



Regional Report March 2019



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Southwest Region:

California, Hawaii',
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Registrations are still Open!!!

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>
- 4.) Full schedule Day by Day is available here: <https://nfsa.org/annual-seminar/schedule/>



NFPA 25 Work Group Holds First Meeting

Regional Manager Bruce Lecair, former Area Director Jack Thacker and NFSA Contractor and fellow Work Group members Darryl Hefley and Randy Dysart from Jorgenson Company and Jason Hudgins from Walschon Fire Protection attended the first California State Fire Marshal Office NFPA 25 Work Group Meeting on February 13th in Sacramento, CA. The Work Group is charged by the State Fire Marshal with reviewing the 2017 edition of NFPA 25 and comparing the current 2011 California edition and making recommendations for the next California edition. Ultimately, it is the intent to base the California edition on the upcoming 2020 NFPA 25 edition should it be approved by the NFPA 25 committee this spring.

Regional Manager Bruce Lecair will chair the Subcommittee reviewing Chapters 1-4, 13-14. That subcommittee will make recommendations for any amendments toward the adoption of the next edition. The next NFPA 25 Work Group meeting will be held at the Office of the State Marshal in Sacramento on April 24th.

NFSA Code Development Committee Information

The NFSA Code Development Team lead buy Director of Code Development Jeff Hugo has 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

California Fire Prevention Officers News

The Northern California Fire Prevention Officers met on Friday, February 22nd at the Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center in Morgan Hill, CA. for the Annual Past Presidents Meeting. The meeting is held monthly but each year the FPO's take time to honor the Past Presidents who have served the Association with dedication and commitment to improving the quality of fire prevention in the north state.

The meeting also featured stakeholder and committee reports including an NFSA report from Regional Manager Bruce Lecair and a report from Maryland Regional Manager John Waters on the NFSA Retrofit Project. The afternoon program was given by Mike Cox on "Renewable energy, fertilizers, and the future of hydrogen fuel cells."

NFSA Training in the Southwest!!

We are pleased to announce that training in the Southwest is moving forward after a great 2018. We have conducted a great set of classes February in Tucson, AZ. and NFSA will be in Concord, CA. in May and 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

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.

Fire Sprinkler Saves in the Southwest

The month of February saw two successful fire sprinkler saves in the Southwest!!!

February 11, Phoenix, AZ. Fire sprinkler system activated at warehouse fire with no injuries reported. Crews from the Phoenix Fire Department were called out Saturday afternoon to fight a working first-alarm warehouse fire. The fire broke out around 3 p.m. at a warehouse in an industrial area near 22nd Avenue and Thomas Road. When fire crews arrived at the warehouse, they encountered heavy smoke conditions. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/phoenix-az-sprinkler-system-activated-at-warehouse-fire-no-injuries-reported/>.

February 21, Paso Robles, CA. Fire sprinkler system held a fire in check at the Lowe's Home Improvement until fire crews arrived. A fire started inside the Lowe's Home Improvement in Paso Robles on Saturday night. According to Paso Fire Battalion Chief Scott Hallett, a fire started in the rear of the building, in the receiving and storage area of the store around 8:30 p.m. Multiple resources responded alongside Paso Robles Fire including CalFire Units. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/paso-robles-ca-sprinkler-system-held-fire-in-check-at-lowes-home-improvement-until-fire-crews-arrived/>.

Upcoming Meetings in the Southwest

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.

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, March 12th at 6:00 pm at the California Fire Prevention Institute in Buellton, CA.

SoCal Fire Prevention Officers Association, 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, April 9, 2019, Sizzler's Restaurant, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 pm.

Nor Cal Fire Prevention Officers Association, The March meeting will be held in April due to the California Fire Prevention Institute held on March 11-15.

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.



“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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