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Home for Wounded Veterans Retrofit with Fire Sprinklers Featured on Designing Spaces

In an article on Twitter, PRNewswire published an article from Orland Park, Ill. on June 3, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Home fires become deadly in just two minutes or less. Survival depends on being able to escape, literally in seconds.

For Noah Currier, a quadriplegic, that's a terrifying reality. "It takes me 10 minutes to get out of bed, into my wheelchair and outside," he explains. And beyond his personal challenge, Currier's house is more than a home. He runs weekly clinics out of it for the Oscar Mike Foundation in Poplar Grove, Illinois. He founded the foundation to help injured veterans get involved in adaptive sports.



Pre-shoot meeting with Chad Huennekens, president, United States Alliance Fire Protection; Noah Currier, founder, Oscar Mike Foundation and Jennifer Bertrand, host, Designing Spaces.

Currier's well-founded fear of fire – for himself and for others who visit his home – was completely eased recently when producers for the television show *Designing Spaces* heard that his home needed a remodel and stepped up to make sure it would be protected with residential fire sprinklers.

Designing Spaces is a home improvement show that airs on Lifetime. The production team travels across the country to remodel, redecorate, and redesign homes. The Oscar Mike Foundation retrofit project made perfect sense for the team – an important mission with a vulnerable population. Those most at risk from home fire injury and death include people with disabilities, older adults and young children. Fire sprinklers protect all occupants, but they are especially beneficial in homes with people who cannot escape quickly.

Currier's fire sprinkler system was donated through a combined effort of the National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA) and the Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board (NIFSAB). United States Alliance Fire Protection (USAFP) was the fire sprinkler contractor that worked with the *Designing Spaces* team to design and retrofit the system in accordance with code requirements. USAFP President, Chad Huennekens,

was interviewed and will appear in the segment talking about home fire sprinklers, the project, and how it will protect people in the home.

The show featuring the fire sprinkler installation at the Oscar Mike Foundation aired on June 6, at 6:30 am CT on Lifetime. It is a 3-part series with USAFP included in the first segment. The episode will also be available online at <https://designingspaces.tv/>.

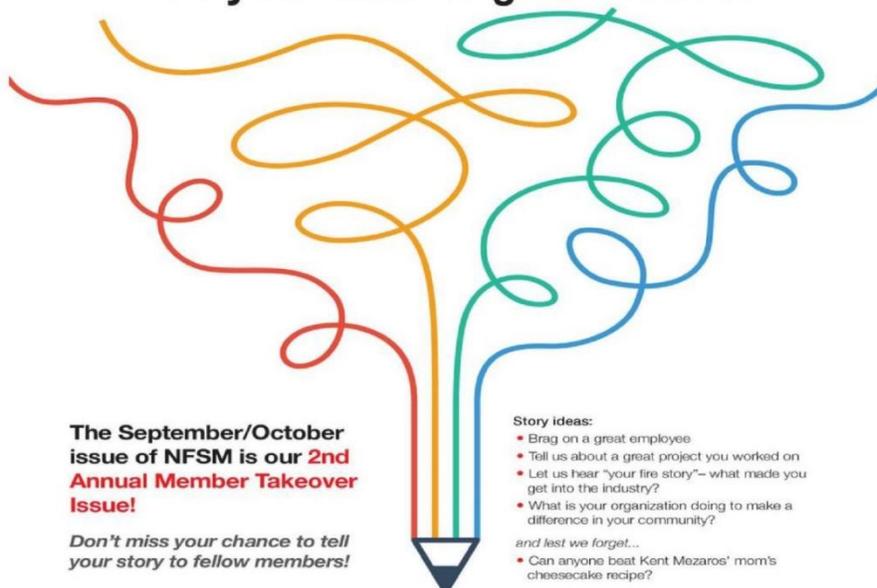
To view the original content, go to: <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/home-wounded-veterans-retrofit-fire-sprinklers-featured-designing-202900814.html>

Second Annual Member Takeover Issue is Around the Corner!!!

Deadline for submissions is June 25th!

Send all materials and/or inquiries to
NFSM Editor Joanne Genadio at genadio@nfsa.org

It's your time to get creative!



The September/October issue of NFSM is our **2nd Annual Member Takeover Issue!**

Don't miss your chance to tell your story to fellow members!

Story ideas:

- Brag on a great employee
- Tell us about a great project you worked on
- Let us hear "your fire story"— what made you get into the industry?
- What is your organization doing to make a difference in your community?

and last we forget...

- Can anyone beat Kent Mezaros' mom's cheesecake recipe?

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>

Southwest NFSA Chapter News!!

The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter met on May 30th in Fremont, CA. at the Saki's Spin a Yarn Restaurant and Grill for a great presentation from Associate Director of NFSA Special Projects, Caleb Armbrust. Armbrust who showed members at the meeting the NFSA website features and the NFSA membership site. He demonstrated how members can obtain NFSA news and information and make it available for access to all their employees. Members also received a report from Area Director Peter Hulin and Regional Manager Bruce Lecair. Additional meetings for the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter are planned for July 25th and September 26th.

The Los Angeles Chapter will be meeting on June 20th 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 will be reporting on the OSFM Automatic Extinguishing Systems Advisory Committee, the Fitter Certification CEU Program and NFSA training in Southern California. Also, in attendance will be Area Director Peter Hulin from Superior Automatic Fire Protection who will give an update on the recent NFSA Board Meeting. Additional meetings are scheduled for August 15th, and October 17th.

The next Arizona State Chapter met at the Phoenix Fire Department Headquarters at 150 S. 12th Street in Phoenix, Arizona on May 14th for a luncheon meeting sponsored by the NFSA. Members held a lively and well attended meeting to discuss fire sprinkler issues throughout the region. Members also received a report from Area Director Aaron Bennett and Regional Manager Bruce Lecair. Future NFSA Arizona Chapter Meetings are scheduled for July 9th, September 10th and concluding the 2019 schedule on November 12th.

FPO's Meet in May!!

The Fire Prevention Officers in California met at both ends of the state during the month of May beginning with the SoCal FPO meeting at the Chevron Refinery in El Segundo on May 8th. This was a great meeting with reports from committees and stakeholders that included ICC, NFPA, the Office of the State Fire Marshal and concluded with a tour of the refinery and that included its fire protection systems.

The NorCal Fire Prevention Officers Association met on May 17th in Hayward, CA. at the U.A. Local 483 Sprinkler Fitter Hall. The meeting included stakeholder reports Regional Manager Bruce Lecair as well committee meetings for the various association sub-committees. The afternoon presentation was a tour of the training facility that includes various fire sprinkler systems, fire pumps and underground fire protection.

NFSA Training in the Southwest!!

The next site for NFSA training in the Southwest will be in Brea, CA. for a 2-day Protection of Storage Occupancies class. This class is sponsored by the Southern California Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board and is free to AHJ's. The 2-day Plan Review class in Las Vegas has been moved to July 15-16 and is on the NFSA website for easy registration. 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. Registration for this class has been good and it looks like we are on track for a great 2-weeks of training in Sacramento.

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

2-day Protection for Storage Occupancies, Brea, CA.	Dates: 6/25-26
2-day Plan Review. Las Vegas, NV.	Dates: 7/15-16
2-Week Layout Technician Class, Sacramento, CA.	Dates 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.

- 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!

Eleven Fire Sprinkler Saves in the Southwest!!!

May 2, Menlo Park, CA. around 8:15 p.m. and discovered that machinery inside the building was on fire, and the fire suppression sprinkler system was keeping the fire contained. View the full post at: <http://sprinklersaves.com/yuma-az-sprinkler-system-contains-fire-to-machinery-at-paper-company/>.

May 3, Sacramento, CA. Restaurant saved by sprinkler system following early morning fire. Firefighters are investigating after a small fire damaged a Sacramento restaurant early Monday morning. Fire crews were called to the Shabu Pub on Freeport Boulevard. Both the burglar and fire alarms were going off. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/sacramento-ca-restaurant-saved-by-sprinkler-system-following-early-morning-fire/>.

May 4, Studio City, CA. Fire that started after woman crashed car into dealership is contained with help from fire sprinkler system. A woman in her 20s was taken into custody after crashing her car into the glass window of the Century West BMW dealership around 2:00 a.m. the Los Angeles Police Department noted on Wednesday, April 24. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/studio-city-ca-fire-that-started-after-woman-crashed-car-into-dealership-is-contained-with-help-from-sprinkler-system/>.

May 10, Los Angeles, CA. Fire at high school extinguished by fire sprinkler system. No injuries were reported. A fire at San Pedro High School damaged a single classroom on Tuesday morning but was out by the time firefighters arrived at the campus. Firefighters, shortly before 8 a.m., responded to reports of smoke and fire on the campus at 1001 W. 15th Street. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/los-angeles-ca-single-room-fire-at-high-school-extinguished-by-sprinkler-system-no-injuries-reported/>.

May 10, Newark, CA. Fire sprinkler system holds fire at local business in check. No injuries were reported. A 2-alarm fire at a Newark business was contained to a test room within 30 minutes of Alameda County firefighters arriving at the scene Thursday morning, according to fire department spokeswoman Aisha Knowles. The fire broke out at NTS Newark Test Lab, located at 38995 Cherry Street. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/newark-ca-sprinkler-system-holds-fire-at-local-business-in-check-no-injuries-reported/>.

May 12, Santa Rosa, CA. Electrical fire in sixth floor apartment doused by fire sprinkler system. Fire broke out early Wednesday in a top-floor apartment of downtown Santa Rosa's historic Rosenberg Building, trapping a female resident who was rescued by firefighters, displacing five and forcing the evacuation of the large building, according to Santa Rosa fire officials. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/santa-rosa-ca-successful-sprinkler-system-activation-on-sixth-floor-of-apartment-building/>.

May 13, Tracy, CA. Automatic fire sprinkler system contains fire originating in storage area for collapsed cardboard boxes. Two police officers caught a fire that was just beginning behind a Tracy Boulevard grocery store in time for firefighters to arrive and keep the flames from spreading inside. The officers with the Tracy Police Department were looking for a group of young men who were reportedly trying to break into the building. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/tracy-ca-automatic-sprinkler-system-contains-fire-started-by-collapsed-cardboard-boxes/>.

May 19, Riverside, CA. Fighter jet crashes into warehouse causing fire, fire sprinklers control fire. An F-16 fighter jet crashed Thursday into a warehouse just outside March Air Reserve Base in California, sending a dozen people to hospitals for evaluation after they were exposed to debris, authorities said. The pilot ejected and parachuted to safety, said Maj. Perry Covington, the base's director of public affairs. View the

full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/riverside-ca-fighter-jet-crashes-into-warehouse-causing-fire-fire-sprinklers-control-fire/>.

May 29, Santa Rosa, CA. Garbage fire minimized by fire sprinkler activation. No injuries were reported. Working fire sprinklers inside a garbage enclosure at a Santa Rosa apartment complex may have helped prevent a much more serious blaze than the one Sunday morning that did about \$5,000 in damage, Santa Rosa firefighters said. Fifteen firefighters and four trucks responded at about 9:45 a.m. Sunday to the apartment. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/santa-rosa-ca-garbage-fire-minimized-by-fire-sprinkler-activation-no-injuries-reported/>.

May 29, Clovis, CA. Fire at senior living facility extinguished by fire sprinkler system. No injuries were reported. A senior living facility was evacuated for the second time this month as a fire broke out in a residential unit Sunday night. The fire was put out by the fire sprinkler system at Solstice Senior Living at Fowler and Shaw avenues around 11 p.m. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/clovis-ca-sprinkler-system-at-senior-living-facility-puts-out-fire-for-the-second-time-this-month-no-injuries-reported/>.

May 30, Las Vegas, NV. Fire sprinkler system activation extinguishes fire at a Las Vegas Strip casino. Firefighters investigate reports of a fire at a Las Vegas Strip casino. Clark County Fire officials responded to a reported fire at the Palazzo Hotel Wednesday night around 6:46 p.m. The fire was reported to be in an area under construction in what was referred to as a "Fan" room, according to Clark County Fire Officials. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/las-vegas-nv-sprinkler-system-activation-extinguishes-fire-at-a-las-vegas-strip-casino/>.

Upcoming Meetings in the Southwest

San Diego Fire Protection Association. Tuesday, June 11, 2019, Sizzler's Restaurant, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. Regional Manager Bruce Lecair will be presenting on the upcoming California Edition of NFPA 25.

SoCal Fire Prevention Officers Association. Wednesday, June 12, 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 Office of the State Fire Marshal Automatic Extinguishing Systems Advisory Committee Meeting. June 12, 2019 from 9:00 to Noon. The meeting is at the CSFM Office at 2251 Harvard Street, Sacramento, CA. The committee is formed to study issues related to automatic fire extinguishing systems and to make recommendation when needed to the California State Fire Marshal.

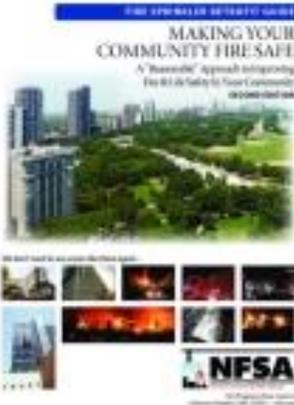
California Fire Sprinkler Coalition Meeting. The June Coalition Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 19th at 10:00 a.m. You will be able to attend the meeting by accessing teleconference at 1-855-747-8824, access number: 446676#.

NFSA Los Angeles Area Chapter Meeting. Thursday, June 20th from 5:30 pm to conclusion at the Rio Hondo Golf and Event Center in Downey, CA.

Nor Cal Fire Prevention Officers Association. The next meeting will be held on June 28th. The meeting will be held from 9:30 to 3:00 at Za's Lakefront Restaurant, 120 Grove Street in Tahoe City, CA. Michael Munuz, Engineered Corrosion Solutions will be giving the afternoon presentation on nitrogen fire sprinkler systems

Arizona NFSA Chapter Meeting, Tuesday, July 9, 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 July 25, 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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