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Only the wisest and stupidest of men never change

Confucious

It is often said that one will never change until either knowledge gain or behavior change occurs. Often knowledge gain must happen to push the behavior change. That is why tradition is so hard to break because the change does not happen until you have proven that it is better than the old ways. This is no different in the construction industry where they tend to follow the old ways instead of embracing new methods. The fire service has seen the risk mitigation that occurs with a fire sprinkler protected property. They understand that life safety and property protection increases with the installation of fire sprinklers. They also see that there is a reduction in volunteers or career staffing causing people to do more with less – meaning something has to give.

Slowly we are seeing a change as newer companies and new amangement look at providing options to the demands of homeowners. We see a new generation that values time and demand newer technologies that help them balance work and play. They see that over time the cost today will pay dividends tomorrow.

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

Upcoming NFSA WI Chapter Events

NFSA Chapter Meeting

September 10, 2019

Coopers Hawk Restaurant

15 S. Moorland Rd

Brookfield, WI

November 19, 2019

Coopers Hawk Restaurant

15 S. Moorland Rd

Brookfield, WI

32nd Annual Burn Center Golf Invitational

August 24, 2020

Grand Geneva Resort & Spa

NFSA Training – Wisconsin

The following training classes have been scheduled and will soon be posted on the NFSA website. The announcement will be sent when completed with further information.

October 15, 2019	Pumps for Protection	8 AM – 5 PM	Courtyard Marriott – Brookfield
October 16, 2019	NFSA 13/13R/13D Update	8 AM – 5 PM	Courtyard Marriott – Brookfield
November 13 & 14	Contractor Liability	8 AM – 5 PM	Embassy Suites - Brookfield

Burn Center Golf Invitational

The 31st Annual Burn Center Golf Invitational was held August 26, 2019 at the Grand Geneva Resort and Spa. This prestigious event has been supported by the fire sprinkler industry over the years and has donated over \$2.5 million to burn prevention programs at Ascension Columbia St. Mary’s Burn Center and the Burn Camp for Youth.



There were 198 golfers registered for this event with 168 showing up to golf in the very wet weather. The constant rain did not drown the spirit of those golfing with most completing 18 holes with some impressive scores. The foursome of Brad Kempfski, Jim Wing, Jason Romano and Steve Kotur (Mid-Continent Marketing) finished the Brute with a score of 58. Following closely behind at 61 was Craig Carlson, Dan Neal, Adam Fisher and Mark Peterson (J.F.Ahern). Not to be outdone, the Highlands had an impressive winning score of 55 by Jeremy Malnar, Ryan Roethle, Jared Handel and Ryan Cagney (R1 RCM). The threesome of Peter Murphy, Kevin Breckenfelder and Bob Trapp (Core and Main) finished second with 64.



Due to the 47 sponsors we were able to raise over \$100,000 to be donated between the Ascension Columbia St. Mary’s Burn Unit and Outpatient Clinic, PFFW Charitable Foundation’s Youth Burn Camp and Outreach Program, and the Newspapers in Education Fire Prevention Week Edition. We thank Platinum Sponsors - Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Company and APi Group/USA Fire Protection; Diamond Sponsors - Ferguson Fire and Fabrication, Orthopaedic Hospital of Wisconsin, Victaulic Company and Viking SupplyNet. Gold Sponsors – AAA Pipe and Nipple Co, Anvil International/Flexhead, CG.

Schmidt, Chicago Backflow, Design Build Fire Protection, Fox Sprinkler Supply Co., Grunau Company, HSA Rep LLC, J.F. Ahern Co., Johnson Controls, Mid Continent Marketing, NFSA WI Chapter, NEXT Electric, Phoenix Fire Systems, Potter Electric Signal Co., R1 RCM, Sprinkler Fitters Union Local 183, and Starfire USA. Silver Sponsors – Blair Fire Protection, General Air Products, Globe Fire Sprinkler Co., Medkine Industries, National Fire Sprinkler Association, NFSA IL Chapter, Transamerica Retirement Solutions, and Wheatland Tube.

The event, despite the weather, was a success. From the Tito’s Bloody Mary Bar to the Ball drop by the Lake Geneva Fire Department. Most of the golfers showed and went out to enjoy the liquid sunshine. The evening program was a success and raised over \$11,000 for the Burn Camp Outreach Program. Hope to see you August 24, 2020.





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

October 14 – October 25, 2019
Baltimore, MD

Layout Technician – Blended Learning In-Class Practicum

October 21 – October 25, 2019
Baltimore, MD

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.

August 16, 2019
Madison, WI

A man who said he was, “trying to put out bed bugs with a cigarette,” accidentally started a mattress on fire Thursday in a west side hotel. Firefighters responded to the hotel overnight for a report of a mattress on fire in one of the rooms, according to a Madison Fire Department incident report. Guest were evacuated as firefighters responded.

As firefighters entered the hotel, a manager notified them that the mattress had already been brought outside. They went outside to ensure the mattress was fully extinguished. Upon returning inside, a significant amount of smoke was still lingering in the third-floor hallway. Firefighters set up fans to ventilate the interior as they pieced together what happened.

A guest at the hotel explained to firefighters that he was “trying to put out bed bugs with a cigarette,” when the mattress caught fire. The fire then activated an automatic sprinkler. Firefighters remained on scene until several rooms impacted by the smoke were fully cleared. Nobody was injured during the incident.

August 26, 2019
Fond du Lac, WI

A sprinkler system saved a downtown Fond du Lac business from serious fire damage early this morning. According to a news release from Fond du Lac Fire and Rescue, firefighters were called to the business at 88 South Main Street around 1:30 AM for a report of a sprinkler system being activated.

Fire crews found the sprinkler system flowing at one location inside the building - and the fire was quickly contained thanks to the system. The fire did not extend to other areas of the building, and firefighters began ventilating smoke from the business. The release says the cause of the fire is unknown at this time, and Fond du Lac Police will conduct a follow up and continue the investigation into the cause. No injuries were reported as a result of the fire.



Fire Sprinkler Advocacy



The summer the WI Chapter of NFSA initiated a fire sprinkler advocacy program that includes promotion of fire sprinklers through reporting fire sprinkler saves, posting the ‘Buy’s Life’ water drop signage, and utilizing the HSFC Fire Timeline with WI partners at fire department events.

This picture is the signage placed outside of Wauwatosa Fire Station #1. This is the main station and administrative building. Signs were also placed at the other two Wauwatosa fire stations.

NFSA On-Line and In-Class Seminars

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. Tech Tuesdays are delivered the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 AM CST.

- 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. *Completion includes the quiz and survey.*

2017 "Technical Tuesday" Online Classes

9/17	Copy Extracts in NFPA Codes and Conflicts	Jeff Hugo, Director of Codes
10/15	NFPA 75	Kevin Hall P.E., Manager of Engineering Research
11/19	NFPA 909 Requirements for Cultural properties	Mark Hopkins, VP of Engineering
12/17	Overview of NFPA 15: Water Spray Fixed Systems	Roland Asp, Manager of Installation Standards

Please register for the remainder of 2019 Tech Tuesdays.