

NFSA Appoints Two New Regional Managers

Wednesday, September 24, 2008, Patterson, New York – NFSA is very pleased to announce effective September 23, 2008 that **Timothy P. Travers** has accepted the position of New England Regional Manager. In the position, Tim will be responsible for bringing NFSA services to the newly formed region that includes the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Tim comes to NFSA with an extensive background in fire protection including over 30 years of service with the Whitman, Fire Department in Whitman, Massachusetts, a community of nearly 14,000 people about 20 miles south of Boston. Over the years he rose through the ranks to the position of Chief of Department, a position held just prior to joining NFSA. He has many appointments to his credit including the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services, Special Operations Team where he served as Operations Chief; the Massachusetts Fire Service Commission where he was elected Chairman; the Task Force on Fire & Building Safety, a committee charged with making a comprehensive review of the Commonwealth's building and fire codes; and the Fire Science Technology Program Advisory Board at Massasolet Community College.

He can be reached at 751 Washington Street, Whitman, Massachusetts 02382; phone 781.447.2860; email Travers@nfsa.org.

Effective November 1, 2008, **Ronald W. Brown** has accepted the position of Great Lakes Regional Manager. The region includes the states of Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia.

Having served most recently as a Wisconsin State Senator, who also has more than 34 years experience in emergency services, Ron brings a wealth of skills to NFSA; from the entrepreneurial to public service. Ron's career began with the Fort Wayne Fire Department in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he attained the rank of Fire Chief. He later went on to become Fire Chief of the Eau Claire Fire Department in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. A continuation of civic duty led to a four-year term as State Senator representing 165,000 citizens in all or part of nine counties in Wisconsin. In recognition of his work he received "Legislator of the Year" honors from such organizations as the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs, American Legion and Wisconsin Counties Association, to name just a few.

Ron can be reached at 1615 Cypress Spring Drive, Ft. Wayne, Indiana 46814; phone 260.625.4441; cell 260.615.8083; email; Brown@nfsa.org.

In commenting on the appointments, NFSA President John Viniello said, "Both Tim and Ron come to NFSA with exemplary backgrounds in fire protection and each are uniquely qualified for the Regional Manager positions. They are going to be tremendous assets to the association as we continue on our mission to broaden the widespread acceptance of the fire sprinkler concept – one which with the most recent adoption by the IRC of

residential sprinklers for new construction of townhouses and one- and two-family homes has taken a quantum leap forward.”

Both Tim and Ron will be reporting directly to NFSA Associate Director of Regional Operations Dave Bowman who has responsibility for all regions east of the Mississippi River.