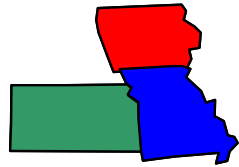




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Remember if you have code or technical questions, the Expert of the Day is there for NFSA members.

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**I want to wish you and your family**  
**a happy and safe holiday season!**



Have your IOWA Legislator REGISTER NOW for.....



**We can't afford not to have them there!**

Opponents against residential fire sprinklers in IA are on the move to ban State and Local Government Officials the right to adopt residential fire sprinklers with state wide anti-fire sprinkler legislation. There is a bill (LSB 2454) that is scheduled to be filed in the IA legislation in 2010. The bill's intent would eliminate the future of fire safety in residential construction. If legislators rule out the possibility of residential fire sprinklers, what will be next? This could impact your community and the way they will be able to adopt any and all residential codes in the future. Here is what you can do. Contact your state legislators; ask them not to eliminate the ability of local government to enforce code requirements. Request that they register and attend the Fire Team USA Conference in January. Even if they can not commit to attendance having one of their staff members present could be very effective.

FIRE TEAM USA will be coming to Iowa in January 13th and 14th, 2010. If you are a fire official, building official, public works director, water purveyor official, planning or zoning official, or any type of elected or appointed local or state government official, you will not want to miss this free seminar. For more information about Fire Team USA check out [www.fireteamusa.com](http://www.fireteamusa.com). Click [here](#) to register.

## **IOWA Fire Protection System Installer and Maintenance Worker Licensing.....**

### **Licensing Requirement Delayed**

The State Fire Marshal has delayed implementation of the requirements for licensing of fire protection system installers and maintenance workers, at least until April 1, 2010.

During the public comment process on proposed rules for the program, a number of significant issues regarding the scope and certain licensing requirements were identified. Since some of these issues may need to be addressed by legislation, the delay will allow time for legislative action to occur.

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The licensing program for fire protection installers and maintenance workers was created by enactment of 2008 Iowa Acts, Chapter 1094 by the Iowa General Assembly. The original law was amended by 2009 Iowa Acts, House File 400.

The licensing law went into effect on August 1, 2009. Persons working as fire protection system installers and maintenance workers will be required to be licensed as of January 1, 2010.

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### **Background information:**

**Who will be required to be licensed?** The law requires that any person who performs "fire protection system installations or fire protection system maintenance" to be licensed, except that a person performing this work as an apprentice under the supervision of licensed fire protection system installer and maintenance worker or under the supervision of a certified fire extinguishing systems contractor is not required to be licensed.

**How is the work requiring licensure defined?** "Fire protection system installation" is defined as "setting up or establishing for use in an indicated space a fire protection system. Fire protection system maintenance" is defined as providing repairs, including inspections and tests, "required to keep a fire protection system and its component parts in an operative condition at all times, and the replacement of the system or its component parts when they become undependable or inoperable." "Fire protection system" is defined as "a sprinkler, standpipe, hose system, special hazard system, dry systems, foam systems, or any water-based fire protection system, either manual or automatically activated, used for fire protection purposes that is composed of an integrated system of underground and overhead piping connected to a water source." For licensing purposes the water service piping to a structure or building from a city water main is excluded.

**What is the fee for a license?** The fee proposed in the Notice of Intended Action is \$250 for a two year license.

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## Clayton, MO. Property Owners Are Recognized for Commitment to Safety

*(Article from City Views, a City of Clayton, MO Publication, November 2009)*

In a presentation at the October 13, 2009, Clayton Board of Aldermen meeting, Assistant Fire Chief Paul Mercurio commended property owners for their commitment to creating safer environments for their tenants and for the visitors to their properties. Automatic fire sprinkler retrofit projects are near completion in the office buildings at 130 South Bemiston and 222 South Central Avenues. The Sansone Group, TA Associates Realty and Koch Development were recognized for their commitment to the community and for creating safer environments, not only for their tenants, but also for the firefighters who may be summoned to fight a fire. In addition to setting a safety benchmark with the sprinkler retrofit project, the

Building Modification Agreements that were established in October 2003 between the property owners and the City created a valuable partnership; a partnership that serves as a model for other building owners and enhances the City's commitment to providing a high level of services to



130 South Benson



222 South Central

the community. "The completion of these projects is significant, because the most effective fire loss prevention and reduction measure to both life and property is the installation and maintenance of fire sprinklers," said Fire Chief Mark Thorp. "The City of Clayton commends the Sansone Group, TA Associates Realty and Koch Development for their commitment to the safety of tenants and visitors to these buildings and for efforts that will benefit the community for decades to come." There are 40 high-rise office structures in the City of Clayton; 26 are fully protected with automatic fire sprinklers. The City continues working with the 14 remaining building owners to encourage them to consider building modification agreements. "There are indications that the installation of these sprinkler retrofit projects not only benefit the building's tenants and visitors, the property owners' benefit from reduced insurance premiums and increases in property value and tenant occupancy," said Clayton's Economic Developer Gary Carter. In addition to promoting fire safety in commercial buildings, the City also encourages residential property owners to install fire sprinkler systems.

(The City of Clayton is the County seat for St. Louis County, MO)

## **From NFSA HQ: Patterson, NY.....**

### **Track IRC Adoption Status at Expanded NFSA Website**

NFSA has Regional Operations offices strategically located in 14 regions across the country. Each is staffed by a full-time Regional Manager who together have a collective “finger on the pulse” of what’s happening regarding IRC adoption at the state and local level. This capability has allowed NFSA to expand information available at its website. By following the new link labeled “[IRC Update](#)” and clicking on the state of interest on the map, details can be found about the status of IRC adoption in that particular state.

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### **NFSA Introduces Resource “Toolbox” to Assist Community Leaders**

With citizen and emergency first-responder safety at issue, many communities are looking to the adoption of residential fire sprinkler ordinances to reduce losses of both life and property from fire. As such, requests from local legislators, fire chiefs and building officials to NFSA for “how to” information has grown tremendously. To meet the demand, NFSA is pleased to announce the introduction of its “[Resource Toolbox](#)”. [<Press Release>](#)

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### **NFSA Announces Awards Recipients**

NFSA’s Awards Committee has announced it has named Ausmus Marburger of Fire Protection Industries in Bensalem, Pennsylvania as the 2010 recipient of the Golden Sprinkler Award, the association’s highest honor. They also named Jerome Pepi, Vice President of Research and Development (ret.) of Grinnell’s Fire Protection Products Division, as recipient of the Technical Service Award. The Leadership in Public Safety Award will be presented to Ron Coleman and Don Pamplin. Ron is a former California State Fire Marshal and Don is a former Fire Chief for the City of Vancouver, British Columbia now NFSA Pacific Northwest Regional Manager. Presentations will be made at NFSA’s 2010 Annual Seminar in Chicago. [<read the full story>](#)

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### **NFSA Member, Livingston Fire Protection Donates to Extreme Makeover-Home Edition**

NFSA member, Livingston Fire Protection of Hyattsville, Maryland fully sprinklered two properties during a one week period for Extreme Makeover- Home Edition. The construction will be highlighted in a one-hour special sometime in February, during “Sweeps Week!” Livingston donated over three weeks of design, many hours of fabrication and trucking, more than 500 hours of field installation time and many hours of corporate employees time to ensure these projects received the very best from their sprinkler contractor! NFSA takes pride in the good works of an outstanding member! Great job, Livingston! [See photos of the project here](#), courtesy of Donna Oliver:

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### **ICC Committee Action Keeps Fire Sprinklers in Homes**

Reaffirming action taken last year by its membership to include fire sprinklers in the construction of new one- and two-family homes, last night the International Code Council rejected a National Association of Home Builders proposal to remove residential fire sprinkler requirements from the 2012 edition of the International Residential Code. To achieve success, NFSA joined forces with the International Residential Code Fire Sprinkler Coalition – a large alliance of fire service professional organizations, including fire chiefs and fire marshals, fire code associations, and citizen advocacy groups. [<read more>](#)

## **NFSA Online Seminars Schedule for 2009:**

### **Technical Tuesdays**

**December 8, 2009 - *Preaction and Deluge Systems***

**Cecil Bilbo, Jr., C.E.T.**

**Beginner/Intermediate**

NFPA 25 requires the inspector to report on the installation of preaction and deluge systems. This seminar will discuss the different types of preaction and deluge systems. NFPA 25 also requires certain inspection and testing procedures be performed for these systems. We will also discuss the inspection and testing requirements for these different types of systems. (Great study guide for NICET Work Elements 44012 and 46010)

**\*\*\*\*\* Special Offers \*\*\*\*\***

**Order all 2010 seminars now and receive 35% off regular price**

**Order all 10 seminars from January through June 2010 now and receive 30% off regular price**

**Order all 10 seminars from July through Dec 2010 now and receive 30% off regular price.**

**January 26, 2010 - *Protection Against Freezing***

**Intermediate**

**Russell P. Fleming, P.E., Executive Vice President**

Freezing of system piping is near the top of owner complaints against sprinkler systems. This seminar will address several different aspects of protecting piping against freezing, including insulation techniques, heat tracing options, minimum lengths for dry sprinklers, provision of drum drip drains, and proper procedures for antifreeze systems, including expansion chambers.

**February 9, 2010 - *Seismic Protection and NFPA 13 Annex F***

**Intermediate/Advanced**

**Victoria B. Valentine, P.E., Director of Product Standards**

The seismic protection for fire sprinkler systems has been evolving over the last decade. In the 2010 Edition of NFPA 13 a new annex has been added that details the calculations used in developing the load tables for bracing the sprinkler piping. The process for earthquake protection of the fire sprinkler system as updated will be discussed.

**February 23, 2010 - *New Storage Arrangements***

**Advanced**

**Kenneth E. Isman, P.E. Vice President of Engineering**

The 2010 Edition of NFPA 13 will contain specific criteria, for the first time, on how to protect compact file storage, record storage, back-to-back shelf storage and high bay record storage. This presentation will review the new rules for protecting each of these types of storage with fire sprinklers including the provisions under which compact file storage can be treated as light hazard.

### **Business Thursdays**

**December 3, 2009 - *Workplace Safety and "Right to Know" Information***

**Dave Bowman, Ph.D., NFSA Associate Director of Regional Operations and Executive Director of the Florida Fire Sprinkler Association**

This seminar focuses on informing the inspector how to recognize workplace hazards that may be encountered, particularly having to do with exposure to hazardous materials. Learn how to recognize the presence of hazards as well as some of the basic characteristics of the various classes of hazardous materials. Included will be labeling and packaging information and some of the things you really wished you would have paid more attention to in high school science class.