unknown cause. They were among 10 members of the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity living at the house. Another member of the fraternity was in critical condition and his condition was not known as of this writing.

Two University of Kansas students were injured, one critically, in a huge fire that destroyed a 76-unit apartment building in the Boardwalk Apartment complex about 3 miles west of the KU

campus in Lawrence. More than 25 were reported to have needed some medical assistance while one remained unaccounted for as of this notification.

Both fires accentuate the need to support Wisconsin AB 544 and the federal legislation that can put fire sprinkler protection in the buildings.

[Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act of 2005 - HR 1131 & SB 512 -We Still Need Your Help!](#)

Access the Special Link Page through [NFSA.org](#)

The numbers of co-sponsors are rising in both the House and Senate. As of this writing, representatives now number **135** and growing with Illinois and Wisconsin contingencies both increasing this past month. Illinois now sports ten, up from six last month, while Wisconsin added one to total four co-sponsors. There are no senators signed on from either state. Our work isn't anywhere near complete to get this powerful incentive legislation on the move.

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.

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

Illinois Representatives, committed in **red** but still need communications of support:

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| Rush, Bobby L.; Illinois, 1st | Jackson, Jesse L.; Illinois, 2nd |
| Lipinski, Daniel; Illinois, 3rd | Gutierrez, Luis V.; Illinois, 4th |
| Emanuel, Rahm; Illinois, 5th | Hyde, Henry J.; Illinois, 6th |
| Davis, Danny K.; Illinois, 7th | Bean, Melissa L.; Illinois, 8th |
| Schakowsky, Janice D.; Illinois, 9th | Kirk, Mark Steven; Illinois, 10th |
| Weller, Jerry; Illinois, 11th | Costello, Jerry F.; Illinois, 12th |
| Biggert, Judy; Illinois, 13th | Hastert, J. Dennis; Illinois, 14th |
| Johnson, Timothy V.; Illinois, 15th | Manzullo, Donald A.; Illinois, 16th |
| Evans, Lane; Illinois, 17th | LaHood, Ray; Illinois, 18th |
| Shimkus, John; Illinois, 19th | |

Wisconsin Congressmen:

Ryan, Paul; Wisconsin, 1st

Baldwin, Tammy; Wisconsin, 2nd

Kind, Ron; Wisconsin, 3rd

Moore, Gwen; Wisconsin, 4th

Sensenbrenner, F. James; Wisconsin, 5th **Petri, Thomas E.; Wisconsin, 6th**

Obey, David R.; Wisconsin, 7th

Green, Mark; Wisconsin, 8th

Senators from both states have yet to commit as well, contact them too:

Durbin, Richard- (D - IL)

332 DIRKSEN SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

(202) 224-2152

Web Form: durbin.senate.gov/sitepages/contact.htm

Obama, Barack- (D - IL)

713 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

(202) 224-2854

Web Form: obama.senate.gov/contact/

Feingold, Russell- (D - WI)

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(202) 224-5323

E-mail: russell_feingold@feingold.senate.gov

Kohl, Herb- (D - WI)

330 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

(202) 224-5653

Web Form: kohl.senate.gov/gen_contact.html

NFSA ENGINEER OF THE DAY

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

[Need an Ordinance? Check this Process](#)

If you are looking for the prototype ordinance, go to the web. Start by entering this: www.municode.com. Then click "online library", pick 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!

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

Contact me **A.S.A.P.** at (262) 245-5255 or e-mail: dannfsa@aol.com if you have information regarding a Major Fire or Sprinkler Save. A major fire is defined as "one where there is extensive property loss, multiple death or injury to citizens or firefighters, or any other significant circumstances regarding fire sprinkler protection or lack thereof." Our goal when the appropriate fire scenario occurs is to influence immediate post-media coverage regarding the application of fire sprinkler protection, or lack of protection." Sprinkler Saves will help inform others that the systems do work and will provide life and property saving values.

When forwarding information of a major fire include; date, time, city, state, address, sprinkled, non-sprinkled, injuries, deaths and any other fire related particulars that may be available. Also, contact me if your company replaces a sprinkler head(s) due to activation by fire.

[ILLINOIS](#)

[Illinois Task Force on Model Building Codes Meets for Third Time](#)

The Illinois Task Force on Model Building Codes met for the third time in Springfield in September. This meeting was to focus topics that each of the five sub committees were to address to validate a decision to adopt a statewide building code. Briefly, not much was accomplished at this meeting and another was scheduled for October 21, 2005. Frustration was felt late in the meeting when ridiculous dialogue regarding the next session had several attendees walk out on the meeting. The next gathering will be held by the focus committees working to complete their tasks.

Representing the **Northern Illinois Chapter, Rich Ray of Cybor Fire Protection, John Pasko, F.J. Murphy & Son, and NFSA Regional Manager Dan Gengler** all were at the meeting ensuring that the task force stays on track recommend that the state adopt a building code. The only other obligation of the group is to recommend adoption of a model code or to craft one specific to the state. The latter would represent years of work that already exists in the model

codes. Some very self interests are already attempting to usurp the process by getting ahead of the game with their special issues.

Industry Reps Meet with Office of the State Fire Marshal to Clarify Rules

On September 14, 2005, **Rich Ray, Cybor Fire Protection, Chapter Lobbyist Margaret Vaughn and Dan Gengler** met in Chicago with representatives of the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal on two issues relating to the Illinois Fire Sprinkler Contractors Act. The first topic discussed was a clarification of a question regarding whether a contractors license is required for inspection and testing. It was explained that once a “wrench” is needed to perform inspection or testing, a contractor’s license would be required.

The second item pertained to an implication that the professional engineers were attempting to revise the recent amendment to the contractor’s act through administrative rule. The rule package was to have been made public for a 45-day review period but hasn’t done so as of this writing. The process will be closely monitored to ensure the proper interpretation of the amendment. The effective date of the statute amendment to the Illinois Fire Sprinkler Contractors Act will be January 1, 2006.

Fred Kroll, your name made the report!

New Officers for Northern Illinois Chapter

At the September 21, 2005, NFSA - Northern Illinois Chapter Meeting, a new slate of officers took office. Outgoing Chapter Chair Don Smith facilitated the election of officers. In a move that encourages new blood in the chapter leadership, a slate of officers was accepted by unanimous vote they include:

Chairman, David Kelly, Alliance Fire Protection, Inc.
Vice Chairman, Cary Nicol, Viking Supply Net
Secretary, Jamie Reap, U.S. Fire Protection
Treasurer, Edward Kadlec Jr., C.L. Doucette Inc.
Industry Promotion Chairman, Rich Ray, Cybor Fire Protection Company

Outgoing Chapter Chair Don Smith has served seven years in the chair capacity and has offered very strong leadership coupled with an understanding of where the Chicago area sprinkler industry has to move. He also served on the Industry Promotion Committee (IP) and has offered some very sage advice that contributed to the monumental movement for fire sprinklers in the area. Don promises to always be there and support the enhancement of the market place. If and when you see or talk to him, thank him for his dedication.

Outgoing IP Chair, **Gregg Huennekens, US Fire Protection**, will continue assist the committee and chair the Joint Apprentice Committee for the chapter. Gregg’s aggressive leadership on the IP Committee and energetic leadership has gotten the Chicago market to become America’s most active. His tenacious style has also led to the Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board to becoming the ***Fire Protection Contractor Organization of the Year in 2004***. To reach this plateau, an attitude that calls for hard work and targeted results was the model for success. The Illinois Chapter has become the envy of the country and Gregg’s leadership set the pace. As with Don Smith, given the opportunity, give Gregg a tap on the shoulder and say thanks for a job exceptionally well done.

Drennan Keynote Speaker at IFSA Fire Prevention Luncheon

Vina Drennan made a return visit to Chicago as keynote speaker at the Annual Illinois Fire Safety Alliance Fire Prevention Week Luncheon on October 6, 2005. Mrs. Drennan last spoke in Chicago in the fall of 1999 when she encouraged the industry to stop advertising in trade magazines and get to periodicals that mothers read. She also challenged the industry to “get filthy rich” by getting fire sprinkler protection wherever people may work, live or recreate. Her message six years later was no less challenging when she said “People die in the place where they feel the most safe, their homes.” She went on to say that fire sprinklers are the answer and it’s everyone’s responsibility to get it done, especially the fire service as sprinklers save firefighters lives too. She likened the sprinkler message to the polio epidemic of the fifties and the Salk vaccine that cured it. She said that in America, 15,000 families have had to deal with fire deaths since 1994. She closed with: “What’s the holdup?”

The Alliance function was a great success with more than 650 attendees and most in uniform. **President Mike Figolah, Fire Chief Mount Prospect**, welcomed all and facilitated an excellent program that featured recognition for several very deserving people. **Sean Hannon, Chicago Fire Department**, received the IFSA Special Recognition Award. He is a burn survivor that has accentuated a career and life of making a difference. **Steve MaCaughly, Lincolnshire/Riverwoods Fire Protection District** was acknowledged for his efforts in fire safety education. Lastly, **Christopher J. Koehn, Gurnee Fire Department**, was given the **Wayne Luecht Award** for his work with the Northern Illinois Protection Education Team.

All left full of the great White Eagle food and encouraged to promote fire safety to its fullest.

Sprinkler Save in Buffalo Grove

On Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at 6:56 p.m. the Buffalo Grove Fire Dept. responded to an activated fire alarm at the Extended Stay America Hotel in Buffalo Grove. Occupants of the three story hotel reported a grease fire on the third floor. Arriving firefighters could smell the strong odor of burnt food. As firefighters entered the unit they discovered an activated side wall, quick response sprinkler that had activated and extinguished the fire. Fire was contained to the stove and cabinet areas. Firefighters immediately began property conservation efforts by placing tarps on lower floors to limit water damage. A damage estimate was not available. **Buffalo Grove Deputy Fire Marshal George K. Michehl**, a strong fire sprinkler advocate, mentioned that the potential for major tragedy was avoided because of the early intervention of the sprinkler system.

Wisconsin

Campus Legislation Passed By the Wisconsin Assembly Committee Colleges & Universities

Thanks to all for contacting the members of the Wisconsin Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities regarding Assembly Bill 544. The bill passed through committee earlier this afternoon and awaits Assembly floor action. Hopefully you remember it to be the legislative proposal requiring all private university high-rise dormitories, privately owned high-rise dorms having a 50% student population, all new student housing on private campuses, all fraternities and sororities to be retrofitted with automatic fire sprinkler protection.

Two amendments were proposed with one requiring the compliance period to be extended from five to eight years. The other was a tax incentive that was not to the entire committee's liking and it failed passage. The first amendment passed.

There were several comments on the effective presentation supporting the bill on September 6, 2005, in the same room and the demonstration on the Capitol steps earlier that date as being compelling to pass this bill. There was a reference to campus living and that this type of protection was necessary. The vote was nine to one with supporter assemblymen absent. The lone negative vote came from Assemblyman Steven Nass.

Again thanks to all for their support at this level. Much more will be needed as the bill will make the Assembly floor then cross over to the State Senate for similar process to be ultimately signed into law by the governor. A companion bill is being introduced by Senator Ron Brown of Eau Claire very soon to help expedite the process by having the same language move through the Senate at the same time.

We will again be asking for communications to your state representatives and senators as the senate committee and both floor pose to take actions.

A special thanks to Annie Early and Nick Foti, Martin Schreiber & Associates, for their hard work to get this important legislation to this juncture. Others in the firm worked as a spectacular team to get us this far and have vowed to work until the bill successfully passes.

Thanks again to all and be prepared for round two & three.

[NFSA News](#)

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

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

Website

Check out the NFSA Website (www.nfsa.org) at least once a week to see what's going on nationally. Daily updates keep our sites fresh. You can see what is happening on a local and national basis. Each regional manager has a site to give the region's industry high and low-lights. Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board site: www.firesprinklerassoc.org
Wisconsin Chapter site: www.nfsawi.org.
Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition: www.homefiresprinkler.org

EDUCATIONAL OPORTUNITIES

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

The NFSA has added two new seminars to the offerings in the **NFSA Sprinkler Academy** for sprinkler contractors and Authorities Having Jurisdiction that are just beginning to adopt and enforce the 2002 edition of NFPA 13.

Each of the seminars, “*What’s New in NFPA 13 Installation Criteria*” and “*What’s New in NFPA 13 Discharge and Support Criteria*” explain the major changes between the 1999 and the 2002 editions of NFPA 13. These seminars are a big help to people that are familiar with the 1999 edition of NFPA 13 and want to know what is new in the 2002 edition.

For a detailed description, visit the NFSA Academy at www.nfsaacademy.org. Have questions? **Call Dawn at 845-878-4200 x133 or by email at dawn@nfsa.org.**

[Inspection and Testing Certification Review Seminar](#)

NFSA has introduced the first in a series of seminars designed for the individual interested in the inspection and testing of water-based fire protection systems. Entitled “*Inspection and Testing Certification Review Seminar*”, the first three-day class was presented in East Syracuse, New York and received rave reviews. Other dates and locations will be announced as they are scheduled.

This seminar is designed for individuals interested in reviewing material required for NICET Level II certification in the relatively new sub-field of Inspection and Testing of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems. By the end of the seminar the student will have an understanding of a sufficient number of Level I, Level II General, and Special work elements to be prepared for Level II certification testing.

To get additional information or to register for either of these programs, **contact Dianna Romano at (845) 878-4200 ext. 132.**

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

Looking for a great in-house program without exposing your employees to other employers? The APS training program is the second of NFSA’s Professional Development Program designed with the FMI Corporation, Management Consultants to the Construction Industry. The APS-Foreman & Construction Supervisors class objectives include: Increase productivity on projects, conserve and utilize resources, maximize the effectiveness of people and improve customer service. This program is geared to the people supervising operations at the jobsite.

Your company can contract this program with the NFSA and reap the cost and time saving benefits by having an in-house session. Industry recognized instructor Mike Friedman (2002 Golden Sprinkler Award Recipient) will come to your location and put on a seminar that will pay for itself, and then make your company money. For more information, **Contact Moira Lloyd @ (914) 878-4200 ext 131 or email Mike Friedman at friedman@nfsa.org.**

Speaking of NFSA Contract Classes, we will schedule an in-house training program with your company on any of our programs. Contact me at (262) 245-5255 or e-mail at dannfsa@aol.com for more information.

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

The Fall 2005 schedule is well underway. 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.

November 8, 2005 – Pitching and Draining Systems – Cecil Bilbo, Dir. Of Technical Services

This seminar will discuss the requirements for the proper Pitching and Draining of Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems. The seminar will focus on the design, installation and testing requirements from NFPA 13 and NFPA 25. The requirements for material selection from NFPA 13 will also be covered.

November 22, 2005 – Obstructions – Kenneth E. Isman, P.E., Asst. V.P. of Engineering

This program will review the obstruction rules for standard spray sprinklers, extended coverage sprinklers, residential sprinklers and ESFR sprinklers. Basic clearance issues will be discussed along with the beam rule, three-times rule (four-times rule for extended coverage) and the partition rule. Isolated and continuous obstructions for ESFR sprinklers will be covered along with a discussion of specially listed ESFR sprinklers that are less susceptible to obstruction concerns.

December 6, 2005 – Fire Department Connections – Cecil Bilbo, Dir. of Technical Services

This seminar will discuss the requirements for Fire Department Connections on Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems. The seminar will focus on the design and testing requirements from NFPA 13, NFPA 14 and NFPA 25. The requirements for material selection from NFPA 13 and NFPA 1963 will also be covered.

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.

[Hey Illinois Contractors!](#)

[NFSA Announces Unique Training Opportunity - Certificate Program for Fire Sprinkler Technicians](#)

Hey Illinois Contractors, Get Yourself NICET Certified

The National Fire Sprinkler Association is proud to announce a unique training program for design technicians called the *Certificate Program for Fire Sprinkler Technicians*. The program will run for approximately two years and will guide a design technician along a career development path, creating knowledgeable and efficient layout and detail professionals.

At the beginning of the program, the participant will be asked to identify a mentor at their company to work with. The mentor should be someone in a supervisory position with experience in sprinkler layout and detail that can help answer questions and monitor the progress of the participant. The mentor becomes a partner with the NFSA and the participant in the learning process.

Program Overview - This six-phase program will take a new sprinkler design technician and guide them through a training process where they will learn to become profitable employees. By the end of the program, they will be capable of working with a minimum of supervision, preparing drawings that detail the installation of fire sprinkler systems, standpipe systems, fire pumps and water tanks. During the program, the participant will be completely prepared and qualified to sit for the NICET Level 2 exam. By the end of the program, the participant will be ready to test for NICET Level 3 Certification.

Target Audience - The program is designed for people that are fairly new to the fire sprinkler business including entry level design technicians, design technicians working towards NICET Level 2 Certification, managers that want to know more about sprinkler requirements and plan review authorities that want to learn more about sprinkler systems. During the program it is anticipated that the technician will take the NICET Level II exam during Phase 3 and will take the NICET Level III exam at the end of the program.

For more information, or to register for the program, go to the NFSA website at the following address: www.nfsa.org/news/articles/techcertificate.doc or phone the NFSA Engineering Department at 845.878.4200 ext. 132.

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

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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.

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 and 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

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Manhattan, Illinois
(11/01/96) 8 years

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Fulton, Illinois
(11/19/02) 2 years

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For more information, visit: www.sprinklerworld.org

NFSA Annual Seminar & Exposition
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May 2-5, 2007

Registration materials for both 2006 conferences will be available in Winter 2005. Please notify us if you know of additional contacts that would be interested in either conference.

Keep Us in the Know Who and Where You Are

As many of you know, the headquarters staff at the NFSA strives to provide technical information, breaking news, educational opportunities, and regular reports via e-mail. If you or others in your company are not receiving copies of the NFSA Midwest Regional Report, NFSA e-tech Tuesday, and NFSA e-Bulletins, or other announcements electronically, please use the form below or separate sheet of paper to make sure we have everyone up to date and have your records correct

A contractor/manufacturer/supplier member company’s personnel, as many as you desire, are eligible to receive the electronic versions of all NFSA reports and bulletins, so do not feel you must restrict the e-mail addresses to just one or two key people. Share the wealth of knowledge...sign up your staff that should be aware of industry info.

Please use the form below or send me a list of ALL those in your organization you wish to receive NFSA material and to update any of your organization’s information. Fax or e-mail the information to my attention at the Midwest Regional Office at (262) 245-5258 or gengler@nfsa.org.

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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.