Summary

Illinois Fire Services Association (IFSA) 1/3, IFSA Director Mike Mavrageorge/14 Member Leader
Northern Illinois Fire Inspectors Association (NIFIA) 1/4, 29 Officials
Metro Chiefs 1/5, 55 Officials
International Code Council (ICC)/Headquarters, Tim Schmitz/Liaison to Fire and Building Dept.
Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection Districts (NIAFPD) Conference 1/26; 250 Attendees
NFPA Illiana Section 1/28, 12 Attendees
Illinois Fire Inspectors Association (IFIA) 1/27, 45 Officials
1st Legislative Reception in Springfield 2/8
State Fire Marshal Matt Perez Meeting
Community Risk Reduction 2/21, 89 Officials
Chicago Training Meeting 3/1; 65 Contractors, 100 Inspectors
2nd Legislative Reception/Labor 3/6
3rd Fire Service Legislative Reception with NIFSAB in Springfield 3/8
IFIA Combined Conference 3/22, 3/23, 3/24, 110 Officials
South Suburban Building Officials (SSBOA) 3/29
Northern Illinois Fire Inspectors Assn. (NIFIA) 1/4, Trailer Meeting
Northern Illinois Fire Inspectors Assn. (NIFIA) Meeting 4/8, 35 Officials
Illinois Fire Inspectors Association (IFIA) Code Meeting 4/28, Approval for NFPA 25 Class
Shoot ITM Video 5/4 and 5/5
Gurnee Safety Day 5/12, 35 Demos
ISO and CRR Class, Grayslake/Training
Suburban Building Officials Conference (SBOC) – Roy Guintoli
NFPA – Russ Sanders/New Lenox Selection as Pilot Town for Code Access
NFPA Article on Deerfield Code Passage
IFIA Codes Meeting 7/10
Fire Sprinkler Initiative Meeting for 5/19/18 Event Which We Initiated For Fire Sprinkler Day
ITM/NFPA 25 Summit 7/28, 210 Attendees/Empress Banquets in Addition/Largest Event on This Subject Ever:
  √Pocket Guide Launch – Our Initiative
  √Website Launch – FireSprinklerTesting.org
  √Trailer Launch – New Retrofit Trailer
Illinois Fire Safety Alliance (IFSA) 8/11, Director Phil Zaleski
State Fair Fire Safety Exhibit 8/18
Pen Del Chapter Presentation 8/22 at NFSA Headquarters
Illinois Municipal League (IML) Conference/Chicago 9/21
Common Voices WGN TV Live Burn Event with Sher Grogg 10/12
Summary (continued)

IFCA Exhibit/Peoria 10/9, and Trailer 10/12
IFSA Meeting/Lisle 10/19, Fire Prevention Week, 550 Officials
NFPA Meeting/Boston – Arranged to send FM Dan Riordan of IFIA and Jim Kreher of IFCA; I deferred my spot to let them attend. This is for the development of the Illinois Coalition.
Live Demo House Burn for NFPA/HFSC and Beecher FD 10/25/This developed new video for local and national use.
Condo Lifestyles Exhibit 12/7, Chicago High-rise and Testing
Metro Chiefs Addison 11/2, 55 Officials
Metro Chiefs 12/7, 600 Fire Officials
NFSA Headquarters 11/12-16
Chicago Classes and Trailer 12/12, 12/13 and 12/14, 110 Officials – We trained Chicago Inspectors.
SSBOA 11/19 Building Officials
SBOC 11/19 Building Officials
ITM Trailer Demonstration and Lunch & Learn
Bridgeview√
Central Stickney√
Lemont Training√
Mundelein Trailer


New Code Towns:
Mundelein: 2015 IBC & 13D/13R
Lemont FPD: -0- Sq. Ft., 13D 2015 IBC
Deerfield FPD: -0- Sq. Ft., 2015 IBC 13D
Plainfield FPD: -0- Sq. Ft., 2015 IBC 13D
Crestwood: -0- Sq. Ft., 2015 IBC 13D
Chicago: Enactment of Fire Testing Program, including training and mitigation changes to Fire Pump Program, allowing unlimited fire pump testing.
Chicago: 3rd Party Testing Program
Rockdale: 2015 IFC/13D

Summary (continued)

Towns:

Alsip, Libertyville, Markham/Mayor, Homer/Trustees, Chicago-Lendlease (April 6th), Chicago (April 12th)-Ariel Gray-Flexible Drop, Alsip-Set Up Location for ITM Video, Chicago (April 13th)-Meet Commissioner Riverline Project, Chicago (April 14th)-Building Meeting with Additional Chiefs, Wadsworth (April 18th)-Real Estate Class and Demo, Decatur (April 20th)-Housing Authority Class and Demo-135 Attendees, TV Spot, Blue Island, Warrenville, Chicago Riverline-WFLD TV Live SxS-150 Attendees, Champaign/Trailer, Huntley, Orland Code Variance/Defense, Deerfield/New Code, Huntley Special Trustee Meeting, Mount Prospect, Roselle, and Elwood.


The New Year Begins...

The need for a NFPA 25/ITM testing program will be the major emphasis for 2017

Early announcement to fire officials in The Gong about a testing program.
Stew Young is presented with a plaque by Chapter Chairman Ed Kadlec, P.E., for his hard work and dedication to support the fire sprinkler concept.
Updated Fire Districts Flyer for NIAFPD Annual Conference (January 27)

We developed this two-page flyer to help educate fire district trustees and fire officials. This is specific to fire districts as opposed to fire departments in municipal settings.
The annual gathering of 75 northern Illinois fire district trustees, chiefs and administrative staff. NIFSAB had an exhibit and all attendees were presented with our NFPA 25 document on Inspection, Testing &
February 1, 2017

Tom Lia  
NI Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board  
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Orland Park, IL  60462

Re: 2017 24th Annual NIAFPD Conference Sponsor

Dear Tom:

On behalf of the Conference Committee and the membership of the Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection Districts, we thank you for your Sponsorship of our 24th NIAFPD Annual Conference. Because of your sponsorship we are able to offer our members reasonable registration fees in these challenging financial times for fire protection districts.

The workshop evaluations reflect a very positive learning experience for our attendees. Your contributions assisted to make this one of our most successful conferences to date.

We would welcome any suggestions from you that would enhance our future conferences. By holding the Sponsors’ Reception on Friday afternoon we felt that those attending the workshops only one day would have an opportunity to visit with our sponsors. We certainly hope this was beneficial to your organization.

Thank you again for your support and participation in our Conference. We look forward to your continued support in 2018 when we hold our 25th Annual Conference!

On behalf of the NIAFPD Conference Committee,

James Quinn  
NIAFPD Conference Chairman
This is a post on the NFPA’s Fire Sprinkler Initiative blog about Tony Rodkey from the Countryside FPD using fire sprinkler trailers to educate students.
Fire Sprinklers 101 / ITM Class for Chicago Fire Department (February 1)

It was a cold day, but we included a live flash over demo and quick response fire sprinkler demo for 102 attendees.

We worked with Chicago Deputy Fire Commissioner Ariel Gray to educate his inspectors on the basics of fire sprinkler systems in preparation for enforcement of their testing program.

The class was taught by Brent Gooden of FSCI.

It was a cold day, but we included a live flash over demo and quick response fire sprinkler demo for **102 attendees.**
Fire Sprinklers 101 / ITM Class for Chicago Fire Department (February 1)

We also included a practice station on dry and preaction valves.
Fire Sprinkler Legislative Reception in Springfield (February 8)

L-R: Jamie Reap, USAFP; Mike Mavrogeorge, IL Fire Service Assoc.; Don Smith, Chicago Backflow; Lobbyist Margaret Vaughn; David Nelson, Nelson Fire Prot.; Bob Tinucci, NFSA; and Tom Lia, NIFSAB.

Pictured with Tom Lia, Don Smith, Jamie Reap and Dan Burke are legislators seated in the 1st row: Senator Tony Munoz and Senator Sue Rezin. Left of Margaret Vaughn is Representative Bob Rita and on her right is Representative Dan Burke and Carterville Fire Captain Jeff Stuck.

Sen. Munoz is a key leader in the Hispanic Caucus, Rep. Rita is assistant to the Speaker of the House Mike Madigan, and Rep. Burke sponsored all our legislative efforts.
Community Risk Reduction Conference on Fire Codes (February 21)

Retired Fire Marshal George

With 89 officials in attendance, the major emphasis was on NFPA 25/ITM issues and incorporating the fire sprinkler issue into public education.
NIFSAB Support for ITM/NFPA 25 PROPOSAL for 2017

We are working to supplement the work of the NFPA 25/ITM Committee
With this NIFSAB Seven Step Program

First:
January/February/March/ Set the plate with our base supporters in the fire service/direct mail/social media. This hard copy will contain 4 pages, on two sheets front and back/ it will describe the code requirements in several editions of the IFC and LSC 101, it will describe the license law, it will describe the reporting requirements, and the consequences if not enforced or followed up on.

It will remind old/existing inspectors, marshals, and chiefs about the requirements contained in it, and it will advise new and learning Fire Marshals, Inspectors, Chiefs, etc., of what the basic code says.

A separate round will target Building officials, building engineers, and property managers
Followed concurrently by Constant Contact, Facebook, LinkedIn and twitter notifications. (Completed)

Second:
Announce an ITM/NFPA 25 Summit or class, 8:00 AM-3:00 PM, 6 hours/with lunch. (Completed with Chicago)
Late Feb or Mid-March The earlier in the calendar year the better so programs can be launched or reinforced.
Includes: Basic primer first on - wet, dry, pre-action, deluge systems/Valve displays on pedestals will be on hand for instructors. This would also include a possible mobile trailer vehicle with fire sprinkler valves. (In Progress)
NFPA 25 Primer - provide books. Emphasis on responsibility, target priorities, and types of reporting available, hard copy and electronic.
Recommended forms/checklist.
Hands on inspections, 3rd party forum, Provide a time for interested 3rd party reporting companies to list their services.
Vendor displays/Software companies."Firehouse" inspection software, example (Completed in 2017)

Third:
Announce Regional and Local Lunch & Learn seminars using mobile valve vehicle displays and an IFIA retrofit valve display for practical applications to correlate with the class presentations) The format developed under the FEMA grant for Realtors will be followed. March 14th is the Pilot Class in Lake Bluff. (Continuing)

Fourth:
Concurrently, develop a list of communities with active programs,( using a survey that the committee can help develop) we will recognize those communities with recognition ads in our fire service and building dept. media venues, (Format would be like our NIFSAB fire safe community ads) (In Progress)

Fifth:
Make a Word Press Website. Ex: www.firesprinklertesting.org ← Check it out; it is in its second draft.
NFPA 25 ITM Testing Page (In Progress)

Sixth: Make a separate Android APP Icon/Button to our NIFSAB App. All on quick links to the NFPA 25 standard, and items to look for. This will also be supplemented by a Pocket Guide for ITM/NFPA 25 (In Progress)

Seventh:
Schedule 1 day and 3 day NFPA 25 Classes. W/ Bob Tinucci North/West/South/NIPSTA/Aurora/Naperville Area/MABAS 25 Homewood/Orland
Sponsor progressive or budget stymied towns to attend NFPA training on NFPA 25. (In progress/Ongoing)
News Story on High-Rise Safety Reforms Still Incomplete (Phil Rogers - February 15)

- 731 Residential
- 510 Completed with LSE
- 86 Decided to protect with fire sprinklers

We are very grateful for our friend Phil Rogers who put this story out there and reminded condo owners and associations that are still incomplete.
Southland Friends of Labor
Legislative Breakfast (March 6)

Lynwood Mayor Eugene Williams spoke at the breakfast meeting. We also conducted a live side-by-side demonstration.

Springfield Legislative Reception with Fire Service Partners (March 8)

Welcome
Illinois Fire Services Legislative Day

We partnered with the fire service for this event.

NFSA-IL Chapter Meeting / Recognition of Alsip Fire Chief Tom Styczynski (March 9)

Chief Tom Styczynski

Bob Tinucci, NFSA; Tom Lia, NIFSAB; Travis Glime, Nelson Fire Protection; Alsip Fire Chief Tom Styczynski; Ed Kadlec, C.L. Doucette; and David Rosso, Reliable.
Alsip Fire Chief Tom Styczynski Recognized for Fire Safety Advocacy Efforts

Orland Park, IL (March 10, 2017) – On the evening of March 9, Alsip Fire Chief Tom Styczynski received a special recognition award for his continued efforts to save lives and property by educating the public about the benefits of fire sprinkler protection. The nonprofit Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board (NIFSAB) and the Illinois Chapter of the National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA-IL) jointly presented the award to Styczynski at the NFSA-IL chapter meeting.

“I’m honored to receive this recognition. I have always been a strong believer in fire sprinkler systems. They protect buildings and are proven to be lifesavers for occupants and firefighters,” said Styczynski.

In his long tenure with the Alsip Fire Department, which includes having served as fire chief since 2012, Styczynski has helped the suburban village of approximately 19,000 residents make a name for itself in the media spotlight. Through the Alsip Fire Department’s involvement with countless educational fire and sprinkler burn demonstrations, Alsip has been featured on not only local Chicago television newscasts but also newscasts across the country and the nationally broadcasted “Today Show.”

Coordinating with groups such as NIFSAB, the national nonprofit Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (HFSC), and the former Home Safety Council, each of those televised fire and sprinkler burn demonstrations have shown the dramatic differences between fires in two simulated rooms – one with fire sprinklers and one without sprinklers. The demonstrations show the tremendous speed of typical home fires and the potential for deadly destruction, but more importantly illustrate the vital importance of fire sprinkler technology in saving lives, reducing property damage and protecting responding firefighters.

Side-by-side demonstrations conducted by the Alsip Fire Department have been featured in HFSC’s home fire sprinkler education programs and videos that are shared with fire departments nationwide. Also, the demonstrations have been an important education tool during the fire department’s annual Fire Prevention Week open houses for the local community.

Styczynski and the Alsip Fire Department’s steadfast belief in the value of fire sprinklers is most evident by the successful educational efforts that led to the village of Alsip enacting its own ordinance requiring fire sprinklers in new construction homes in 2007. When the first new home with fire sprinklers was completed, the fire department participated in an open house event to showcase the home’s fire sprinkler system and further educate village officials. Currently, Alsip is one of over 100 Illinois communities that have adopted fire sprinkler requirements for new construction homes.

“I would like to thank Mayor Patrick Kitching and the village board for enacting the village’s fire sprinkler ordinance,” noted Styczynski.

“Without Chief Styczynski’s expertise and support in our mutual fire safety efforts over the years, we could not have completed so many important educational programs,” stated Tom Lia, executive director of the nonprofit Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board. “Though those efforts, tens of millions of individuals across the nation have learned about the life- and property-saving benefits provided by fire sprinklers.”
As part of our thanks to Alsip Fire Chief Styczynski, the fire sprinkler industry donated $500 to Alsip toward the purchase of a drone. Pictured are Alsip Mayor Patrick Kitching, along with firefighters and Chamber President. Thanks to Chicago Backflow’s Don Smith and Mike Eisenhauer for their company contribution as well.

We also donated to reimburse HFSC for hundreds of DVDs and other items used in our fire sprinkler educational programs.
Russ Sanders from NFPA with Bob Kleinheinz (Lake Zurich Fire Department)

Lake Zurich’s Bob Kleinheinz, Rick Kraus of Alsip and Tom Lia at the NIFSAB exhibit table.
January and February have come and gone. With March soon ending, have you begun your 2017 Fire Sprinkler Testing program yet?

Ensure code and ISO compliance by sending notices to building owners. A third-party inspection company can help you carry out your fire sprinkler testing program.

Regular Fire Sprinkler Testing is Required by the International Fire Code, State Code & Chicago Code


Regular testing is also required through the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal’s adoption of NFPA 101: Life Safety Code, Section 9.75 (2000 edition). All automatic fire sprinkler systems, standpipe systems and fire pumps must be inspected and maintained in accordance with NFPA 25.

Illinois state law, 225ILCS 317/15 (h), requires a copy of all fire sprinkler system inspection reports to be submitted to local fire officials having jurisdiction. Also, all inspectors are required to be NICET II certified or trained through an approved apprentice program.

Are you checking these items before work begins? Stop any job violating this state law and/or call the state fire marshal.

For more information:

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Chicago Alderman Villegas Fundraiser (March 24)

This was a reception and fundraiser for Alderman Villegas. He is the promoter of the Chicago fire sprinkler testing requirement; we could not have done it had he not advocated for us.

Wadsworth / Newport FPD Real Estate Agent Education & Side-by-Side Program (April 18)

Wadsworth Village President Glenn Ryback, D/C Edmonds, Cpt. Jim Devito, Nick Norlin, Juan Lopez, and Mike Turf joined us for their special educational class.
Decatur Housing Authority Side-by-Side Demo & Presentation (April 20)

Live WAND-TV spot aired in regional IL cities (Decatur, Champaign, Springfield). Over 70 Illinois Housing Agencies were in attendance.

Rob Wetzel from the Office of the State Fire Marshal asked us to participate with a live side-by-side burn demo for the Illinois Housing Authority.
Chicago Riverline Demo with Lendlease (May 3)

We completed a training day and live side-by-side demo with the Chicago Fire Department in downtown Chicago. Over 160 were in attendance and the event was covered on Fox 32 TV Chicago.

Above: USAFP personnel Jack French, Sam Balaskas and Chris Thoune (red hats) with Lendlease personnel John Sedrick and Bill Tauchen (white hats).
Inspection, Testing & Maintenance Video/Photo Shoot (May 4-5 - Local #281, Alsip FD & Chicago Backflow)

This video was a key part of our NIFSAB 7-step program.

Tom Lia setting a live burn demo for the camera.

Chief Mike Figolah explains testing for a standpipe.

Chief Mike Figolah points out components of a fire sprinkler riser.

Thank you Don Smith, Mike Eisenhauer, Dennis Fleming, Pat McGreal and Chief Styczynski for your help and cooperation in the development of this video.

Chief Mike Figolah, Pat McGreal (Local #281), Tom Lia, Peg Paul (PPA), videographer, Lisa Woodward (PPA), photographer and Erik Hoffer (PPA).
Insurance Service Office
Presentation/Class (May 15)

If you work in this field, you need to continually be re-educated and keep up with the latest information. Also, you meet all the new fire chiefs and fire marshals...no exception here. I took the class to make sure the ISO ads we were working on were accurate concerning the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) and the National Flood insurance program.
Lake County Fire Safety Expo
(Gurnee Mills, May 13)

Countryside FPD’s Ron Cielek and USAFP’s Jen Petersen help operate the trailer.

We conducted 38 live trailer demos and one live side-by-side demo using the roll-off side-by-side trailer for 3,000 attendees.

Tom Lia, Bob Kleinheinz of Lake Zurich, John Ridjke of Gurnee and Wauconda firefighters.
Facebook Ads

A couple of examples of NIFSAB’s use of Facebook advertising:

Post: "Check out the latest fire sprinkler news from the..."
April 28, 2017, 8:20 am
173 People Reached
People who saw your promotion
3 Post Engagements

Press Release

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NORTHERN ILLINOIS FIRE SPRINKLER ADVISORY BOARD

Park Ridge Hospital’s Fire Sprinkler System Prevents Fire from Affecting Patient Care

Orland Park, IL (May 16, 2017) — Yesterday, the fire sprinkler system in the surgery building at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge prevented a potentially devastating fire by quickly extinguishing an electrical fire in a basement mechanical room. According to fire officials, no one was injured and everyone in the affected areas was able to safely escape as damage was limited to the room of origin.

Fortunately, the hospital follows the fire sprinkler requirements contained with the state of Illinois’ Life Safety Code and this did not become a bigger incident, notes Tom Lia, fire safety advocate and executive director of the nonprofit Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board.

“This is another success story that demonstrates the importance of following the codes. Without fire sprinklers, this fire could have had a major impact on the operations of the hospital and potentially threatened the lives of staff, patients, and visitors,” adds Lia.

About the Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board (NIFSAB)
NIFSAB is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting progressive legislation, raising public awareness, and educating code officials and governmental policy makers by demonstrating the proven performance of fire sprinklers in saving both lives and property. For more info, visit www.firesprinklerassoc.org.
Six Jurisdictions Enact NFPA 13D Requirements in 2017

We worked with numerous municipalities and fire districts to promote and defend ordinances in 2017:

**Chicago** (Testing, Fire Pumps, and 3rd Party Reporting Program)

**Crestwood** (2,500+, NFPA 13D)

**Deerfield-Bannockburn FPD** (0 Square Foot, NFPA 13D, 2015 ICC Codes)

**Lemont FPD** (0 Square Foot, NFPA 13D, 2015 ICC Codes)

**Mundelein** (NFPA 13D, 2015 ICC Codes)

**Plainfield FPD** (0 Square Foot, NFPA 13D, 2015 ICC Codes)

**Rock Island** (NFPA 13D, 2015 ICC Codes)
Residential Fire Sprinklers Save Lives

Over One Hundred jurisdictions and fire districts in Illinois have adopted progressive residential fire sprinkler ordinances for new single-family homes.

Is yours one of them?

For more information, visit:

[Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition](http://www.hfsc.org)  [FEMA](https://www.fema.gov)  [Illinois Fire Sprinkler Coalition](http://www.illinoisfiresprinkler.com)  [Femster](http://www.femster.com)
Support Prop: NFPA 13D Displays

NFPA 13D Residential Fire Sprinkler System Display Wall Simulator

NIFSAB built these display walls to illustrate a typical NFPA 13D system with various components including: underground supply, water meter, riser, double check backflow, pressure gauge, hangers, flow switches, spare head box, sidewall sprinkler, concealed sprinkler, test valve, main drain, signs, HVAC section with 6” bell, miscellaneous pipe types (copper/steel/CPVC).

The objective is to bring these displays to various fire, building inspector, and trade association exhibits for educational purposes. The other strategic location is to place the display at your local fire or building departments to help educate the public and local builders.

Our first display went to the Oak Forest Building Department in 2004 to help educate those builders and homeowners picking up their building permits under their new NFPA 13D ordinance.

Since then, there are displays set up at the following locations, donated by contractors and NIFSAB:

- Ahern- Skokie FD
- FE Moran-Gurnee Drop Off Side by Side trailer, New Lenox FPD, Countryside FPD
- Apex-13D Pump for NIPSTA
- Metropolitan-Northbrook, B&F Technical, LaGrange Park, Darien-Woodridge FPD, Clarendon Hills, Matteson
- United States Alliance Fire Protection-Moraine Valley College, Alsip, Oak Forest, Libertyville, Byron, West Dundee
- Cybor- College of DuPage, Park Forest
- Nova-Glenwood, Mount Prospect
- Valley-St. Charles
- Century-Grayslake
- Profacts-Harper College
- Nelson-Rockford FD
- Local #281-Deerfield FPD
- NIFSAB-HFSC, NFPA

Do you want to participate and display at your own town’s fire department?

NIFSAB will build the wall display and you install the systems. Your Company/Department name and information will be on the riser tag and spare head box, and company info can be placed on a literature display rack.

If interested, let us know!

This is one way to directly participate in the education and information process to support the Fire Sprinkler Industry in your area.
NIFSAB promotes the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition’s Built For Life Fire Department program in which fire departments agree to make home fire sprinkler education a part of their public outreach. The education efforts help support NFPA 13D ordinance and code efforts throughout Illinois. Illinois currently tops all other states in the nation, claiming 197 Built For Life Fire Departments.
# Most Progressive Communities

102 political entities with 0 Square Foot Thresholds for commercial buildings; 104 with NFPA 13D for one- and two-family homes; and 122 with townhome requirements.

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This is an example of our basic grassroots support and work with individual towns and fire districts to pass and defend local ordinance upgrades. We worked with 112 municipalities and fire districts in 2017.
Deerfield-Bannockburn FPD was the first formal code change of the year and passed a NFPA 13D ordinance. (Left to right) Deputy Chief Ray Larson, Chief Ian Kazian, Fire Marshal Brian McCarthy, and NIFSAB’s Tom Lia with NFPA 13D Fire Sprinkler Display in firehouse lobby.

Deerfield-Bannockburn FPD Passes NFPA 13D Ordinance
Fire Sprinkler Trailer Demos in Calumet Park

The trailer was used for 3 days to train on ITM & public education, utilizing new dry and double-interlock preaction systems.

Live Fire Sprinkler Side-by-Side Demo at (Fermilab, Batavia, June 9)

We worked with Chief Kuhn to provide a live side-by-side burn to local and international employees and officials.
Lemont FPD Fire Marshal Dan Tholotowsky Donates Fire Sprinkler Components for Display

We are collecting historic parts to be used in a possible display to be used at conferences.

Dan developed the Fire Sprinkler Saves Tree at the Pleasantview Fire Protection District. Every time there was a successful activation in his District, a new 1” branch line was added with a visual describing the save. There are over 50 successful activations represented.

Dan Hermes, Glenn Gaines (former USFA Deputy Administrator), Dan Tholotowsky and George Michehl.
Press Release

For Immediate Release

www.countrysidefire.com
Via E-Mail

June 21, 2017

For More Information: Jim Weber / Battalion Chief
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e-mail: jweber@countrysidefire.com
Countryside Fire Protection District
600 N. Deerpath Drive, Vernon Hills, IL 60061

Sprinkler Controls Fire at Senior Living Facility

On Wednesday morning at 9:05 am the Countryside Fire Protection District responded to a fire alarm received on the alarm monitoring system at the fire dispatch center at Victory Centre Supportive Living on Phillip Road in Vernon Hills. Arriving in less than two minutes, it was identified there was a fire in the laundry room on the fifth floor and staff was in the process of evacuating the residents. The alarm was upgraded to a structure fire response, bringing additional units from Countryside, Libertyville, Mundelein, Lincolnshire-Riverwoods. Firefighters ascended the stairs to the fifth floor to find the dryer on fire in the laundry room and the hallway filled with smoke. The fire was controlled by a single fire sprinkler head and confined to the room. Fire/Smoke doors that automatically close also kept smoke from spreading. Firefighters assisted staff with evacuation; some residents not near the fire were sheltered in place. The firefighters connected hoses to standpipes located in the stairwell to extinguish embers, ventilated smoke from the 5th floor, assisted with clean up and returning residents to the building.

The cause of the fire is under investigation and a damage estimate is not readily available.

Several residents will be temporarily relocated within the facility while clean up takes place. The Victory Centre is a 5 story building senior facility. There were approximately 110 residents and 25 staff members in the building at the time of the fire.

Chief Steingart of the Countryside Fire District stated that “quick and decisive actions by the Victory Center staff as well as the emergency response and the fire sprinkler controlling the fire clearly averted a potential tragedy.” None of the residents, staff or firefighters was injured.

Vernon Hills Police and Building Departments were also on the scene assisting. Other local fire departments covered Countryside’s fire stations during the incident.

Fire & Life Safety Message: Fire Sprinklers Save Lives!
Check your smoke alarms, close the door and have an escape plan.
Samples of Successful Activation Reports

Subj: Fire at daycare center
Date: 6/21/2017 1:42:12 P.M. Central Daylight Time
From: ArendsB@cityoflakeforest.com
To: Sprinktoml@aol.com

Tom:

The name of the daycare center isDearhaven Day Care, 1100 Westmorland Drive, Lake Forest. The facility has 140 children, from newborns to toddlers, and 37 staff members. All the children were immediately evacuated by staff to a nearby fitness center.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, but occurred in a staff break room adjacent to the infant classrooms. One sprinkler head activated and extinguished the fire. The unaffected portion of the building was back in service within 2 hours, along with relocating the children back into the facility for lunch and nap time.

DC Mike Gallo is our PIO Officer here at Lake Forest. If I get a press release, I forward it to you.

A good day for fire sprinklers!

Bernie Arends / Fire Marshal
Lake Forest Fire Prevention Bureau
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Lake Forest, Illinois 60045
arendsB@cityoflakeforest.com
847-810-3891 office
847-615-4390 fax

PRESS RELEASE

RE: Small Fire at Daycare
Date: 6/21/2017
Location: North Central area of City
Officer In Charge: lt. Andy Allan Release prepared by: BC Mike Gallo

The Lake Forest Fire Department received an alarm at 8:52 am, Wednesday morning at a local day care facility. En route, crews were advised that there was a smell of smoke and that the sprinkler system had activated. All of the children were evacuated and relocated in a nearby business. Upon arrival, the fire department found light smoke conditions in the first floor kitchenette with a sprinkler head activated. The suppression system had extinguished the fire which was contained to a cardboard box. The fire department shut down the system and performed clean up duties. There was no extension into any structural members of the building. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Preliminary estimates put the damage at $5,000. There were no injuries to emergency personnel or civilians.

Mike Gallo
Administrative Battalion Chief
Lake Forest Fire Department
gallon@cityoflakeforest.com
By June 17, we already completed our 10th live side-by-side of the year, which would lead up to a record year for live side-by-side demonstrations.
Over 350 fire district officials gathered for the IAFPD’s annual conference. There was an emphasis on NFPA 25/ITM enforcement and the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition’s (HFSC) Built for Life Fire Department program. NIFSAB was there to as a sponsor and exhibitor to participate and work with officials on their fire codes.

We used the fire sprinkler display cabinet at our exhibit.
Arnie Witzke Retires

Arnie is one of our strongest fire sprinkler advocates, tireless, relentless, and always promoting fire sprinklers in his fire safety efforts. North Maine Fire Protection District passed an NFPA 13D ordinance.
NFPA 25 ITM Summit (July 28th)

Preparing for the big hootenanny: New NIFSAB employee Erik Hoffer, Tom Augustyn, Cathy Lia, Megan Johnstone, Kale Johnstone, and NIFSAB’s Tom Lia.

We had over 210 attendees, representing 120 fire and building departments - the largest single class ever held by NIFSAB. Everyone received an NFPA 25 book and NIFSAB-developed pocket guide. Thanks to our guest speakers.
NFPA 25 ITM Summit (July 28th)

Tom Lia starts the day

Rob Wetzel of the State Fire Marshal’s Office

NFSA Illinois State Co-ordinator Bob Tinucci (left) introduces the first speaker Jim Lake, NFSA Director of Training (right).

Left: Rich Piccolo of B&F Construction Code Services

Right: Addison Fire Marshal Mike Toika
NFPA 25 ITM Summit (July 28th)

Rich Ray, P.E., Cybor Fire Protection

Mike Eisenhauer, Chicago Backflow

Mike Bosma, Viking SupplyNet

Trailer tours and demo

Q & A Session with speakers

All attendees received a wide array of educational materials, including NIFSAB’s newly developed ITM pocket guide (right).
New Inspection, Testing & Maintenance Retrofit Trailer and Website Unveiled at NFPA 25 Summit

Orland Park, IL (August 2, 2017) – The Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board (NIFSAB) and the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association (IFIA) unveiled a new state-of-the-art Inspection, Testing and Maintenance (ITM) demonstration trailer at the NFPA 25 Summit in Addison last week. More than 210 attended the event to review the latest information about ITM for water-based fire sprinkler systems. They included members of 90 different fire departments and 20 building departments throughout the state.

The trailer contains components including valves, pipes, pressure gauges and alarm switches for preaction and dry pipe fire sprinkler systems. The first of its kind in Illinois, the trailer will be used to train fire inspectors, building officials, and building owners and managers about ITM and other information required by Illinois state code and the International Fire Code. The demo trailer also includes a riser for an NFPA 13D home fire sprinkler system and an area where an actual sprinkler demonstration can be conducted. Products for the trailer were donated by Viking, Reliable Automatic Sprinkler, United States Alliance Fire Protection, and Apollo Valves.

According to Tom Lia, NIFSAB executive director, the new trailer will allow instructors to bring the systems to the class. “These two systems are what those involved with ITM need to see and understand. Prior to this, we’d have to conduct classes at a training facility or a building that may not have both systems. Seeing the real system is also more effective than diagrams, since it allows hands-on instruction for firefighters who will respond to fire calls in sprinkler-protected buildings,” Lia said.

During the summit, experts presented information about NFPA 25, testing compliance, occupancy changes, liability and other product-related issues. The instructors included:

- James Lake, Director of Training, National Fire Sprinkler Association
- Gerald Schultz, P.E., Fire Protection International Consortium
- Mike Bosma, Executive Vice President, Viking Supply Net
- Mike Eisenhauer, Chicago Backflow Inc. / Backflow Solutions Inc.
- Mike Toika, Fire Marshal, Addison Fire Protection District
- Richard Piccolo, CBO, B&F Construction Code Services
- Richard Ray, P.E., Cybor Fire Protection
- Robert Wetzel, Fire Safety Compliance Manager, Office of the State Fire Marshal

The new website FireSprinklerTesting.org was also announced. It includes details about NFPA 25, ICC requirements, NFPA 101: Life Safety Code, various sprinkler system types, backflow prevention, and other information and resources.

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New ITM Website: FireSprinklerTesting.org
New IL Fire Sprinkler Coalition flashover chart using the latest HFSC and NIFSAB data. The revised chart reflects the shortened time to flashover.
Bridgeview NFPA 25 ITM Trailer Demo (August 1)

Bridgeview trailer demo at Night Out Against Crime

Bridgeview Fire Sprinkler Saves Tree in the lobby of village hall.

Village of Bridgeview
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Bridgeview, Illinois 60455
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Mr. Tom Lia
Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board
62 Orland Square Drive
Suite 201
Orland Park, IL 60462

Dear Tom,

On behalf of the Bridgeview Fire Department, I would like to convey our appreciation to you, the Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board and the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association for the use of the Fire Sprinkler Demonstration Unit and for the public education material you provided.

We performed 5 demonstrations to those in attendance at the Village of Bridgeview’s National Night Out, on August 1st. The live-fire presentations allowed our department to demonstrate the effectiveness of fire sprinklers and convey fire safety education at the same time.

Also, our crews also benefited by having a functioning prop that allowed our firefighters to see the configuration and operation of the various automatic fire sprinkler systems.

Sincerely,

Michael Daly
Chief
Bridgeview Fire Department

C. Mayor Steven Landek
Anti-Fire Sprinkler Letters & Code Defense

Left: An anti-fire sprinkler letter with misinformation from Mainstreet Organization of REALTORS was sent to officials in jurisdictions that have NFPA 13D code or ordinance requirements.

Right: NIFSAB responded with distribution of a fact sheet about home fire sprinklers.
Lemont FPD Recognition (August 17)

Lemont FPD adopted a model code that included residential fire sprinklers. I attended the night board meeting and made a presentation on their new code to the Board of Trustees, Chief, and Officers. They received a recognition plaque after the televised Board meeting.

The recognition ad was placed in the Fire Call magazine of the IAFPD for its 1,000 members.
Illinois State Fair Fire Safety Tent and Fire Museum (Springfield, August 18)

We conducted 13 live fire sprinkler trailer demos at the event.

University of IL - Champaign Demos (August 24)

We provided Public Educator Janet Maupin two of the IFIA trailers for Champaign FD’s Back to School event at U of I. They conducted demos for 6,000 new college students.
Roselle Side-by-Side Demo (September 10)

New Alsip Firefighter Jeff with Carl Davies (right) at the Local #281 Picnic for Elected Officials

Roselle Fire Marshal Bob Morris is the executive director of the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association.

Local #281 Side-by-Side Demo & Picnic for Elected Officials (September 16)
Illinois Municipal League Conference
(Hilton Chicago, September 21-23)

Trustee from Wood Dale with Tom Lia, NIFSAB

Mike Ditka gave the opening remarks

NIFSAB made its major effort to reach our elected officials where 2,000 of them were attending the annual conference. Over 500 came by the booth.
Fire Sprinklers Save Home and Family Pet

Orland Park, Illinois (September 29, 2017) – When firefighters with the Countryside Fire Protection District arrived on the scene at a single-family home in Long Grove, Illinois, on September 22, the fire inside the home was controlled by the home’s fire sprinkler system.

The fire originated on the outside back of the three-story house. The flames traveled up the vinyl siding and entered the home through a first-floor window, into the great room. Heat from the fire activated two sprinklers and stopped the fire from spreading throughout the home. Firefighters used hoses to extinguish the outside of the house.

“Although home fire sprinklers are not intended to protect an exterior fire, that’s exactly what happened in this case,” said Tom Lia, executive director of the Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board (NIFSAB). “When the fire spread from the siding into the interior of this home, the sprinklers automatically activated, and prevented flashover as well as limited damage to the area of origin.”

Because flashover was prevented, firefighters could readily and safely enter the home to conduct a search and extinguish remaining embers. Residents weren’t home at the time of the fire, but their dog was.

“Thanks to the fire sprinklers, the outcome of this fire was a happy one,” Lia added. “Firefighters rescued the dog. This is another powerful example of the unparalleled protection home fire sprinklers give us.”

Long Grove was the first community in Illinois to pass an ordinance requiring fire sprinklers in all new home construction in 1988. That effort was led by Fire Chief Dave Grupp Long Grove Fire Protection District.

About the Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board (NIFSAB)
NIFSAB is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting progressive legislation, raising public awareness, and educating code officials and governmental policy makers by demonstrating the proven performance of fire sprinklers in saving both lives and property. For more info, visit www.firesprinklerassoc.org.

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Fire Prevention Month Press Release

Fire Departments Set Fires to Teach about Fire Prevention

Orland Park, Ill. (September 26, 2017) — The Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board (NIFSAB) is assisting local fire departments in conducting live burn demonstrations to educate the public about how quickly fires can become deadly and the important life- and property-saving benefits of fire sprinklers.

The demonstrations provide a side-by-side-comparison with two similarly furnished rooms — only one with a fire sprinkler installed in the room. Audiences will be able to feel the extreme heat and view the quick growth of fire in the unprotected room and compare it with the quick response and cooling action of the fire sprinkler in the other room. The demonstrations also allow fire departments to talk to attendees about pre-fire planning, smoke alarms, and escape planning.

“Today’s fires can become deadly in less than three minutes because of the contents we have in our homes,” said fire safety advocate and NIFSAB Executive Director Tom Lia. “These demonstrations allow people to see how quickly everything in the room can burst into flames. It also allows fire departments to show how fire sprinklers truly work, how heat from the fire causes the sprinkler to activate and control or extinguish fires.”

By the end of the year, NIFSAB will have assisted with 48 side-by-side fire and sprinkler burn demonstrations, along with 27 fire sprinkler trailer demonstrations. That would bring NIFSAB’s total side-by-side demos in the last decade to 657.

More than 100 Illinois communities now require fire sprinklers in new construction homes — and many more require them in new multifamily and commercial buildings — because they not only protect occupants and property, but also the lives of first responders.

Below is a list of fire and sprinkler burn demonstrations:

**September 28:**
- Broadview Fire Department

**September 30:**
- Lemont Fire Protection District
- Plainfield Fire Protection District
- Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District

**Oct. 2:**
- Moraine Valley Community College (Palos Hills)

Publicizing our side-by-side and fire sprinkler trailer demonstrations.
Fire Prevention Month Demonstrations

**Side-by-Side Demos**

End of September:
- Broadview Fire Department
- Lemont Fire Protection District
- Plainfield Fire Protection District

October:
- Moraine Valley Comm. College (Palos Hills)
- Warrenville Fire Protection District
- Niles Fire Department/Home Depot
- Palatine (Municipality)
- Alsip Fire Department
- Streamwood Fire Department
- Carol Stream Fire District
- Westmont Fire Department
- Clarendon Hills Fire Department
- Pleasantview Fire Protection District
- Quincy Fire Department
- Lisle-Woodridge Fire Protection District
- Lake Zurich Fire Department
- Sandwich Fire Department
- WGN-TV
- Downers Grove Fire Department
- Westchester Fire Department
- Beecher Fire Protection District
- Rolling Meadows Fire Department
- Godfrey Fire Protection District
- Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District
- Hinsdale Fire Department
- Bristol-Kendall Fire Protection District
- Highland (Indiana) Fire Department
- La Grange Park Fire Department
- Bartlett Fire Department
- Crystal Lake Fire-Rescue
- Hampshire Fire Protection District
- Chicago Ridge Fire Department

**Trailer Demos**

- Countryside Fire Protection District
- Norwood Park Fire Protection District
- Hazel Crest Fire Department
- Minooka Fire Protection District
- Hanover Park Fire Department
- Illinois Fire Chiefs Conference (Peoria)
- Western Springs Fire Department
- Park Forest Fire Department
- River Forest Fire Department
- Elgin Fire Department
- Elk Grove Fire Department
- Round Lake Fire Department
- Home Depot (Countryside)
- Central Stickney Fire Protection District
This is an example of the 55 side-by-side demonstrations we completed with our fire service partners in 2017.

Left: State Representative Fran Hurley (third from left) attended and witnessed the demonstration.
October 10, 2017

NIFFSAB
Attn: Tom Lia
62 Orland Square Dr.
Suite 201
Orland Park, IL 60462

Dear Mr. Lia,

On Saturday, October 7, 2017, the Alsip Fire Department held our annual open house. We experienced a large attendance this year. The attendees learned a lot watching the sprinkler/burn demonstration.

On behalf of the Alsip Fire Department, I want to express my sincere thanks to you, NIFFSAB and the Sprinkler Fitters for your continued support and generosity.

Thanks again!

Sincerely,

Thomas Styczynski
Chief

TS:ss
Hazel Crest Side-by-Side Demo (October 7)

Sandwich FD Side-by-Side Demo (October 8)

Niles Side-by-Side Demo (October 7)
Carol Stream Side-by-Side (October 7)

Pleasantview FPD Side-by-Side (October 7)

Lemont FPD Side-by-Side (September 30)
Illinois Fire Chiefs Association Conference (Peoria, October 8-11)

This was our first time bringing a fire sprinkler demonstration trailer to an IFCA exhibit. There were approximately 325 attendees at the conference.
We used a four-page, folded handout to promote the HFSC’s Built For Life Fire Department program and our ITM program. It was provided in all attendee’s packets.
Vickie Pritchett of NFSA called NIFSAB on behalf of Common Voices to work with WGN and Ana Belaval, host of the Around Town segment for WGN’s morning newscast. The newscast is one of the largest local/regional news shows and also airs on national cable television. To make things different for this demonstration, we built a simulated house around two side-by-side cubes at Alsip Fire Department Station #1.

There were six live TV segments—two major and four smaller—that featured fire sprinklers and Sher Grogg, spokesperson for Common Voices. The positive coverage was very valuable; the equivalent in purchased TV commercial time would take a large chunk of the Industry Promotion budget, plus this segment will continue to live on on the web, Facebook, etc.
This demo had over 450 people in attendance.

Tom Augustyn getting the pipe ready for the demo.
We worked with NFPA, PPA and HFSC to obtain a house being prepared for a training burn-down; Chief Joe Falaschetti of Beecher FPD came forward. We followed NFPA 1403 and NFPA 13D and filmed both a live fire sprinkler burn demo and a flashover demo. The film or B-Roll will be used in all our media and education efforts.
NFPA-HFSC Demo House (Beecher, October 25)

Safety briefing prior to demo with Chief Falaschetti and Tom Lia.

Crete, Crete Township and Beecher Fire Protection District participated.
Crestwood Fire Department hosted a fundraiser on November 21st for a Robbins family who suffered a tragic house fire and lost everything.
This training event was part of our NFPA 25 ITM educational efforts.

We retrofit a trailer with a dry valve (left) and double interlock preaction valve (right) for ITM inspector training.
The training was conducted at Station 3, which was retrofitted by Advanced Fire Protection and funded through a FEMA Grant.

From: tstefanelli@yahoo.com
To: sprinktoml@aol.com
Subject: Re: Sprinkler system training for Firefighters

Hi Tom,

Thanks again for coming out today. I apologize for the mechanical issue with the truck during our first session. It is a new vehicle and we are working through any repairs that may be needed.

Tomorrow you will be with Battalion Chief Matt Peksa. He is our department training officer and is extremely grateful for the opportunity.

The final day you will have Battalion Chief Tim Oslakavich.

As I mentioned before we had to return to our station, I am available if you have any questions or need anything. I have encouraged the next few groups to ask questions so they can get a good understanding of how these systems work and what to do so they are shut down properly during an accidental activation.

Thanks again to you and Tom for all of your help!

Tony Stefanelli (708) 277-3159
tstefanelli@yahoo.com
Sponsor a Residential Brochure with your name and logo

Do you install residential fire sprinklers? Get your name out to potential buyers and help the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance by sponsoring a brochure.

This brochure was a first for the Alliance, as before it was strictly smoke detectors.
Press Release

Six Family Members Dead in Late Night Lost Nation House Fire - A Tragic Example of Rural Fire Risk

NEWS PROVIDED BY
Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board (NIFSAB) •
Nov 21, 2017, 17:28 ET

ORLAND PARK, Ill., Nov. 21, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- A fast-moving house fire struck the rural community of Lost Nation, IL, near Dixon, IL, overnight, killing six family members and several pets. According to the Ogle County Sheriff’s Department, one of the residents of the home called 9-1-1 just after midnight, reporting smoke in the basement. Eight fire departments from the surrounding area responded, finding the home fully engulfed in flames upon arrival. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

"Rural communities have well-documented challenges that increase home fire risk," said Tom Lia, executive director of the nonprofit Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), rural fire death rates are very high. Among the contributing factors is distance both from neighbor to neighbor and from community to community. It can be difficult for fire service to reach rural residents with prevention and education as well as with fire suppression reports the NFPA.

According to Lia, installing home fire sprinklers is an effective and strategic decision that improves any community, but sprinklers uniquely address the fire challenges characteristic of rural communities.

"Folks may live miles away from their closest neighbor and fire departments may be even further away," said Lia. "Rural fire departments are typically smaller, and they often lack the funding, training and equipment that departments in larger municipalities receive. Combined, these rural problems can become life safety problems."

Without intervention, a house fire can grow and become deadly in two minutes or less according to the NFPA. Installed fire sprinklers put water on the flames automatically and quickly, controlling fire, smoke and heat so residents can escape.

"One- and two-family homes are where we are at the greatest danger of fire injury and death," Lia noted. "Because of this risk, the latest editions of the International Code Council (ICC) and NFPA model building codes require fire sprinklers in all new homes. But when home fire sprinkler legislation is initiated here in Illinois, there is intense push-back from homebuilders and real estate associations."

Often, that push-back is based on unsubstantiated cost claims and timeworn myths about fire sprinkler water damage. But according to Lia, scare tactics can be successful and when they are, it is costing lives by allowing sub-standard housing to be built.

"This is the latest in a long line of terrible fire losses in our state that underscore how fast a home fire becomes deadly," said Lia. "This family's tragedy should also serve as a reminder to officials of how shortsighted it is to omit or water down home fire sprinkler legislation. Rather, we should be working together to make our communities safer for residents and for firefighters."
NFPA 25 ITM Class at Chicago Fire Academy
(December 12-14)

We were asked by Deputy Fire Commissioner Richard Edgeworth to help with training his over 100 bureau officials on basic fire sprinkler standpipe and fire pumps, providing a base line for their new effort to have all fire sprinkler-protected buildings inspected and tested. This was the first class of its kind for Chicago.

John Corso (left), NFSA Director of Training & Education, co-taught the 3-day Chicago class with Ron Richey (right).

From: Richard.Edgeworth@cityofchicago.org
To: sprinktoml@aol.com
Sent: 12/17/2017 10:48:37 PM Central Standard Time
Subject: Re: classes and testing meeting

Tom

It is always an honor to work with you. I truly appreciate the assistance you and the NIFSA have afforded the CFD.
Signatory Contractors Meeting with Chicago Officials (December 13)

Chicago 3rd Party NFPA 25 Program Launch

Another Chicago first: Chicago will utilize a new testing program beginning on January 1st, 2018. All systems will be tested and owners will be charged a fee. This has been on the books for 20 years, but not enacted. It will now be enacted and will be coordinated by third-party provider, Brycer: The Compliance Engine.

December 19, 2017

Dear Service Provider,

Effective January 15, 2018 the Chicago Fire Department (CFD) will be improving the process for documenting and tracking your building’s fire and life safety systems: fire alarms, sprinklers, fire pumps, special suppression and standpipes. These systems are among the most important components in any building type for preventing fires, protecting property, and providing safety to first responders. To ensure these systems are functional, the Municipal Code of Chicago requires these systems to be maintained in good working condition and tested annually.

CFD has selected The Compliance Engine (TCE), to significantly improve CFD’s ability to track and enforce code compliance. TCE is a web-based compliance service. Information about The Compliance Engine (TCE) can be found at this website link: www.thecomplianceengine.com.

For the Municipal Code of Chicago there are fees associated with the following systems:

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*Fire tests will be conducted for fire pump, fire sprinklers, fire alarms, and fire standpipes.

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*Fire alarm fees include testing and repair of the fire alarm system.

*Fire standpipe fees include testing and repair of the fire standpipe system.

This announcement is intended to provide general information only and is not a substitute for legal advice. All service providers who inspect or test fire protection systems within the City of Chicago’s jurisdiction are required to inspect and submit all test, inspection and service reports and pay applicable city fees via TCE. All reports must be submitted in accordance with the testing schedule and requirements outlined in the Municipal Code of Chicago.

Sincerely,

Richard Edgeworth
Deputy Fire Commissioner/Bureau of Fire Prevention Chicago Fire Department
Metro Chiefs Holiday Luncheon & Meeting with Fire and Elected Officials (December 7)

From left: Sal Fusco, Tom Augustyn, Sharon Szyeznski, Tom Lia, Alsip Chief Styczynski, Don Page, Jerry Kennedy, Alsip Mayor John Ryan, Erik Hoffer, and Deputy Chief Bob Richter.

IFIA Meeting (December 15)

Eighty-five fire officials participated at the meeting.

New officers sworn in (left to right): Jack Janozik, Reliable Fire & Security; Dan Riordan, Tinley Park FD; and James Brown and Adam Riegel, both from New Lenox FPD.
We worked with retired Chief Mike Figolah and retired Fire Marshal George Michehl of FSCI to train fire, building, and elected officials on the new code provisions, NFPA 25 and NFPA 13D.

From: bill@clecenterprises.com
Date: 12/6/17 11:40 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: Sprinktoml@aol.com
Subject: Fire Safety Class

Tom,

Thank you for your participating in the class and for bringing Tom too. Thank you for bringing the trailer and putting on the demonstration. It was a fantastic program and I think everyone learned a lot. Once again thank you and I hope you have a safe and wonderful holidays.

Sincerely,
Bill Dettmer
Condo Lifestyles High-Rise Exhibit & Meeting
(Chicago Art Museum, December 7)

-------- Original message --------
From: mdavids@condolifestyles.net
Date: 12/9/17 11:08 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: Michael Davids <mdavids@condolifestyles.net>
Subject: Thank You

Thanks again for your sponsorship and participation in the 2017 Condo Lifestyles State of the Industry program. We very much appreciate it!

We've posted the photos we took at the MCD Media Facebook page so you can view and/or copy the entire album or any individual pictures. Here is a link for your convenience:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/Mcd-Media-153985091303932/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1545919488777145

Have a great weekend!

Mike

Michael C. Davids
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The event was part of our continued effort to educate high-rise building owners and associations.
In addition to its main website and FireSprinklerTesting.org, NIFSAB also maintains **HomeLifeSafety.com** (left), which is the Illinois Fire Sprinkler Coalition’s website, and **HighRiseLifeSafety.com** (below).
2017 Press Releases

Alsip Fire Chief Tom Styczynski Recognized for Fire Safety Advocacy Efforts
Orland Park, IL (March 10, 2017) – On the evening of March 9, Alsip Fire Chief Tom Styczynski received a special recognition award for his continued efforts to save lives and property by educating the public about the benefits of fire sprinkler protection. The nonprofit Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board (NIFSAB) and the Illinois Chapter of the National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA-IL) jointly presented the award to Styczynski at the NFSA -IL chapter meeting.

Park Ridge Hospital’s Fire Sprinkler System Prevents Fire from Affecting Patient Care
Orland Park, IL (May 16, 2017) – Yesterday, the fire sprinkler system in the surgery building at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge prevented a potentially devastating fire by quickly extinguishing an electrical fire in a basement mechanical room. According to fire officials, no one was injured and everyone in the affected areas was able to safely escape as damage was limited to the room of origin.

Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire District Sets the Moral Tone with Code Adoption
Orland Park, IL (July 6, 2017) – If you are going to recommend to others what you feel you should do for fire safety, it makes sense that you should follow the same rules in your own district, right?

Trustee Kim Barkemeyer, Phil Bettiker, and Jeffrey Hansen felt that way when they passed a new ordinance at the May 11th board meeting adopting the 2012 ICC International Fire Code including the provisions for residential fire sprinklers following NFPA 13D for new home construction in unincorporated Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire District.

New Inspection, Testing & Maintenance Retrofit Trailer and Website Unveiled at NFPA 25 Summit
Orland Park, IL (August 2, 2017) – The Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board (NIFSAB) and the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association (IFIA) unveiled a new state-of-the-art Inspection, Testing and Maintenance (ITM) demonstration trailer at the NFPA 25 Summit in Addison last week. More than 210 attended the event to review the latest information about ITM for water based fire sprinkler systems. They included members of 90 different fire departments and 20 building departments throughout the state.

Fire Departments Set Fires to Teach about Fire Prevention
Orland Park, Ill. (September 26, 2017) – The Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board (NIFSAB) is assisting local fire departments in conducting live burn demonstrations to educate the public about how quickly fires can become deadly and the important life- and property-saving benefits of fire sprinklers.

Fire Sprinklers Save Home and Family Pet
Orland Park, Illinois (September 29, 2017) – When firefighters with the Countryside Fire Protection District arrived on the scene at a single-family home in Long Grove, Illinois, on September 22, the fire inside the home was controlled by the home’s fire sprinkler system.

Six Family Members Dead in Late Night Lost Nation House Fire – A Tragic Example of Rural Fire Risk
Orland Park, IL (November 21, 2017) – A fast-moving house fire struck the rural community of Lost Nation, IL, near Dixon, IL, overnight, killing six family members and several pets. According to the Ogle County Sheriff’s Department, one of the residents of the home called 9-1-1 just after midnight, reporting smoke in the basement. Eight fire departments from the surrounding area responded, finding the home fully engulfed in flames upon arrival. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

“Rural communities have well-documented challenges that increase home fire risk,” said Tom Lia, executive director of the nonprofit Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board.
## 2017 Sprinkler Demos Recap

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We conducted a total of **55 side-by-side demonstrations** and **38 fire sprinkler trailer demonstrations**.
2017 Flyers/Handouts

At this time, NIFSAB maintains and customize nearly 20 separate educational documents.
Fire Districts Hold the Key to a Fire-Safe Illinois

As a trustee, chief, or fire marshal for a fire protection district, you have many responsibilities in your district's mission to protect residents from the hazards of fire. Providing fire protection services to your community means making the best use of the resources available. Take helpful advice from leaders in the fire service and fire protection industry.

According to FEMA, "The most effective fire loss prevention and reduction measure with respect to both life and property is the installation and maintenance of fire sprinklers...The approach should be community-based; no tactic or strategy should detract from the requirement for sprinklers."

And just as you protect your district residents, there is also a moral obligation to provide the best for your firefighters.

The "10 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives," set forth by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, is the first step in protecting your fire fighters from harm, and it is aimed to reach the objective of reducing the firefighter fatality rate by 25% within 5 years and by 50% within 10 years.

Initiative #15 directly references fire sprinklers: "Strengthen advocacy for the enforcement of codes and the installation of home fire sprinklers."


Based on the Oxford vs. Interstates Piping case and the more recent precedent set in Wauconda Fire Protection District vs. Lake County, fire districts have the authority that allows them to pass and enforce their fire code in unincorporated areas.

www.homelifefire.org/documents/wauconda.pdf

After reviewing the previous recommendations and legal precedents, what can your fire protection district do?

1) Fire protection districts are the key to Illinois passing residential fire sprinkler legislation. Set the moral tone and adopt a model code by following the national standards in your unincorporated areas. This demonstrates to local municipal officials that you intend to protect local citizens and firefighters.

2) bring your educational efforts to the municipalities that you protect and educate local officials to pass similar codes by following intergovernmental agreements.

3) Sign up for the BUILT FOR LIFE Fire Department programs through the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition and gain access to the Home Fire Sprinkler Advantage. It includes a buyer's guide, home fire sprinkler advocacy efforts across the U.S., and provides information, resources, and tools to get home fire sprinkler codes and ordinances introduced and passed.

www.homesprinklercoalition.org

4) Follow the home fire sprinkler advocacy efforts of the National Fire Protection Association's Fire Sprinkler Initiative and sign up for the monthly e-newsletter. The newsletter provides information on recent home fire sprinkler advocacy efforts across the U.S. and provides updates on recent home fire sprinkler code changes and ordinances introduced and passed.

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5) Team up with the U.S. Administration's "Fire is Everyone's Fight" initiative, which is designed to provide the nation's fire service and others in a collaborative effort to reduce home fire injuries, death, and property loss.

www.unf.fema.gov/page

Fire Districts Hold the Key to a Fire-Safe Illinois

Congratulations to the following fire protection districts. They are among the 156 fire service organizations in Illinois that have already followed the recommendations made by FEMA and NFPA by adopting residential fire sprinkler ordinances for new construction:

- Barrington FPD
- Barrington BFD
- Deerfield FPD
- Glenview FPD
- Highland Park FPD
- Northfield FPD
- Palatine FPD
- Park Ridge FPD
- Rolling Meadows FPD
- Schaumburg FPD

For more information, visit www.homesprinklercoalition.org

Illinois Fire Sprinkler Coalition
www.homelifefire.org

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Fire Sprinklers: A Cost-Effective Solution to Passing Chicago’s High-Rise Life Safety Evaluation

Need to pass your Life Safety Evaluation (LSE) and help your building’s marketability? Did you know that fire sprinklers are a cost-effective and less intrusive solution to meet compliance?

Fire sprinklers are important for life safety in residential high-rises and they are easier to install in existing high-rises than most people think. The infrastructure is already in place since all high-rises have a standpipe, which is usually in a stairwell so that firefighters can access it for their hoses, and a pump for municipal water supply. Fire sprinkler systems can easily be retrofitted into a building by connecting them to the standpipe.

To comply with the City’s LSE, buildings must have one- or two-way communications systems and doors/corridors that are fire-rated for one hour. But to fully comply, additional measures may need to be taken, many of which are disruptive to occupants. By installing fire sprinklers, however, buildings can bypass these additional measures entirely. Fire sprinkler installations in individual living units usually can be scheduled around occupants’ work schedules so there is minimal disruption with daily living. Check out the McClurg Court Complex and 400 West Deming Place in Chicago for examples of work completed.

Approximately 100 residential high-rises have chosen to pass the LSE by retrofitting fire sprinklers. Don’t let your building lose its competitive marketability by not installing fire sprinklers. Please visit HighRiseLifeSafety.com for a list of the high-rises that have chosen to retrofit.


Fire Sprinklers are the Single Most Effective Way to Protect High-Rise Occupants in a Fire

According to the National Fire Protection Association, 87% of all recorded fire deaths in 2016 occurred where people live. When fire sprinklers are combined with hardwired smoke alarms, the risk of dying in a fire is cut by at least 90% when compared to having neither. Fire sprinklers provide the ultimate protection for high-rise occupants.

Only the Fire Sprinkler Closest to the Fire Will Activate

Fire sprinklers are individually heat-activated and connected to a network of copper or steel pipe filled with water. When the heat of a fire rises to a sprinkler’s operating temperature, usually between 135°F-155°F, a fusible link or glass bulb will activate only that sprinkler over the fire, thereby releasing the water only over the source of heat. The fire sprinkler will control or extinguish the fire in its place of origin.

Fire Sprinklers are Important for High-Rise Life Safety, Allowing Occupants Time to Escape

Fire sprinklers do not rely upon human factors such as familiarity with escape routes or emergency assistance. They go to work immediately to reduce the danger of fire. Sprinklers present the fastest-developing fans of intense heat (flashing), which are capable of trapping and killing occupants within 3 minutes (UL).

Fire Sprinklers Provide Insurance Benefits

Occupants’ fire insurance rates can be reduced by 5% to 20%, making a building more attractive to prospective occupants. Also, installing fire sprinklers in a residential high-rise building creates insurance savings for the building owner(s) when common areas are sprinkled.


HOW TO FIGHT FIRES IN FIRE SPRINKLER PROTECTED BUILDINGS

Conduct fire service and fire prevention inspector training with up-to-date NFPA 13E practices and this IFIA Trailer for safe and effective response in fire sprinklered buildings.

- Properly train firefighting techniques for buildings with activated sprinkler systems.
- Demonstrate all types of systems and how they operate.
- This trailer contains: Dry Valve, Pre-Action (Double Interlock) Valve, Residential Valve, Air Compressor, Full Fire Alarm Panel Set Up, Siamese FDC, Storz FDC, simulated underground water feed, Double Detector Check Valve Backflow Preventor and fire sprinkler burn room.

For more information about using the IFIA trailer contact:
Illinois Fire Inspector Association (IFIA) Office 847-756-4750

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INSPECT TO PROTECT BUILDING PROTECTION PROGRAM SAVES LIVES
Institute an inspection, testing, and maintenance (ITM) program to keep your fire sprinkler system properly operating.

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Inspection, Testing, Maintenance

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Officials have long adopted this “business friendly” approach where fire and building codes began to be neglected. This ad was NIFSAB’s effort to show Village Managers, Mayors, Trustees and Aldermen the strict fire sprinkler thresholds that progressive communities have adopted.
Fires can be economically devastating to your community.

Make sure your community is fire-safe with the LATEST FIRE AND BUILDING CODES and a well-executed FIRE SPRINKLER INSPECTION, TESTING AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM.

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That’s why it’s important that fire sprinklers are inspected, tested, and maintained so they can operate as intended in the event of a fire. Working fire sprinklers save properties from destruction and the lives of citizens, workers, visitors, and responding firefighters.

Make sure your community building department and/or fire department follows Illinois state code and enforces a program in accordance with NFPA 25: Standard for the Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems.

For more information on fire sprinkler ITM, please contact the Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board at 408-403-4468 or visit the website at FireSprinklerTesting.org.

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Spring is already here. **Have you begun your 2017 Fire Sprinkler Testing program yet?**

Ensure code and ISO compliance by sending notices to building owners. A third-party inspection company can help you carry out your fire sprinkler testing program.

Chapter 9, Fire Protection Systems of the 2015 International Fire Code requires water based fire protection systems to be inspected, tested and maintained at regular intervals in accordance with NFPA 25: Standard for the Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems.

Regular testing is also required through the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal’s adoption of NFPA 101: Life Safety Code, Section 9.75 (2000 edition). All automatic fire sprinkler systems, standpipe systems and fire pumps must be inspected and maintained in accordance with NFPA 25.

Regular Fire Sprinkler Testing is Required by the International Fire Code, State Code & Chicago Code

Illinois state law requires a copy of all fire sprinkler system inspection reports to be submitted to local fire officials having jurisdiction. Also, all inspectors are required to be NICET II certified or trained through an approved apprentice program.

Are you checking these items before work begins? Stop any job violating this state law and/or call the state fire marshal.

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Recognition Ad for The Fire Call
The Magazine of the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts

Congratulations to Deerfield-Bannockburn FPD for protecting new homes with fire sprinklers

(left to right) Jeff Hansen, Kim Barkemeyer and Phil Bettiker of the Deerfield-Bannockburn FPD Board of Trustees and Fire Chief Ian Kazian, Deputy Chief Ray Larson and Fire Marshal Brian McCarthy working closely with the Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Protection District Board of Trustees, have adopted the 2012 International Fire Code, and NFPA 101: Life Safety Code 2016 Edition that include provisions for fire sprinklers in new single-family homes, according to the NFPA 13D standard, and new townhomes. In addition, all new multifamily occupancies must also be protected by fire sprinklers.

Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Protection District is one of more than 100 Illinois jurisdictions that follow fire sprinkler recommendations from FEMAs America Burning report and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation’s Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives.

By having fire sprinkler provisions in the model codes, the district receives full points and credits from the Insurance Services Office (ISO) Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule, which reduces insurance rates for all residents. It also ensures all residents receive the maximum insurance premiums from the National Flood Insurance Program’s Community Rating System.

Congratulations to the Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Protection District for making fire sprinklers the district’s front-line defense against fires, thereby protecting residents and responding firefighters to reduce injuries, deaths and property damage. The district is committed to providing fire- and life-safety protection for the community now and into the future.

For more information go to:

- Fire Sprinkler Initiative: firesprinklerinitiative.org
- United States Fire Administration: usfa.fema.gov
- HomeLifeSafety.com
- ICCsafe.org
- ISOMitigation.com

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PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT

When a fire sprinkler system is installed in a building, it provides the greatest fire protection for occupants, contents, and the building itself. A Building Protection Program that includes the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of fire sprinkler systems, is vital to keeping the system properly working.

No matter the building type you own or manage, whether a multifamily residence, commercial building, industrial building, high-rise, or other type of building, fire sprinklers play an important role in its fire protection and safety. They control or extinguish a fire while it's still small, allowing occupants extra time and a passageway to safely escape.

However, just like any other system in a building, a commercial fire sprinkler system must be properly inspected, tested, and maintained to ensure it works in the event of a fire.

Hire an individual or company that is NICET II certified and/or trained through an approved apprenticeship program to test your fire sprinkler system and comply with Illinois state law (225 ILCS 317/1).

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HAVE YOU ASKED YOUR FIRE AND BUILDING DEPARTMENTS WHAT YOUR CODES REQUIRE?

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Proper inspection, testing and maintenance of fire sprinklers in your community’s buildings ensures operation in the event of fires.

Fire sprinklers provide the greatest fire protection for the buildings in your community. They control a fire while it’s still small and allow occupants to safely escape.

However, just like other systems in a building, it’s essential that a fire sprinkler system is inspected, tested, and maintained (ITM) to keep it properly operating.

Illinois state code, NFPA 101: Life Safety Code (2000 edition), requires all automatic fire sprinkler systems, standpipe systems, and fire pumps to follow ITM procedures according to the NFPA 25 standard. Building owners must utilize an Inspector or company that is NICET Level II certified and/or trained through an approved apprentice program to comply with Illinois state law (225 ILCS 317/1).

Don’t let a devastating fire happen in your community. Ensure your local building owners and managers comply with state requirements by incorporating fire sprinkler system ITM programs in their buildings.

For more information about fire sprinkler ITM:

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Business Card Ad in Fireguard (July)
Newsletter of the Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection Districts

ITM Ad in IFIA’s Prevention Connection (July)
Proper inspection, testing and maintenance of your building’s fire sprinkler system ensures it will work in a fire.

Fire sprinklers provide the greatest fire protection for your building, its contents and the occupants. They control a fire while it’s still small, protecting your investment and allowing occupants to safely escape.

However, just as you would with other systems in your building, it’s essential that you institute an inspection, testing, and maintenance (ITM) program to keep your fire sprinkler system properly operating.


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McClurg Court Center residents are protected with fire sprinklers after building owners chose to retrofit.

After purchasing the McClurg Court Center twin towers, RMK Management Corporation began a six-month project to modernize the building’s life-safety systems. Working with United States Alliance Fire Protection, a fire sprinkler system was installed, providing the maximum fire safety protection for 1,080 residential units as well as occupants in the common areas and commercial spaces.

Although Chicago’s fire sprinkler ordinance only requires Life Safety Evaluations for residential buildings, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Life Safety Code 101 (2000 Edition), which has been adopted by the Illinois State Fire Marshal’s Office, requires existing high-rise buildings in excess of 75 feet in height to be equipped with fire sprinklers or an engineered life-safety system.

RMK Management should be commended for voluntarily choosing to retrofit McClurg Court Center with fire sprinklers for the safety of the property, its residents and responding Chicago police and firefighters.

With fire sprinklers, McClurg Court Center provides the maximum fire safety protection for 1,080 residential units.

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FROM FIRE AND FLOODS

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) is an independent statistical, rating, and advisory organization that serves the insurance industry. ISO is the leading supplier of underwriting information, advisory loss costs, supplementary rating information and standardized policy language to U.S. insurers. The ISO rating, insurance rating, and insurance ratio for your community can be affected by the model code you adopt. All model building codes used in the U.S. require fire sprinklers in new home construction. ISO’s Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) reduces the points a community can score under the program if the community adopts the latest national code with an amendment such as eliminating the fire sprinkler requirement. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) will not reimburse your citizens at 100% if you adopt a model code with sections of the code deleted.

In addition, ISO’s Homeowners Policy Program Manual allows insurers to grant a discount of up to 13% on insurance premiums for homes protected with fire sprinklers.

Protect your community from fires and floods. Adopt the latest national code, including the fire sprinkler requirement, to allow 100% coverage if there is a flood in your community. Homes protected with fire sprinklers safeguard citizens and firefighters.

Your Model Code Could Prevent Your Citizens from 100% Flood Coverage

Need help or consultation with your codes? Please contact NIFSAB at 708-403-4468.

isomitigation.com fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program

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Recognition Ad for Illinois Municipal Review

Congratulations to Park Forest for protecting new homes with fire sprinklers

Fire Chief Tracy Natyshok and retired Fire Chief Bruce Ziegler of the Park Forest Fire Department, along with the entire Park Forest Board of Trustees.

To provide improved minimum standards for fire and building safety to citizens, visitors and firefighters in the Park Forest Fire Department, Fire Chief Tracy Natyshok and retired Fire Chief Bruce Ziegler and working closely with the Park Forest Board of Trustees, have adopted the 2015 International Fire Code, and NFPA 101: Life Safety Code 2016 Edition. This includes provisions for fire sprinklers in new single-family homes, new townhomes, according to the NFPA 13D standard. In addition, all new multifamily occupancies must also be protected by fire sprinklers.

Park Forest is one of more than 100 Illinois jurisdictions that follow fire sprinkler recommendations from FEMA’s America Burning report and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation’s Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives.

By having fire sprinkler provisions in the model codes, the village receives full points and credit from the Insurance Services Office (ISO) Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule, which reduces insurance rates for all residents. It also ensures all residents receive the maximum insurance premiums from the National Flood Insurance Program’s Community Rating System.

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For more information visit:

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