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Southwest Region:

**California, Hawaii',
 Arizona, Nevada, New
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California Fire Prevention Institute Holds One Week Training Event!



Another NFSA Umbrella won at the raffle!!

The California Fire Prevention Institute (CFPI) was held March 11-15 in at the Santa Ynez Marriott for a week of classes, committee meetings, and Board member Installation and Awards Banquet and a California Fire Sprinkler Coalition Meeting. Yes, this was a very productive and busy week for attendees and organizers of the event that included Associate



Sharing time at the CFPI Booth with the Rick Rodewald, Julia Winslow and Former State Fire Marshal Dennis Mathisen

Director Bruce Lecair who is the newest member of the planning committee and the new training and education coordinator. In addition to his duties as a member of the planning team, Bruce also led the Wednesday Fire Sprinkler Hot Topics sessions and hosted a booth at the conference with a huge assist from Terri Leyton and Julia Winslow who redefined hosting a booth with "Can I make you a gift bag?" with NFSA information and booth items.



The CFPI Committee at work!

In addition to the two Fire Sprinkler Hot Topics sessions, other fire sprinkler related sessions held were; Understanding Fire Sprinkler Hydraulics Without Anxiety, CPVC Inspection and Plan Check, Fire Protection Systems and the I-Codes, Fire Protection Systems for Storage Systems in NFPA 13, Protecting Elevators and Welding and Material Inspection for Fire Sprinkler Systems.



NFPA's Ray Bizal and Associate Director Bruce Lecair

As you have noted, the CFPI was a very productive week of training for fire sprinkler related topics that ultimately benefit the California Fire Sprinkler Industry by increasing the knowledge of fire prevention officers in fire sprinkler education as well as in other areas of fire prevention. NFSA was a Silver Sponsor of the Conference.

Registrations are still Open!!!



Seminar/Expo Registration

REGISTRATION FEES	Early Bird (through 3/28/19)	Regular	Late/Onsite (after 3/28/19)
Full Conference Pass	\$680	\$765	\$850
Spouse Pass	\$440	\$495	\$550
Junior Pass (13-21)	\$340	\$370	\$300
Child Pass (10 & Under)	\$0	\$0	\$0
AHJ (Fire, Building, Government)	\$250	\$250	\$250
Exhibitor Booth Staff Pass	\$300	\$338	\$375
Wednesday Pass	\$330	\$360	\$400
Thursday Pass	\$330	\$360	\$400
Friday Pass	\$330	\$360	\$400
Banquet-Only Pass*	\$360	\$380	\$700
Non-Member Full Conference	\$1,360	\$1,530	\$1,700
Non-Member Spouse Pass	\$880	\$990	\$1,100
Non-Member Junior Pass (13-21)	\$480	\$540	\$600
Non-Member Exhibitor Staff	\$600	\$675	\$750
Non-Member Wednesday Pass	\$640	\$720	\$800
Non-Member Thursday Pass	\$640	\$720	\$800
Non-Member Friday Pass	\$640	\$720	\$800
Non-Member Banquet-Only Pass*	\$320	\$360	\$400



*This is available for people only attending banquets, tickets at registration.

CONTRACTOR MEMBERS SPECIAL OFFER

- Bring 5-9 additional full registrants and get \$250 off your total. Promo code: **Bringmore5**
- Bring 10 or more additional full registrants and get \$500 off your total. Promo code: **Bringmore10**

Registrants must be done at the same time, no exceptions. Not valid for spouse registrants.

2019 NFSA Annual Seminar, North American Fire Sprinkler Expo
Wednesday, May 15 - Saturday, May 18, 2019
Omni Hotel Nashville
250 Fifth Avenue South
Nashville, Tennessee 37203
615.252.5200
www.omnihotels.com/hotels/nashville
Special group rate: \$274.00 USD per night



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!

Here are 4 great links to speed and ease your registration process:

- 1.) <https://nfsa.org/annual-seminar/>
- 2.) Hotel Information: <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/nashville/meetings/2019-nfsa-annual-seminar-na-fire-sprinkler-expo>
- 3.) Straight access to the registration form is

here: <https://members.nfsa.org/events/register.aspx?id=1150912&itemid=0716195c-7a49-4f56-ba33-cd35f4d82cce>

NFSA Chapters Meet in March!!



The Arizona State Chapter held their March meeting at the Phoenix Fire Department Headquarters at 150 S. 12th Street in Phoenix, Arizona on March 16th. The meeting was an open forum style event sponsored by AGF who manufacture drain and test valves. The group also held a discussion on local issues related to the fire sprinkler industry and a report in absentia from Regional Manager Bruce Lecair who was in California at the CFPI Conference. The next meeting will be held on May 14th followed by meetings on July 9th, September 10th, and concluding the 2018 schedule on November 12th.

The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter held their meeting on March 28th in Fremont, CA. at the Saki's Spin a Yarn Restaurant and Grill. Chapter President Dave Scherson (above left) led a lively meeting with topics ranging from local issues to the creation of a Chapter Education Committee. Bruce Lecair gave a roundup of topics and information from throughout the state including training OSFM: Committees and NFSA projects nationwide. Area Director Peter Hulin gave a report on the recent Board Meeting. Additional meetings for the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter are planned for, May 30th, July 25th, and September 26th.

The Los Angeles Chapter will be meeting on April 18th at the Rio Hondo Golf and Event Center in Downey, CA. beginning with drinks and conversation at 4:30 and the meeting at 5:30. Additional meetings are scheduled for, June 20th, August 15th, and October 17th.

ICC NFSA Code Development Committee Information

Early in March, the International Code Council (ICC) released the monograph for the upcoming code hearings on the 2021 IRC. To the pleasant surprise of residential fire sprinkler proponents, there are **NO** proposals to R313, meaning, no one is challenging the residential sprinkler requirement in the 2021 IRC. This is great news!

Just a few notes held over from the March report and the NFSA Code Development Team lead by Director of Code Development Jeff Hugo and some links for your use!

Regarding ITM-Reporting Services, do you submit your ITM inspection reports online? If so, chances are it is going through an ITM reporting service employed through a jurisdiction. The NFSA is establishing a map of ITM-reporting services across the US and we are in the process of identifying these areas. Please help us and fill out this form: https://members.nfsa.org/general/custom.asp?page=ITM_Reporting

Regarding the tracking of codes, has the code changed in the areas you work, design, or inspect in? The NFSA tracks when codes are updated, as well as several referenced standards, like NFPA 13 and NFPA 25. Please help us update our records by filling out this one-minute form: https://members.nfsa.org/page/ITM_Code_Tracker

NFSA Training in the Southwest!!

NFSA is still accepting students for seminars in Concord, CA. in May 5-8 and Las Vegas June 5-6. It also looks like we will be offering a 3-day seminar in Maui in later this summer. This will be a contract class sponsored by Maui County Fire Department and hosted by Assistant Fire Chief Val Martin.

The NFSA training site is open and we are accepting students for the 2-week Layout Technician Class to be held from July 22 – August 2 in the Sacramento area.



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.

2019 Schedule

Understanding, Applying and Enforcing NFPA 25, Concord, CA.	Dates:5/8
Understanding, Applying and Enforcing NFPA 13D, Concord, CA.	Dates: 5/9
2-day Plan Review. Las Vegas, NV.	Dates: 6/5-6
2-Week Layout Technician Class, Sacramento, CA.	July 22-August 2.

2019 Tech Tuesdays...a free member benefit!

On-line Tech Tuesday seminars are free to members....but you must be registered 24 hours prior to the event. Once the Tech Tuesday seminar is over, it becomes archived in NFSA's on-line training portal. You

do not have to watch it live to get free price, but again, you must register in advance. These seminars qualify for CEUs and are live at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

- April 16: The IFC for Fire Sprinkler Contractors
- May 21: Proposed Updates to NFPA 25, 2020 edition
- June 18: Recommended Practices for Insulation

NOTE TO WEST COAST MEMBERS--a new time slot for Tech Tuesdays will be announced soon. You may be able to sleep in!

Seven Fire Sprinkler Saves in the Southwest

The month of March saw seven successful fire sprinkler saves in the Southwest!!!

March 6, Tucson, AZ. Fire sprinkler system activated to help keep fire at a supermarket from growing. A midtown Safeway was open again Monday after a fire broke out late Friday, March 1. The store in the 1900 block of East Broadway was partially open, according to a customer service representative. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/tucson-az-sprinkler-system-activates-to-help-keep-fire-at-supermarket-from-growing/>.

March 10, Las Vegas, NV. Arcade machine fire at The STRAT Hotel and Casino is put out by the fire sprinkler system. Fire officials are investigating an arcade machine fire at The STRAT Hotel and Casino. Crews got the call around 8:30 p.m., Friday night. Tim Szymanski with Las Vegas Fire and Rescue says an arcade machine caught fire and was put out by the fire sprinkler in the building. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/las-vegas-nv-arcade-machine-fire-at-the-strat-hotel-and-casino-is-put-out-by-sprinkler-system/>.

March 13, Cherryland, CA. Fire sprinkler system extinguished fire at assisted living center. One resident of Landmark Villa Senior Residential & Assisted Living center in Cherryland suffered smoke inhalation in a fire early Friday morning. The victim was transported by ambulance to the hospital for treatment. The Alameda County Fire Department responded to the cooking fire at 4:17 a.m. The building's fire sprinkler system doused the flames. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/cherryland-ca-sprinkler-system-extinguished-fire-at-assisted-living-center/>.

March 25, San Mateo, CA. Fire sprinkler system helps keep arson fire from spreading inside building. San Mateo police are asking for help identifying two people seen in an alley where burning garbage cans threatened a building early Thursday morning. Police and firefighters were sent at 3:23 a.m. to the first block of Second Avenue, near South El Camino Real. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/san-mateo-ca-sprinkler-helps-keep-arson-fire-from-spreading-inside-building/>.

March 25, Henderson, NV. Fire set by barricaded person extinguished by home fire sprinkler system. A person with a weapon was barricaded inside a home Thursday night, according to Henderson Police. Henderson police say the suspect was taken into custody without incident at about 8:45 p.m. and that no injuries were reported at the scene. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/henderson-nv-fire-set-by-barricaded-person-extinguished-by-home-fire-sprinkler-system/>.

March 27, Los Angeles, CA. Fire in suspected illegal drug lab in apartment building is put out by fire sprinkler system. An explosion inside a Koreatown apartment building prompted the evacuation of the all residents and left one man injured and in custody Tuesday morning. Firefighters responded about 12:30 a.m. to reports of a small explosion inside a building in the 800 block of South Ardmore Street. View the full

post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/los-angeles-ca-fire-in-suspected-illegal-drug-lab-in-apartment-building-is-put-out-by-sprinkler-system/>.

March 30, Yuma, AZ. Apartment fire extinguished by fire sprinkler system. The Yuma Fire Department responded to an apartment fire Tuesday morning that was extinguished by a fire sprinkler. YFD said just before 10 a.m. firefighters arrived to find an extinguished fire that started on the stove top due to an unattended pan of oil. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/yuma-az-apartment-fire-extinguished-by-sprinkler-system-no-injuries-reported-and-fire-damage-limited/>.

Upcoming Meetings in the Southwest

San Diego Fire Protection Association, Tuesday, April 9, 2019, Sizzler's Restaurant, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road 11:30 to 1:00 p.m.

SoCal Fire Prevention Officers Association, The SoCal FPO' will be meeting at the Huntington Beach Central Library located at 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA. on April 10th from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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. The March Coalition Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 17th at 10:00 a.m. You will be able to attend the meeting by accessing teleconference at 1-855-747-8824, access number: 446676#.

NFSA Los Angeles Area Chapter Meeting, Thursday, April 18, from 5:30 pm to conclusion at the Rio Hondo Golf and Event Center in Downey, CA.

Nor Cal Fire Prevention Officers Association, The March meeting will be held on April 26th in Winters, CA. at the PG&E Gas Safety Academy at 1 PG&E Way in Winters, CA. The meeting will be held from 9:30 to 3:00.

Arizona NFSA Chapter Meeting, Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at the Phoenix Fire Department Headquarters at 150 S. 12th Street in Phoenix, AZ. From 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.

NFSA San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Meeting, the next meeting date is being scheduled for May 30, 2019 at Saki's Spin A Yarn Restaurant in Fremont, CA. from 5-8.



"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](#)

Not getting the most from your membership???

Are you and your staff accessing time-saving Expert of the Day when you have an issue that is taking a lot of time to resolve?
Do you and your staff know how to search the extensive NFSA Technical archives?
Are the NFSA Technical Updates reaching the right people? Are you involved in the many social media platforms to learn the latest industry information, and share what you and your company have to say?

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!

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