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By failing to prepare,
You are preparing to fail

Benjamin Franklin

As we prepare for Christmas, we will have many wishes for the Holiday season. This may include items that we want on our list of presents. My kids always asked what I wanted for Christmas and I always answered – world peace. While material things are great, as I get older it is the joy and laughter of the family that is the best gift.

For the fire sprinkler industry, I wish for a better understanding of the life safety protection provided to residences through acceptance by owners, developers and builders. I wish that legislators will realize the importance of fire sprinklers to protect lives and property. For continued support of the fire service. For a reasonable plan review time and permit processing by state and local authorities. For owners and tenants that understand the importance of inspection, testing and maintenance of these systems. For continuing education of fire sprinkler providers and their employees to assure proper installation and maintenance of systems. For code enforcement personnel to continue to the thankless work of assuring codes are followed. For reporting of Fire Sprinkler Saves by fire departments and contractors.

For a better 2020 and Wishing health and happiness for you and yours.

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

Upcoming NFSA WI Chapter Events

NFSA Chapter Meeting

February (Date and Time to be Determined)
Location to be Determined

NFSA WI Training

Looking at April, May and June
Class, Dates and Locations to be Determined

32nd Annual Burn Center Golf Invitational

August 24, 2020
Grand Geneva Resort & Spa



NFSA Training – Wisconsin

NFSA training is provided annually through the NFSA WI Chapter. We are working on the 2020 deliveries that will focus around Fox Valley (Green Bay and Appleton), Madison and Milwaukee areas. We are looking at April, May and June for the first part of the year. We are looking at the following courses:

- Protection of Storage (Two Day)
- Plan Review (Two Day)
- Coordinating NFPA 25 and 72 – ITM Requirements (One Day)
- Design Advantage – Fire Sprinklers and The International Building Code (One Day)
- Understanding, Applying and Enforcing NFPA 25 (One Day)
- Rough and Final Inspection of Fire Sprinkler Systems (One Day)
- Sprinkler Installation Requirements (One Day)
- Inspecting and Testing for the Building Owner (One Day)

Classes are generally offered on the Tuesday, Wednesday and/or Thursday.

Antifreeze Discussion Panel

On November 18, 2019 the NFSA WI Chapter presented an antifreeze discussion panel to review this issue. The program panel included Mark Hopkins - NFSA VP Engineering, Kerry Bell – UL Principal Engineer, Mark Fessenden – Johnson Controls Industry Relations Director, and Sean Pearce – Lubrizol Fire Protection Business Manager. They presented information on the history behind the code changes, antifreeze listing process, current listed product from Johnson Controls, and Lubrizol’s current product development. This was the first offering of this type of presentation which offered a collaborated effort to educate and inform the industry of the issue and the status of solutions.

We care looking to incorporate some of the information in a short presentation for code officials so that they understand the industry issues and the enforcement actions needed. We hope this will be available online.

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!

******* 2020 Classes *******

Layout Technician Blended Training – In Class Practicum
January 20 – 24, 2020

Baltimore, MD

June 1 -5, 2020
Baltimore, MD

November 16 – 20, 2020

Layout Technician Two Week Training – Fundamentals and Practicum

March 16 – 27, 2020
Baltimore, MD

May 11 – 22, 2020
Baltimore, MD

August 10 – 21, 2020
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.





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



12/17	Overview of NFPA 15: Water Spray Fixed Systems	Roland Asp, Manager of Installation Standards
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2020 Tech Tuesdays topics and dates will be released shortly.