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The first wealth is health

Ralph Waldo Emerson

With the end of 2018 and 2019 around the corner, this is generally a time to be thankful and count our blessings during this holiday season. The quote above simplifies all, especially when we wish people wealth and happiness for the new year. The wish of good health is the best wealth. So simply, we wish you and your families a happy holidays filled with joy and happiness. We wish you good health for 2019.



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### Upcoming NFSA WI Chapter Events

#### **NFSA Chapter Meeting**

**January 25, 2019**

Location to be determined

**May 15 – 18, 2019**

NFSA Annual Seminar and North American Fire Sprinkler Expo  
Nashville, TN

**August 26, 2019**

31<sup>st</sup> Annual Burn Center Golf Invitational  
Grand Geneva Resort & Spa

2019 Quarterly Chapter Meetings to be announced in January

## NSFA Annual Seminar and Expo



Check [nfsa.org](http://nfsa.org) website for more information.

## 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!**

**\*\*\*\*\* 2019 Classes \*\*\*\*\***

**Two week Layout Technician Training**  
January 28, 2019 – February 8, 2019  
Orlando, FL

**Layout Technician – Blended Learning In-Class Practicum**  
February 4, 2019 – February 8, 2019  
Orlando, FL

More classes to be announced in early 2019

**NFSA Top Tech Contest**

The National Fire Sprinkler Association is looking for the best Fire Sprinkler Design Technicians in the land! If you know NFPA 13 inside and out, can figure out optimal spacing for rooms of unusual dimensions in your head, or have memorized what size suction pipe needs to be used with each size of fire pump...then you might have the right stuff for the Top Tech competition!

The 2019 competition will take place May 15-18, 2019 at the Omni Hotel Nashville in Nashville, TN. Once again, participants from around the country will square off against each other in a game show format. In order to qualify, each participant needs to take an exam. The highest scoring individuals will be invited to partake in the onsite activities to find the 2019 Top Tech, with a chance to win up to a \$2,000.00 (USD) cash prize.

The 2019 competition has some great features:

- **Individual Competitors:** 2017 was a great success in finding the official NFSA Top Tech. This year we continue the tradition and search for the 2019 individual Top Tech.
- **Three Step Contest:** First, participants begin with an online examination. The next step will be an onsite test to determine the 18 participants for the live rounds during the North American Fire Sprinkler Expo®. The third step will be the elimination tournament in a game show format.
- **Poker Run:** Contestants who do not qualify for the competition during the North American Fire Sprinkler Expo® will have a chance to compete for additional prizes.

**There is a new registration procedure for all NFSA Events. It is suggested you register early to avoid any technical problems.** The link to register is now open on-line <https://members.nfsa.org/event/TopTech2019Qualifier> (although the test will not be available until noon Eastern Standard Time on December 10th). **In order to register, participants need to log in to their Existing User Account or create a New User Account at [www.nfsa.org](http://www.nfsa.org)** . If you do not know log in information, contact member services at [memberservices@nfsa.org](mailto:memberservices@nfsa.org) or NFSA Customer Service (845-878-4200 x 9) Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST.

**The exam will be available on-line from Monday December 10, 2018 at noon to Monday December 31, 2018 at noon EST.** The exam may be taken any time during the three weeks that it is available. You can take a break between sessions, but once you start a session, the clock is running, and you need to finish it. Make sure that you complete your session before the time runs out, or you will not get any credit for any of the answers in that session. The exam can only be taken once by each person.

The exam will be open book and tests your knowledge on the application and use of NFPA 13, NFPA 13R, NFPA 13D, NFPA 14, NFPA 22, and NFPA 20. The concepts for the online exam are multiple choice questions on the layout, detail, and calculation of sprinkler systems, standpipes, fire pumps, and storage tanks. The layout portion of the exam will need to be downloaded, completed and returned within a specified period of time in order to get credit. The exam will intentionally be challenging to identify the best technicians.

**Please only take the exam if you are available and willing to attend the NFSA Annual Seminar and Exhibit in Nashville, TN on May 15-18, 2019.** The NFSA will provide complimentary registration to the NFSA Annual Seminar and North American Fire Sprinkler Expo® for up to 50 qualifying participants. A testing round will be done onsite on May 15, 2019 to narrow the field to the top 18 contestants. Those who make the top 18 will receive a stipend of \$500.00 (USD) to offset some of the travel costs.



At the NFSA Annual Seminar and North American Fire Sprinkler Expo<sup>®</sup>, the participants will face each other in an elimination tournament in a game show format, earning points for answering correct questions and losing points for incorrect responses. The competition continues until there is only the Top Tech left standing. They will be crowned “Top Tech for 2019” and will win fabulous prizes as well as the admiration of peers and recognition at the NFSA Annual Seminar and North American Fire Sprinkler Expo<sup>®</sup> as the best Fire Sprinkler Technician in the country.

Prizes will be given this year for the top 6 contestants. Those who finish in third through sixth place will receive a cash prize of \$250.00 (USD) each. The second-place winner will receive a cash prize of \$1,000.00 (USD) and be featured in National Fire Sprinkler Magazine. The first-place winner will receive a cash prize of \$2,000.00 (USD) and be featured in both National Fire Sprinkler Magazine as well as a video interview on the NFSA website. In addition, the company of the first-place winner will receive a plaque recognizing the “Top Tech for 2019” as well as one complimentary registration to the 2020 NFSA Annual Seminar and 10% off all NFSA training programs for the remainder of 2020.

This year’s contest will bring together the best technicians in the fire sprinkler industry including returning competitors. The exciting competition will find who is the “Top Tech for 2019”. Is it you? Be sure to register soon. See you in Nashville.

### **Wisconsin Fire Sprinkler Saves**

#### **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.

### **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 1.0-hour. Seminar topics are designed to various levels of understanding, Basic (B), Intermediate (I) and Advanced (A) levels.

**FEES: FREE for members.** Non-member Cost: \$250.00\* per seminar

The On-Line Seminars have been approved for 1.0–hour 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 1 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.***



- In order to take advantage of the FREE seminar, you must register PRIOR to the live event. Registration for live Tech Tuesdays closes 24 hours prior to air date. If you register after this time you will be required to purchase the seminar at the normal price.
- Only registered participants will receive credit for participation. Please ensure anyone needing continuing education credits, registers for the seminar under their individual account. Don't have an account? [Click here!](#)
- Effective January 1, 2019, Tech Tuesday seminars qualify for 1.0 contact hours.
- Once registered, live Tech Tuesday seminars will be available in your online training account for 30 days following the live event. You must complete the seminar within the 30 days to be awarded credit. If you do not complete the seminar within the 30-day window, you will be required to purchase the seminar to get credit.

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) and click on Training.

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### 2017 "Technical Tuesday" Online Classes

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- 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

<b>12/18</b>	<b>NFPA 13, 2019 Edition, Hanging Updates</b>	<b>Mark Hopkins, P.E., VP of Engineering</b>
<b>1/15</b>	<b>2019 Updates to NFPA 14</b>	<b>Bob Upson, Manager of Engineering Services</b>
<b>2/19</b>	<b>Special Occupancy Chapter of NFPA 13</b>	<b>Roland Asp, Manager of Installation Standards</b>
<b>3/19</b>	<b>Using UFC and NFPA Standards for DoD Projects</b>	<b>Mark Hopkins, P.E., VP of Engineering</b>
<b>4/16</b>	<b>IFC for Fire Sprinkler Contractors</b>	<b>Jeff Hugo, Manager of Codes</b>
<b>5/21</b>	<b>Proposed Updates to NFPA 25, 2020 Edition</b>	<b>Vince Powers, ITM Specialist</b>
<b>6/18</b>	<b>Recommended Practices for Installation</b>	<b>Kevin Hall, P.E., Manager of Engineering Research</b>