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Los Angeles Area NFSA Chapter Honors Area Director Jack Thacker!

The Los Angeles Area NFSA Chapter held a very special, secret and surprise dinner meeting on October 11th honoring Area Director Jack Thacker for his 12-years of service as the West Region's Area Director.



The event organized by the Chapter's Board of Directors, Don Becka of Qualco Fire Protection, President, Stuart Cook o Potter Roemer, Treasurer, Bruce Lecair, Secretary, and Robert Rowe, Southern California Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board and hosted by Sharon Thacker at the Thacker's home, was a tremendous occasion. By the way, it was also a huge surprise for Jack who had not idea of what the Chapter was up to!

Also attending were Vice President of Engineering Mark Hopkins who presented Jack Thacker with a shirt from the NFSA E & S committee and San Francisco Bay Area outgoing President Peter Hulin and newly elected President Dave Scherson, both of Superior Fire Protection in Fremont, CA. Jack was also presented with a plaque from the Chapter and the NFSA honoring his service and dedication as an Area Director. The evening was a lot of fun as some great stories and tributes were shared by many of those in attendance.



Jack started his tenure as Area Director in 2006 and has been and honored member of NFSA having received both the Russell P. Fleming Award and the Golden Sprinkler Award while serving as a board member and chair of the Engineering and Systems committee as well as other committees throughout the NFSA. In California, Jack has served on the California OSFM Automatic Extinguishing Systems Advisory Committee, NFPA 25 Work Group, the AES Fitter Certification Committee and the

Water Discharge for Water-based Fire Protection Systems Advisory Committee.
Thanks for all you have done for us Jack!!!



NFSA Welcomes Kevin Hall to the Engineering Department!

During the month of October NFSA President Shane Ray and Vice President of Engineering Mark Hopkins announced that Kevin Hall has joined the NFSA Engineering Team.

Kevin Hall is a registered P.E. with both a Bachelor of Science degree in 2013 and a Master of Engineering degree in 2016 Fire Protection Engineering from the University of Maryland at College Park. In the summer of 2012, he worked for Reliance Fire Protection (Baltimore), and worked there until this past summer. He has worked a total of six years on the contracting side of the industry and will be an asset to NFSA and our members with his experience, knowledge and education. Hall has also qualified for his Professional Engineer license based on his experience, which he attained last fall.



In addition to his college education and work in the industry, he is an Eagle Scout and Salamander National Fire Protection Engineering Honor Society Member. Both of which require a great deal of dedication and hard work to obtain. He has also volunteered on the Mount Saint Joseph Alumni Association Board of Directors where he is currently acting as their Treasurer. You can contact Kevin at extension 131 or his email address at: hall@nfsa.org.

Office of the State Fire Marshal Establishes New AES Advisory Committee



Letters of Appointment to the new members of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Office of the State Fire Marshal Automatic Extinguishing Systems Advisory Committee from State Fire Marshal Dennis Mathisen.

This committee chaired by Jeff Schwartz, Automatic Extinguishing Systems Program Coordinator, Fire engineering and Investigations Division, will serve the people of the State of California and the CAL FIRE OSFM to address issues related to fire extinguishing systems throughout the state. NFSA members serving on the committee are Area Director Jack Thacker, Regional Manager Bruce Lecair and Jason Hudgins of Walschon Fire Protection. The first meeting will be held on December 12th at the Office of the State Fire Marshal in Sacramento, CA.

New 2019 Rulemaking Package is in Play! New standards are expected to be in Regulation on January 1!

As previously announced in the September Southwest Regional Report, the California Office of the State Fire Marshal posted in July to advise that the SFM 2019 Title 24 rulemaking package has been posted to the Building Standards Commission website. *The 45-day comment period has come and gone, and it looks like California will be entering the next code cycle on January 1st. I will be watching for the final notice and advising when the information is posted by the California Building Standards Council and the California State Fire Marshals websites.*

Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM) Proposed Actions.

SFM 01/18: Adopt and amend the triennial edition of the 2019 California Building Code, Part 2, Title 24, Volume 1 and 2.

- Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) - ([PDF](#))
- Initial Express Terms (ET) - ([PDF](#))

SFM 02/18: Adopt and amend the triennial edition of the 2019 California Residential Code, Part 2.5, Title 24.

- Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) - ([PDF](#))
- Initial Express Terms (ET) - ([PDF](#))

SFM 06/18: Adopt and amend the triennial edition of the 2019 California Fire Code, Part 9, Title 24.

- Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) - ([PDF](#))
- Initial Express Terms (ET) - ([PDF](#))

SFM 07/18: Adopt and amend the triennial edition of the 2019 California Existing Building Code, Part 10, Title 24.

- Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) - ([PDF](#))
- Initial Express Terms (ET) - ([PDF](#))

SFM 08/18: Amend the triennial edition of the 2019 California Referenced Standards Code, Part 12, Title 24.

- Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) - ([PDF](#))
- Initial Express Terms (ET) - ([PDF](#))

<http://www.bsc.ca.gov/Rulemaking/adoptcycle/2018TriennialCodeAdoptionCycle/CodeAdvisoryCommitteeReview.aspx>

Save the date! Registrations are now Open for the 2019 NFSA Annual Seminar and North American Expo



Nashville, Tennessee is the destination for the 2019 NFSA Annual Seminar and North American Expo on May 15-18! Our host is the Omni Hotel Nashville located in the heart of downtown. Experience Broadway like never before!

To register and for more information go to: <https://members.nfsa.org/events>.

California AES Fitter Certification is Effective July 1!

The Fire Sprinkler Fitter Certification regulations are effective as of July 1, 2017. The certification program aims to improve the quality of water-based fire extinguishing systems by providing a means to certify and register persons who install, modify or add accessories to such systems. The program's goal is to ensure that quality installation and maintenance of water-based fire extinguishing systems is provided throughout

California. Orientation classes were taught to fire prevention officers throughout Southern California during the month on August by Supervising Deputy State Fire Marshal Jeffrey Schwartz and are planned for the Northern California in September and October.

As of July 1, 2018, a Certification card is required for sprinkler fitters and at least one certified fitter is required per jobsite. On January 1, 2019 all sprinkler fitters shall possess a certification card, all trainees and apprentices shall possess a registration card. [Click here](#) for more information.

NFSA Chapter News!

The Arizona State Chapter will be meeting on November 13th at the Phoenix Fire Department Headquarters from for a lunch meeting where members can discuss regional fire sprinkler issues and topics affecting the Valley of the Sun and the State of Arizona. This will be the final meeting of the year with the next Chapter scheduled on January 8th.



The San Francisco Bay Area and the Los Angeles Area Chapters have concluded their 2018 schedule with meeting to resume in Fremont on January 24th and in Downey on February 21st.

NFSA Welcomes New Contractor Member to the Southwest

During the month of October, the NFSA welcomed Dave Edwards to the Southwest Region! Dave is the President of Commercial Fire Protection with offices located in 1990 MacArthur Blvd. Suite 640 in Irvine, CA. and another located at 1990 N. California Suite 170, Walnut Creek, CA. Dave Edwards can be contacted at: dave@firepprotected.com or his office phone at: 1 888-308-3473. You can learn of their services at the homepage: <http://www.CommercialFireprotection.com>.

Welcome to NFSA! We look forward to working with you and your participation!

Fire Prevention Officers Meet in October!

The California Fire Prevention Officers had a very busy month of October with meetings held at both ends of the state. The Southern California Fire Prevention Officers met at the Ventura County Fire Department, 165 Durley Avenue, Camarillo, California. The afternoon presentation was given by Stuart Tom on “California Wildland Urban Interface! How are communities battling the reality of increased exposure to wildland fire?”

The Northern California Fire Prevention Officers met on Friday, October 26, 2018, 9:30 -3:00 at the Petaluma Community Center at 320 N. McDowell Blvd. in Petaluma, CA. This was the Breast Cancer Awareness meeting where all in attendance wore something pink! The meeting was also an opportunity for vendors from the Sacramento area to show off their latest fire protection goods and services Both

meetings featured reports and news from industry and government stakeholders as well as committee reports, including a detailed report from Regional Manager Bruce Lecair

For dates of the November meetings, see the event page at the end of this report.

October NFSA Training in the Southwest!

October was a very busy month of training with 2-seminar held in California. Santa Clara held a great 3-day contract class Santa Clara Fire Prevention Officers Association on October 2-4 that was instructed by NFSA’s Chase Browning. The 2-day plan review and the Rough-in and Final of Fire Protection Systems classes averaged 30 students per day and were great!

Chase Browning headed back to California on October 17-18 for a 2-day Plan Review Class. This class was the second seminar held in San Marcos this year and was very well attended by fire prevention officers in Southern California.



Now we are looking forward to the Fire Sprinkler Installation and Rough-in and Final of Fire Sprinkler Systems classes sponsored by the Southern California Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board on December 4-5 at the Downey Fire Department.

We have already lined up classes in February 2019 in Tucson, AZ. and Santa Clara, CA. with another seminar being planned in Woodland, CA. for April! It looks like we will be having another big year of training in the Southwest Region. For more information on NFSA classes and seminars, go to: seminars@nfsa.org or contact Regional Manager Bruce Lecair at lecair@nfsa.org or (951) 805-8992.

2018-19 Schedule

Fire Sprinkler Installation Requirements, Downey, CA. Save the date!!	Dates: 12/4
Rough-in and Final of Fire Sprinkler Systems, Downey, CA. Save the date!!	Dates: 12/5
NFPA 16 Update, Tucson, AZ.	Dates: 2/11
Standpipe Systems for Fire Protection, Tucson, AZ.	Dates: 2/12
Sprinkler Protection of Storage Occupancies, Santa Clara, CA.	Dates: 2/26-27
Pumps for Fire Protection, Santa Clara, CA.	Dates: 2/28

NFSA 2018 Tech Tuesday Schedule

November 20, 2018
Third Party Summit Changes

Presented by Jeff Hugo, CBO, Director of Codes

Several jurisdictions are taking advantage of 3rd-Party ITM reporting to enforce and track water-based fire protection system status throughout their municipalities. The NFSA hosted several 3rd-Party ITM reporting summits across the country in 2018. This presentation will give an overview of the Chicago, Austin and Fort Lauderdale summits as well as the parties involved, the discussion and solutions to the online reporting process. Fire sprinkler contractors, building owners and AHJs will benefit from this online overview.

December 18, 2018

NFPA 13, 2019 Edition, Sprinkler System Discharge and Hanging & Bracing Updated

Presented by Mark Hopkins, P.E., Vice President of Engineering

Sprinkler System Discharge criteria changes will be discussed during this presentation. Protection of storage occupancies using the new layout of NFPA 13, 2019 edition, will be discussed. The presentation will also include a discussion of changes relating to definitions and relocation of occupancy hazard information and commodity classifications. Revisions to the hanging and bracing criteria will be discussed, including some revisions to align with ASCE 7 and separation of requirements for hanging and bracing in new chapters of the standard.

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Fire Sprinkler Saves in the Southwest!! A Record Number Reported!

The month of October saw "thirteen" successful fire sprinkler saves in the Southwest!!!

October 2, Fresno, CA. Fresno, CA. Arson fire extinguished with help from sprinkler system; no injuries were reported. The Fresno Fire Department is asking for help Tuesday identifying whoever set fire to a Fresno elementary school classroom on Saturday night. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/10/fresno-ca-arson-fire-extinguished-with-help-from-sprinkler-system-no-injuries-reported/>

October 16, Crescent City, CA. An apartment fire was put out by the fire sprinkler system. Man rescues elderly woman from smoke-filled apartment. Crescent City Fire and Rescue officials are acknowledging a local man for his efforts in removing a woman from a burning apartment Tuesday night. According to a release from Interim Fire Chief Bill Gillespie, firefighters responded to a structure fire at 1000 Scenic Creek, Scenic Creek Apartments. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/10/crescent-city-ca-apartment-fire-put-out-by-sprinkler-system-man-rescues-elderly-woman-from-smoke-filled-apartment/>.

October 17, Tempe, AZ. Computer monitor fire in classroom building at Arizona State University contained by fire sprinkler system; No injuries were reported. A small electrical fire stemming from a computer monitor in ASU's Brickyard complex occurred on Sunday evening, according to a spokeswoman from Tempe Fire Medical Rescue Department. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/10/tempe-az-computer-monitor-fire-in-classroom-building-at-arizona-state-university-contained-by-sprinkler-system-no-injuries-reported/>.

October 18, Santa Maria, CA. Fire sprinkler system contains house fire to the bedroom according to firefighters. A fire sprinkler system helped contain a blaze in a Santa Maria residence on Wednesday night. At 8:40 p.m., personnel from the Santa Maria Fire and Police departments and American Medical Response were dispatched to the 200 block of East Inger Drive for a structure fire. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/10/santa-maria-ca-sprinkler-system-contains-house-fire-to-bedroom-according-to-firefighters/>.

October 18, Peoria, AZ. *NFSA Arizona Chapter Member Michael Brune* reported that Fire-Medical Engine 194 responded to a fire alarm indication in a multi-tenant, mixed use warehouse/office building in the 9800 block of 91st Avenue on Wednesday, October 18th at approximately 1:30 am. Upon arrival, it was determined that the fire alarm system had been activated by the automatic fire sprinkler system. Fire crews found water coming out of one of the suites and entered that suite. Fire Crews found a single automatic fire sprinkler head had activated and there was no active fire. Once the water and power were secured, it was determined that the fire in the office was an intentional act and a Fire Investigator was dispatched. There were two (2) points of origin, wicks inserted into the walls and the smell of an ignitable liquid in the office. The fire did not spread beyond damage to a couch in the office that was the cause of the automatic fire sprinkler system activation. Power and fire sprinkler protection was restored later in the morning and the businesses in the building could open. The only damage to the building was some water damage to the affected suite and to the suites on either side. The Peoria Fire-Medical Department Fire Investigators and the Peoria Police Department Detectives are investigating.

October 19, Modesto, CA. Fire sprinkler system gives firefighters a big leg up on blaze at cabinet company. A fire-suppression system worked well Tuesday morning at a business off Yosemite Boulevard and Mitchell Road, likely saving firefighters a lot of work and the building a lot of damage. The fire was in a dust-collection hopper on the exterior of Sierra Casework, on the 200 block of Spenser Avenue. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/10/modesto-ca-sprinkler-system-gives-firefighters-a-big-leg-up-on-blaze-at-cabinet-company/>.

October 19, Las Vegas, NV. Arson fire in elementary school bathroom put out by fire sprinkler system. No injuries were reported. A fire was reported Tuesday morning in a Las Vegas elementary school boys' bathroom, according to a fire official. Crews responded to John Park Elementary on Franklin Avenue, near Charleston Boulevard and Maryland Parkway, for a fire in an outside playground bathroom, reported just after 8:50 a.m. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/10/las-vegas-nv-arson-fire-in-elementary-school-bathroom-put-out-by-sprinkler-system-no-injuries-reported/>.

October 20, Berkeley, CA. Fifth floor apartment fire held in check by the fire sprinkler system. Berkeley Fire Department responded to a fire at 2310 Fulton St. — which was determined to have been caused by a

dryer that caught fire — after receiving a call at 6 p.m. about smoke billowing out of the apartment complex, according to BFD spokesperson Keith May. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/10/berkeley-ca-fifth-floor-apartment-fire-held-in-check-by-sprinkler-system/>.

October 22, Sacramento, CA. A fire sprinkler system assisted firefighters in extinguishing a restaurant kitchen fire. A stove top fire at Localis Restaurant in midtown Sacramento on Tuesday morning was contained to the kitchen by firefighters. Mop up from smoke and water damage could sideline the dining spot for several days. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/10/sacramento-ca-sprinkler-system-assists-firefighters-in-extinguishing-restaurant-kitchen-fire-apartments-above-restaurant-unaffected/>.

October 23, Vallejo, CA. No injuries in middle-of-night apartment fire contained by the fire sprinkler system. More than 40 people were displaced after a major fire broke out early Saturday at a four-story apartment building in downtown Vallejo, officials said. The blaze struck about 12:30 a.m. at a building on the 500 block of Georgia Street called Kimberly Apartments, according to the Vallejo Fire Department. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/10/vallejo-ca-no-injuries-in-middle-of-night-apartment-fire-contained-by-sprinkler-system/>.

October 24, Rohnert Park, CA. Fire sprinkler system credited with keeping house fire from spreading. One person was treated Saturday night for smoke inhalation suffered in a house fire that firefighters said was partially doused by the house's fire sprinkler system. The fire was reported about 10 p.m. Saturday in the University District subdivision, Rohnert Park Fire Cmdr. Aaron Johnson said in a statement. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/10/rohnert-park-ca-sprinkler-system-credited-with-keeping-house-fire-from-spreading/>.

October 26, Paso Robles, CA. Office fire that started in server cabinet is contained by single fire sprinklers. On Sunday, fire personnel responded to a two-story, commercial building located at 1255 Las Tablas Road in Templeton. Crews heard an audible water flow alarm and upon further investigation found the upstairs portion of the building fully charged with smoke. Crews requested a full commercial structure fire response. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/10/paso-robles-ca-office-fire-that-started-in-server-cabinet-is-contained-by-single-sprinkler/>.

October 29, Tucson, AZ. Fire sprinkler system prevents garage fire from spreading to showroom at Mercedes-Benz dealership. A fire at a Mercedes-Benz dealership on Tucson's east side damaging at least one car in the garage but did not spread to the showroom. Fire sprinklers were activated which helped stop the spread of the fire. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/10/tucson-az-sprinkler-system-prevents-garage-fire-from-spreading-to-showroom-at-mercedes-benz-dealership/>.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule in the Southwest!

Arizona NFSA Chapter Meeting, Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at the Phoenix Fire Department Headquarters at 150 S. 12th Street in Phoenix, AZ. Lunch will be provided.

SoCal Fire Prevention Officers Association, Wednesday, November 14, 2018 from 10:00 - 3:00 at Faraday Center, 1635 Faraday Ave, Carlsbad, CA. The afternoon presentation will be Fire Safety – Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Systems and the most recent changes to the California Building, Residential, and Fire Codes found in the July 2018 Supplement (you know those blue pages)! *Presented by Stuart Tom and Kevin Reinertson*

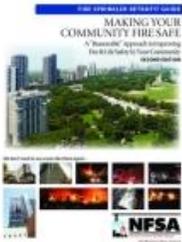
Nor Cal Fire Prevention Officers Association, Friday, November 16, 2018, 9:30 -3:00 at West Sacramento Fire Department, N/A, West Sacramento, CA. The program has not yet been finalized.

California Fire Sprinkler Coalition Meeting, “New date for Meetings!! From this point moving forward we will be meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Wednesday, November 21, 2018 from 10:00 am to noon. You will be able to attend the meeting by accessing teleconference at 1-855-747-8824, access number: 446676#.

San Diego Fire Protection Association, Tuesday, December 11, 2018, Sizzler’s Restaurant, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 pm. This is a special meeting featuring our local vendors who will be invited to show off their latest and greatest products!

NFSA San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Meeting, the next meeting date is being scheduled for January 24, 2019 at Saki’s Spin A Yarn Restaurant in Fremont, CA. from 5-8.

NFSA Los Angeles Area Chapter Meeting, Thursday, February 15, 2018 at the Rio Hondo Golf and Event Center in Downey California at 10627 Old River Road. Guests are welcome to attend for cocktails and conversation from 4:30 – 5:30 followed by our Chapter Dinner Meeting from 5:30 pm to conclusion.

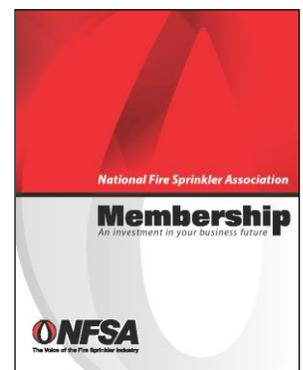


NFSA Retrofit Guide Available~

“The new title *Fire Sprinkler Retrofit, Making Your Community Fire Safe* reflects a change in approach for the publication itself. To obtain a copy go to: [NFSA Retrofit Guide 2017](#)

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If you answered "no" to any of these questions, please give me a call to schedule a time to stop by your office. I want to make sure you are getting a great return on your investment with NFSA! Your Regional manager is Bruce Lecair, (951) 805-8992 or at: lecair@nfsa.org.