



## Regional Report July 2019



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### California OSFM Committees are Up and Running!!

Beginning in January, the California Office of the State Fire Marshal reestablished the use of stakeholder committees throughout the State. The reorganized committees include the Automatic Extinguishing Systems Advisory Committee and the NFPA 25 Work Group. Regional Manager Bruce Lecair, former Area Director Jack Thacker and NFSA Contractor Jason Hudgins from Walschon Fire Protection as well as Darryl Hefley and Randy Dysart from Jorgenson Company are NFSA members representing stakeholder organizations across the State. The committee is appointed by the State Fire Marshal and is formed to address fire protection issues and make recommendations to the State Fire Marshal on each issue. Currently the

committee is charged with making recommendations for needed changes to the AES Fitter Certification Program and overseeing the NFPA 25 adoption process.

The first California State Fire Marshal Office NFPA 25 Work Group Meeting was held on February 13th in Sacramento, CA. and have been continued throughout the winter and spring months. 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 make recommendations for the next California edition. Ultimately, it is the intent of the Work Group to base the California edition on the upcoming 2020 NFPA 25 edition should it be approved by the NFPA 25 committee at the NFPA Conference in San Antonio, TX. this spring. Three subcommittees were formed to study the previous and recent editions of the standard and make recommendations for any amendments in the next edition. Regional Manager Bruce Lecair is the chair of the Subcommittee reviewing Chapters 1-4, 14 -15. All three subcommittees will be submitting their initial statement of reasons on California Title 19, Division 1, Chapter 5 to the AES Committee by the end of the summer for staff review.

### Tips for Submitting Your EOD Questions!!

NFSA's Vince Powers is sharing a few tips on how to best utilize the Expert of the Day member benefit. The NFSA Engineering Department is available each weekday to answer member questions via email, phone (or fax). The questions will be answered in the order received and are treated as confidential. To help expedite the process, remember these tips:

--This is a member-only benefit, so if your membership is not up to date, your question will be placed on hold until you are renewed.

--Clearly state your question. If you have multiple questions, break them out.



--Note your governing codes and standards, including the edition year and any jurisdiction-specific requirements. (If no codes are standards are noted, the current editions will be used to answer your question.)

--Include any supporting documents that may provide clarification.

The email to reach the Expert of the Day is [eod@nfsa.org](mailto:eod@nfsa.org); the phone number is (443) 552-4764.

### **Southwest Chapter News!!**

The Los Angeles Chapter met on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Rio Hondo Golf and Event Center in Downey, CA. for a report from Regional Manager Bruce Lecair on the Office of the State Fire Marshal NFPA 25 Work Group project for adoption of the next edition of NFPA 25 in California. Regional Manager Lecair also reported on the OSFM Automatic Extinguishing Systems Advisory Committee, the Fitter Certification CEU Program and NFSA training in Southern California. Also, in attendance was Area Director Peter Hulin from Superior Automatic Fire Protection who will give an update on the recent NFSA Board Meeting and discussed concerns regarding the movement of hangars and bracing in form NFPA 13 to a separate NFPA Standard. Additional meetings are scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup>, and October 17<sup>th</sup>. The August meeting will be held to solicit nominations for Chapter Officers the upcoming Chapter Board. The election of Officers will be held at the October meeting.

The next Arizona State Chapter met at the Phoenix Fire Department Headquarters at 150 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street in Phoenix, Arizona on July 9<sup>th</sup> for a luncheon meeting. Future NFSA Arizona Chapter Meetings are scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup>, September 10<sup>th</sup> and concluding the 2019 schedule on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter meeting scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. The next meeting is planned for September 26 in Fremont, CA. at the Saki's Spin a Yarn Restaurant and Grill.

### **FPO's Meet in June!!**

The Fire Prevention Officers in California met at both ends of the state during the month of June beginning with the SoCal FPO meeting at the Corona Fire Headquarters Emergency Operations Center in Corona, CA. on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The meeting included stakeholder reports from the various associations across the state and the Office of the State Fire Marshal as well committee reports from the association sub-committees. The afternoon presentation was presented by Kevin Reinertson on "2019 CFC Code Updates."

The NorCal Fire Prevention Officers Association met on June 28<sup>th</sup> at Za's Lakefront Restaurant in beautiful Tahoe City, CA. The meeting included stakeholder reports Regional Manager Bruce Lecair as well committee meetings for the association sub-committees. The afternoon presentation was given by Michael Munuz, Engineered Corrosion Solutions on nitrogen fire sprinkler systems.

### **NFSA Training in the Southwest!!**

After a great two-day seminar in Brea, CA, hosted by Robert Rowe, Executive Director of the Southern California Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board and taught by Chase Browning, Las Vegas is the next site for NFSA training in the Southwest!! The 2-day Plan Review class in Las Vegas is scheduled for July 15-16 and is on the NFSA website for easy registration. It also looks like we will be offering a 3-day contract seminar in Maui in later this summer. This contract seminar is sponsored by Maui County Fire Department and hosted by Assistant Fire Chief Val Martin.



We are currently finalizing a seminar in Visalia, CA. and have already scheduled our first seminar for 2020 in Tucson, AZ. at the Northwest Fire District Training Center on February 25-27. The classes are going to be the 2-day Fire Sprinkler Plan Review and the one day Rough-in and Final of Fire Sprinkler Systems.

The NFSA training site is open and we are still accepting students for the 2-week Layout Technician Class to be held from July 22 – August 2 in the Sacramento area. Registration for this class has been good and it looks like we are on track for a great 2-weeks of training in Sacramento. Roland Asp and Ken Isman will be teaching the first 1-week track. Mark

Hopkins, VP of NFSA Engineering will be teaching the second 1-week track.

For more information on NFSA classes and seminars, go to: [seminars@nfsa.org](mailto:seminars@nfsa.org) or contact Regional Manager Bruce Lecair at: [lecair@nfsa.org](mailto:lecair@nfsa.org) or (951) 805-8992.

**2019-20 Schedule**

2-day Plan Review. Las Vegas, NV.	Dates: 7/15-16
2-Week Layout Technician Class, Sacramento, CA.	Dates July 22-August 2
2-day Fire Sprinkler Plan Review, Tucson, AZ.	Dates: February 25-26, 2020
1-day Rough-in and Final of Fire Sprinkler Systems, Tucson, AZ.	Dates: February 27, 2020

**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.

- August 20: Foam Systems ITM – NFPA 25, NFPA 11, and NFPA 16
- September 17: Extracts in NFPA Codes and Conflicts
- October 15: Recommended Practices for Insulation
- November 19: NFPA 909 Requirement for Cultural Properties
- December 17: NFPA 15: Water Spray Fixed Systems

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

**Four Fire Sprinkler Saves in the Southwest!!!**

June 5, Eureka, CA. Fire sprinkler prevents significant fire damage throughout hotel by confining fire to one room. No injuries were reported. On 6/5/19 at 2:44 P.M. units from Humboldt Bay Fire responded to a reported structure fire at a hotel on the 2200 Block of Fourth Street. The first arriving engine found heavy smoke in one first floor room of the hotel. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/eureka-ca-fire->

[sprinkler-prevents-significant-fire-damage-throughout-hotel-by-confining-fire-to-one-room-no-injuries-reported/](#).

June 7, Visalia, CA - Dryer fire at homeless shelter stopped by fire sprinkler activation. No injuries were reported. Visalia's largest homeless shelter had a close call after an industrial-sized dryer caught fire early Tuesday morning, according to Visalia Fire Department. Thankfully the damage was minimal but Visalia Rescue Mission (VRM) will be in the market for a new dryer and possibly a fresh coat of paint. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/visalia-ca-dryer-fire-at-homeless-shelter-stopped-by-fire-sprinkler-activation-no-injuries-reported/>.

June 23, Los Angeles, CA. Fire sprinkler system contains fire at three-story commercial building. No injuries were reported. On Sunday, firefighters knocked down a fire in a room on the second floor of a three-story commercial building in South Los Angeles that was also held in check by the structure's fire sprinkler system. Five people were also escorted from the basement of the building. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/los-angeles-ca-sprinkler-system-contains-fire-at-three-story-commercial-building-no-injuries-reported/>.

June 27, Simi Valley, CA. Simi Valley, CA - Chemical fire at warehouse contained by fire sprinkler system. A large chemical fire in an industrial building in Simi Valley that sent plumes of smoke into the sky early Tuesday has been contained, fire officials said. Ventura County fire crews received a report of a hazardous material emergency at a warehouse in the 100 block of Cochran Street. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/simi-valley-ca-chemical-fire-at-warehouse-contained-by-fire-sprinkler-system/>.

### Upcoming Meetings in the Southwest

**Arizona State NFSA Chapter Meeting**, Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at the Phoenix Fire Department Headquarters at 150 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street in Phoenix, AZ. From 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.

**SoCal Fire Prevention Officers Association**. Wednesday, July 10, 2019. The SoCal FPOs will be meeting at the Corona Fire Headquarters Emergency Operations Center, 735 Public Safety Wy (2nd Floor), Corona, CA. The afternoon presentation will be presented by Kevin Reinertson on "2019 CFC Code Updates."

**California Fire Sprinkler Coalition Meeting**. The July Coalition Meeting will be held Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. You will be able to attend the meeting by accessing teleconference at 1-855-747-8824, access number: 446676#.

**California Office of the State Fire Marshal NFPA 25 Work Group Meeting**. July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Woodland Fire Department Training Center located at 1550 Springlake Court in Woodland, CA. from 10:00 to 4:00. The work group is formed to study the current California 2011 edition of NFPA 25 and make recommendations to the California State Fire Marshal for the next California edition.

**NFSA San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Meeting**, the scheduled for July 25, 2019 at Saki's Spin A Yarn Restaurant in Fremont, CA. has been cancelled. The next meeting will be on September 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 at Saki's Spin A Yarn.

**Nor Cal Fire Prevention Officers Association**. The next meeting will be held on July 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 - 3:00 at the Best Western – Sea Cliff Inn & Severino's Inn in Aptos, CA. The meeting is hosted by the Santa Cruz County FPO's, Central Fire Protection District and the National Fire Protection Association.



**San Diego Fire Protection Association.** Tuesday, August 13, 2019, Sizzler's Restaurant, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road 11:30 to 1:00 p.m.

**NFSA Los Angeles Area Chapter Meeting.** Thursday, August 15th from 5:30 pm to conclusion at the Rio Hondo Golf and Event Center in Downey, CA. Nominations for new Chapter Officers will be accepted at this meeting.

**Check out the great resources available for reaching out to Realtors!**



The California Fire Sprinkler Coalition has a great list of Real Estate Organizations throughout the state and are actively reaching out to our local realtors for opportunities to present on the benefits and how residential fire sprinklers are constructed and how they activate.

So, if you're putting your fire-sprinklered house on the market, make sure your [#realestate](#) agent knows how to promote its added value! Download & share.

<http://homefiresprinkler.org/selling-a-home>.

And if you are looking for more information or how to join the California Fire Sprinkler Coalition go to:

<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Campaigns/Fire-Sprinkler-Initiative/Fire-sprinkler-coalitions/California-Fire-Sprinkler-Coalition>

“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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