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NFPA's Alarming Stastic on Home Fires Reinforces Need for Home Fire Sprinklers

In an article posted online by NFPA's Fred Durso in January, Lorraine Carly, NFPA Advocacy, Legislation and Public Outreach writes that home fire sprinklers are more important to the survival of home owners than in the past. In fact, did you know that if you have a reported fire in your home, you are more likely to die in that fire today than nearly 40 years ago?

This shocking fact comes from NFPA's Research and Analysis Division. Yes, there have been tremendous strides in reducing the U.S. home fire problem; smoke alarm use, public education, and code enforcement efforts have contributed to a decline in home fire deaths. For instance, in 1980, there were about 5,200 home fire deaths. In 2016, that number has decreased to about 2,700.

However, the number of home fire deaths per 1,000 fires (also known as the home fire death rate) in one- and two-family homes has remained consistent and seemed to have increased a bit. When comparing the home fire death rate in 1980 with the rate in 2016, that's exactly what happened.

In her column for [NFPA Journal](#), Lorraine Carli points to a new home's [unprotected, lightweight construction, open floor plans, and synthetic furnishings](#) as the culprit for the higher fatality rate in homes. "[The home fire death rate comparison] clearly states the problem and shows why the solutions we advocate for are so critical," states Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "Without adequate smoke alarms, home fire sprinklers, and a public educated about these facts, we cannot hope to change the trend anytime soon."

These crucial statistics are what's needed to prompt our audiences to take action and raise awareness about a nationwide problem. [Read Carli's column.](#)

Southwest Chapter News

The Arizona State Chapter met on January 8th at the Phoenix Fire Department Headquarters from for a lunch meeting where members discussed regional fire sprinkler issues and topics affecting the Valley of the Sun and the State of Arizona. This was the first meeting of the year for the Arizona Chapter. The other meetings for 2019 are scheduled for:

- 3-12-19
- 5-14-19
- 7-9-19
- 9-10-19
- 11-12-19

The California Chapters met on consecutive dates to accommodate visits from NFPA President Shane Ray, Labor Relations Vice President Fred Barall and Director of Field Operations Gary West. The Los Angeles NFSA Area Chapter met on Wednesday, January 23rd at Luminarias in Los Angeles for a dinner meeting with presentations and reports from President Shane Ray, Labor Relations V.P. Fred Barall and Associate Director of Field Operations, Bruce Lecair.

The San Francisco NFSA Bay Area Chapter Meeting was held the next evening at Saki's Spin A Yarn Restaurant in Fremont, CA. for an Industry Promotion Meeting and Chapter Meeting with reports from President Ray, Labor Relations Vice President Fred Barall and Associate Director of Field Operations, Bruce Lecair. Both meetings were very well attended and provided NFSA members with a great opportunity to ask questions and learn of the news and event nationally and at NFSA Headquarters.

California Fire Prevention Officers News

The Southern California Fire Prevention Officers Association met on Wednesday, January 9th at the ICC Regional Office in Brea, CA. for a meeting that featured state, local and stakeholder reports including a report on NFSA events and news from Regional Manager Bruce Lecair. The afternoon program was "Fire Safety, Energy Storage Systems and the most recent changes in the California Building, Residential and Fire Codes."

The Northern California Fire Prevention Officers Association met on Friday, January 25th at the Sac Metro Headquarters in Mather, CA. for a special meeting that featured stakeholder reports, updates and question and answer sessions from ICC, OSFM, DSA, OSHPD, CALBO, Cal Chiefs and a 30-minute presentation from Regional Manager Bruce Lecair on NFSA's news and events. The meeting was hugely attended and a great opportunity for those in attendance to learn of the various activities from the stakeholders in the fire prevention and protection communities.

NFSA Training in the Southwest!!

We are pleased to announce that training in the Southwest is moving forward after a great 2018. We have already lined up 2019 classes in February in Tucson, AZ. and in Las Vegas June 5-6. We are planning another seminar in Woodland, CA. in April or May! It also looks like we will be offering a 3-day seminar in Maui in April! This will be a contract class sponsored by Maui County Fire Department and hosted by Assistant Fire Chief Val Martin.



A site is about to be announced for the 2-week Layout Technician Class to be held from July 22 – August 2 in the Sacramento area. This is going to be 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.

2019 Schedule

NFPA 16 Update, Tucson, AZ.	Dates: 2/11
Standpipe Systems for Fire Protection, Tucson, AZ.	Dates: 2/12
2-day Plan Review, Las Vegas, NV.	Dates: 6/5-6

Fire Sprinkler Saves in the Southwest

The month of January saw four successful fire sprinkler saves in the Southwest!!!

January 7, Poway, CA. - Grease fire at Panda Express extinguished by fire sprinkler system. A small grease fire Wednesday morning at a Poway restaurant caused a minor injury and resulted in the closure of the business. Firefighters were called to Panda Express, 13624 Poway Road about 11:35 a.m. and found that a fire sprinkler had put the fire out. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/poway-ca-grease-fire-at-panda-express-extinguished-by-sprinkler-system/>.

January 11, Rancho Cucamonga, CA. – Fire Sprinkler system activates in hotel fire and assists firefighters in extinguishing blaze. Hotel guests had to be evacuated after a fire broke out at Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, Tuesday night. Firefighters responded to the reported fire at the Four Points by Sheraton in the 11900 block of Foothill Boulevard around 9:55 PM. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/rancho-cucamonga-ca-sprinkler-system-activates-in-hotel-fire-assists-firefighters-in-extinguishing-blaze/>.

January 13, Redding, CA - Vehicle fire in garage of home controlled with help from fire sprinkler system. A fire sprinkler inside a garage and firefighters quick response helped keep a vehicle fire from spreading beyond the garage Thursday morning. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/redding-ca-vehicle-fire-in-garage-of-home-controlled-with-help-from-sprinkler-system/>.

January 14, Reno, NV. - Apartment kitchen fire extinguished by fire sprinkler system. No injuries were reported. A fire sprinkler put out a fire at a downtown Reno apartment. A half dozen units are unable to be occupied and some residents needed American Red Cross help to find a place to stay Thursday night. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/reno-nv-apartment-kitchen-fire-extinguished-by-sprinkler-system-no-injuries-reported/>.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule in the Southwest

SoCal Fire Prevention Officers Association, The Southern California Fire Prevention Officers will be attending the California Fire Alarm Association in Palm Springs on February 6-8 for meetings focusing on the fire alarm side of the business. The March meeting will be held in April due to the California Fire Prevention Institute held on March 11-15.

San Diego Fire Protection Association, Tuesday, February 12, 2019, Sizzler's Restaurant, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 pm. Representatives from San Diego FD Fire Prevention will be there to share new information on flushing water mains, new way to request inspections and the new information bulletin on FDC's.

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, February 20, 2019 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#.

Nor Cal Fire Prevention Officers Association, Friday, February 22, 2019, 9:30 -3:00 at the Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center located at 17000 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill, CA. The afternoon program will be given by Mike Cox, "Renewable energy, fertilizers, and the future of hydrogen fuel cells."

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.

Arizona NFSA Chapter Meeting, Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at the Phoenix Fire Department Headquarters at 150 S. 12th Street in Phoenix, AZ. Lunch will be provided.

NFSA San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Meeting, the next meeting date is being scheduled for March 28, 2019 at Saki's Spin A Yarn Restaurant in Fremont, CA. from 5-8.

You Can Sponsor A Cornhole Board!!

Here's a great opportunity to get your company name right where the action is at our *North American Fire Sprinkler Expo* this May!


An exciting cornhole tournament will take place right in the exhibit hall during show hours and we're holding a spot for your company logo on two cornhole boards!

To add to the value of this fun sponsorship, the boards will be shipped to you for you to keep after the expo.

Interested? Go to www.nfsa.org to purchase!

Don't pass up this great opportunity for maximum exposure at minimum cost!
See you there!


Put your logo where the action is!



NFSA is now offering sponsorships for custom cornhole boards and bags

Get ready for the cornhole tournament on the exhibit floor for only \$750! Sponsors get to keep them, too.

Contact Joanne Genadio via email at genadio@nfsa.org to learn more.




"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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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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