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## SPOTLIGHT ON FIRE SPRINKLERS

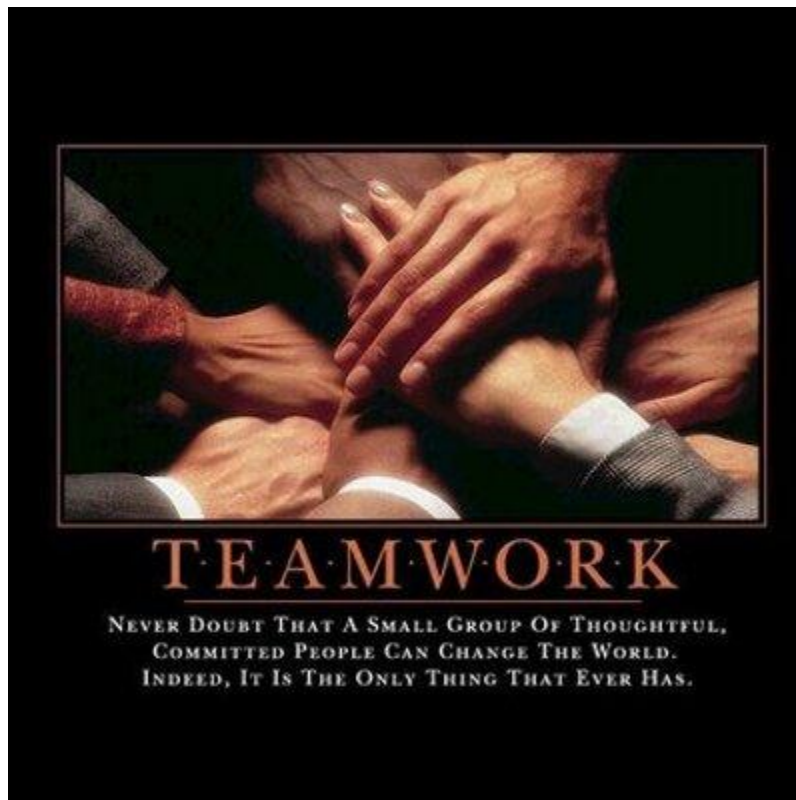
A NEWSLETTER OF POPULAR FIRE SPRINKLER ARTICLES FROM AROUND THE WEB

December 22, 2017

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### Fire Sprinklers Included with Tax Reform!



On December 20th, Tax Reform that included our Fire Sprinkler Incentives passed both the House and Senate. What better birthday gift for NFSA's own Jim Dalton, who worked tirelessly for 14 years, along with Director of Government Relations and Outreach Vickie Pritchett and many of our partners in life safety, to see this important initiative through to a successful conclusion. It is with extra pride that we announced the bill's passage on JD's birthday. We know he couldn't have asked for a better gift!

Your NFSA team was quick to take to craft and publish a press release announcing the news to the world. Our social media channels have been buzzing with activity since we broke the news early Thursday morning. Please be sure to check out our Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn feeds and help us spread the good news! Links are available at the bottom of this email.

From the release:

*"This provision in the tax reform bill will save lives," added Dalton, NFSA Senior Policy Advisor. "We are thankful for our partners from the Congressional Fire Services Institute, International Association of Fire Chiefs, International Association of Fire Fighters, National Fire Protection Association, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, National Volunteer Fire Council, Common Voices, Security Industry Association, Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors, and others who championed this tax incentive."*

[Read Press Release in its Entirety](#)

Here's a copy of our Monday, December 18th issue of Grassroots. It contains lots of background information as we were making progress toward a successful outcome, including a comprehensive overview and Congressman Langevin's letter to the committee that ultimately said yes to fire sprinklers. #TeamNFSA is grateful to everyone who helped make this happen!

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### **Harris County, Texas Sprinkler Save!**

Thank you to the Harris County, Texas Fire Marshal's office for sharing this great sprinkler save!



#### *Fire Sprinkler System Saves Building*

*Harris County - On Dec. 18 at approximately 8:00 p.m. Cy-Fair Fire Department requested HCFMO investigators assist with a fire in the 11900 block of FM 529, Houston, TX. Investigators determined the fire started due to an electrical failure of a universal battery charger that was left on a desk.*

*"The building's fire sprinkler system activated and contained the fire to one room," said Public Information Officer Rachel Moreno. "Only one sprinkler activated, minimizing fire damage and saving the building."*

*Employees were in the building at the time of the fire. All fire protection systems operated as designed and limited damage. Investigators estimate the fire caused approximately \$20,000 in damage.*

*The Harris County Fire Marshal's Office Investigations Division is responsible for fire, arson, and explosion investigations in unincorporated Harris County.*

### **High-Rise Sprinkler Save in Indianapolis!**

Thank you to Chief John Buckman for sending this great sprinkler save from Indiana! The OneAmerica Tower rises 38 stories above downtown Indianapolis...and it

was saved by fire sprinklers!

Fire Sprinklers controlled the high-rise fire early Thursday morning until firefighters arrived! As we often point out on social media, Fire Sprinklers + Firefighters = Unbeatable Team!



### Two Conroe, Texas Sprinkler Saves in Three Days!



Thank you to the Conroe, Texas Fire Department for sharing this press release they crafted touting two sprinkler saves in just three days! That's #fastestwater!

*Conroe, TX: The City of Conroe Fire Department was notified of an apartment fire at 2213 N Frazier St. (Oak Creek Apartments) at approximately 12:08 p.m. on December 15, 2017. Conroe Firefighters arrived at approximately 12:16 p.m. and discovered a fire in the living room of one*

*apartment unit which had activated two fire sprinklers. The sprinklers held the fire in the smaller stages until firefighters were able to complete extinguishment.*

*The occupant of the apartment was transported to Conroe Regional ER with smoke inhalation. There were no reported injuries to firefighters or other occupants of the building. Fire and water damage was confined to the apartment of origin. The fire is believed to have originated in a living room couch. The cause of the fire is under investigation.*

*For the second time in three days within the City of Conroe, the importance of properly installed and maintained automatic fire sprinkler systems in residential occupancies has been demonstrated. It is likely that the automatic fire sprinkler system saved hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage and property loss to the building's owners and occupants. Further, no adjacent occupants were displaced and possible injuries and deaths to citizens and firefighters were prevented.*

*Automatic fire sprinkler systems have over 100 years of proven performance protecting life and property. This incident represents the third time in 2017 that an apartment fire has been extinguished in the area of origin with the assistance of an automatic fire sprinkler system.*

### **Fire Sprinkler System Controls Blaze at DeKalb, Illinois Manufacturing Plant**



On Wednesday, December 20th, a fire broke out at a manufacturing plant in DeKalb, Illinois. The fire started in an area of the building where there was a lot of machinery. The sprinkler system was able to control the fire, and firefighters were able to contain the rest with fire extinguishers.

The fire was under control in just ten minutes and the company's operations were able to continue after some equipment was moved. [more](#)

*We have a lot to be thankful for  
this holiday season -  
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Team NFSA wishes you and yours  
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### **Last Week:**

- \* @NFSAorg on Twitter reached 28,900 followers**
- \* Nat Firesprinkler on Facebook reached 1,446**
- \* National Fire Sprinkler Association Company Page on LinkedIn made 26,093 impressions**

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01/09-01/11

Rough and Final Inspections, Standpipes and Understanding NFPA 25 - Albany, NY  
Storage for Fire Protection, Pumps for Fire Protection and Understanding NFPA 25 -  
Oklahoma City, OK

01/16-01/18

Fire Sprinkler Plan Review and Rough and Final Inspections - Tucson, AZ

01/30-02/01

Sprinkler System Plan Review and Rough and Final Inspections - Marysville, WA

02/06-02/08

Sprinkler System Plan Review and Hydraulics - Pharr, TX

02/19-03/02

Two Week Layout Technician Training - Orlando, FL

02/20-02/23

Sprinkler System Plan Review and Rough and Final Inspections - Atwater, CA

02/26-03/02

Layout Technician Training-Blended Learning IN-CLASS PRACTICUM - Orlando, FL

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