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When I told my doctor I couldn't afford an operation,
He offered to touch up my x-rays.

Henny Youngman

Last month we offered two opportunities for education on NFPA 25 that were well attended by our contractor members and code officials. Training helps us stay current on code changes and new technology. It also addresses issues that arise from code interpretation conflicts and misunderstandings. I remember as a fire inspector being told by an owner that every time I showed up it cost him money. That was often true because we would point out fire prevention issues that needed to be corrected – exit lights out, waste to be removed, vegetation cut back – that were the responsibility of the owner to maintain. The most common was annual inspection, testing and maintenance requirements of fire protection equipment.

There is always someone that will 'touch up' documents or provides services that the owner can afford. That is why we, as part of an association, have a Code of Ethics that includes not only fundamental principles but extends to knowledge and skill, honesty and impartiality, and competence and prestige. These all lead to providing safety for all.

While we all want to save money, we all remember the bitter taste of poor products or service. As Benjamin Franklin stated 'An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure'.

----- Save the Date -----

Upcoming NFSA WI Chapter Events **NFSA Chapter Meeting**

30th Burn Center Golf Invitational
August 27, 2018

Grand Geneva Resort – Lake Geneva, WI

September 11, 2018

11:30 AM Lunch Meeting
Coopers Hawk Restaurant
Brookfield, WI

November 13, 2018

11:30 AM Lunch Meeting
Coopers Hawk Restaurant
Brookfield, WI

NFSA Training - WI

The NFSA WI Chapter hosted three days of training in June. These three days were presented by John Corso, Director of Training, at two separate locations (Madison and Milwaukee) in order to maximize our educational reach to our members and local code officials. The first day was a two-hour training on NFPA 25 updates to the 2017 edition. This training was attended by over 20 people and preceded our quarterly seminar. The training was held at the Hawks Landing Golf Course in Verona.

Day 2 of training was on Pumps for Protection which provided attendees with the 2013 edition of NFPA 20 and reviewed changes from the previous edition. This training was important because of the recent adoption of the 2015 ICC codes that adopt this version for fire pump design and installation. The class was attended by 32 individuals representing contractors, designers, fitters and code officials. This one-day course was held at the Madison Marriott West.

The last day of training was held in the Milwaukee area at the Oak Creek Fire Department. The class was Understanding, Applying and Enforcing NFPA 25. All 24 attendees received the 2017 edition of NFPA 25 as part of the course materials. The attendees represented testers, fitters and code officials.

We reached 9 separate contractors in these two events out of the 14 NFSA WI Chapter members. Three contractors had employees in both classes. Only one person attended both classes. We reached 5 different fire departments and 1 building department with these two trainings.

NSFA Headquarters Update

We congratulate Bill Ball, Grunau Company, who was elected to the Board of Directors in June to serve as the Area Director for Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin. We thank Gregg Huennekens for his years of service to the Board.

We congratulate Wayne Waggoner on his announced retirement effective July 31, 2018. He served the NFSA for over 17 years and will be missed.

Check the Join Our Team section of the nfsa.org website for more information on these and other open positions.

Wisconsin State Fire Chief's Association Annual Conference

The Wisconsin State Fire Chief's Association held their annual conference on June 21 – 23, 2018 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. The conference started out with the Fire Chief's Foundation Golf Outing with over 150 chief officers attending. The NFSA WI was a hole sponsor and provided a logo golf ball set to all attendees. This gift was welcomed by many, especially those that go through golf balls on a course.

As a Platinum Sponsor, we are comped a premium booth at the vendors area. This space allowed us to reach out to many chief officers to discuss the advantages of fire sprinklers and the benefits provided by the NFSA. Over 400 fire chiefs attend this event. We were visited by many chiefs that advocate for fire sprinklers in their community. Many are concerned over the recent legislation that affects fire sprinkler protection in multi-family residential occupancies within Wisconsin. We discussed our efforts and the importance of the fire service voice to assist with educating the legislators and public on the importance of following the model codes, as well as fire protection through the installation of fire sprinkler systems.



NFSA Layout Technician Blended Learning Course

You asked, NFSA listened and delivered. This new approach to fire sprinkler training allows for a combination of self-paced and interactive online learning along with in-class sessions. The course is comprised of:

- A “40 hours of online” portion facilitated by an NFSA instructor who will monitor and assist as needed, and be available for live chat or phone calls. Segments include codes and standards, sprinkler installation, seismic protection, fire pumps and standpipes, and hydraulic calculations.
- A 5-day, in-person portion focuses on intense practical application layout and design work under the guidance of an NFSA instructor. Project management and layout and calculations of wet- and dry-pipe system will be covered.
- The final portion is a required verification that the student has received training or is competent in CAD. This is provided by the employer or mentor of the student.

Find out more at <http://bit.ly/NFSAtrng>

Because Nobody does Fire Sprinkler Training Like NFSA --- NOBODY!

******* 2018 Classes *******

Blended learning - In-Class Practicum Location

July 16 – 20, 2018
Baltimore, Maryland

October 22 – 26, 2018
Phoenix, Arizona

40 Hour online portion available now and must be completed before registering for the in-class practicum.

Two Week Layout Technician Class Locations:

October 15 – 26, 2018
Phoenix, Arizona

Wisconsin Fire Sprinkler Saves

June 14, 2018
Kenosha, WI

A small fire at a nursing home and rehabilitation facility is being investigated as arson. The Kenosha Fire Department and Kenosha Police were called to Clairidge House, 1519 60th St., at about 6:15 p.m. Monday for a report of smoke in the basement, with the facilities smoke alarms on, Fire Chief Charles Leipzig said. He said the fire was contained by a sprinkler system, with a sprinkler head activated in the bathroom where the fire began. Kenosha Police said the fire appeared to be intentionally set in a garbage can in a basement bathroom. Leipzig said that it appears someone may have gotten into the building through an open basement door to set the fire.



June 22, 2018

Wisconsin Rapids, WI

It took firefighters about 45 minutes Sunday to put out a fire at a company in the industrial park. A report of a fire at UniFirst Corporation, 2400 Industrial St., came in at 11:20 p.m. Sunday, Wisconsin Rapids Fire Capt. Bob Barteck said. A fire started in totes of oily rags and spread to a nearby storage shed and forklift, Barteck said. From there, the fire spread to the UniFirst Building and activated a sprinkler in the building, he said. It took firefighters about 45 minutes to put the fire out, Barteck said. Nekoosa EMS and United Medical Service Ambulance also responded to the scene. A damage estimate was not available on Monday. UniFirst is a uniform rental service.

Contact me with your saves!

Contact me **A.S.A.P. at (414) 531-9542 or e-mail: king@nfsa.org** if you have information regarding a Major Fire or Sprinkler Save or 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.

Save the Date – 30th Anniversary of Burn Center Golf Invitational

With the completion of 29 years of successful fundraising for the Ascension Columbia-St. Mary’s Burn Center, as well as the AFS Burn Camp, the BCGI has donated over \$2.4 million. The fire sprinkler industry leads the way in burn prevention and burn survivor support systems. This is accomplished through the promotion of fire safety, burn prevention, and public safety education.

This year’s event looks to be better than the last (hopefully the weather) with interest before the invites and sponsorship letters have been sent. The committee will be working hard to look at different ways to succeed. Please consider not only a sponsorship but attending to network with others in the fire sprinkler industry.

Sponsorship information was mailed on February 19, 2018. You can also visit the website (www.supportcsm.org/2018bcgi) for sponsorship information.

We have received some sponsorship and glad to report that many long-time sponsors are bumping up to the next sponsorship level. We are looking to make this a banner year for participation. We are working on some enhancements to the event, please let us know if you would like to be involved.

Register Today.
Remember August 27, 2018 and join us for a day of fun for a good cause.



NFSA On-Line and In-Class Seminars

The 2017 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 various levels of understanding, Basic (B), Intermediate (I) and Advanced (A) levels.

FEES: \$50 per seminar for members and AHJ's. Non-member Cost: \$250.00* per seminar

The On-Line Seminars have been approved for 1.5 –hours CEU credit in Wisconsin for the following licenses: Automatic Fire Sprinkler Contractor, Automatic Fire Sprinkler Contractor – Maintenance, Journeyman Automatic Fire Sprinkler Fitter, Automatic Fire Sprinkler Tester, and Commercial Building Inspector. 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.***

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 and click on Training.



2017 "Technical Tuesday" Online Classes



- Features Live Q & A
- AIA/CES approved
- Qualify for NICET credits (.1 CEU/1 CPD each class)
- Classes begin at 9:30 a.m. Central Time

7/24	NFPA 13, 2019 Edition, Reorganization	Mark Hopkins, P.E. Vice President of Engineering
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