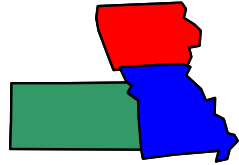




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Remember if you have code or technical questions, the Expert of the Day is there for NFSA members.

Email them at [eod.nfsa.org](mailto:eod.nfsa.org)

## Missouri:

The legislation session wrapped up the middle of May. The bill of interest which would restrict local governments from adopting a mandatory residential fire sprinkler ordinance passed in House Bill 103. This language will sunset on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2011.

There will be a state wide Fire Sprinkler Contractors meeting on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at Lodge of the 4 Seasons at the Lake of the Ozarks. The meeting will start at 9am. We will be discussing legislative items for the 2010 session, the most important item being licensing of fire sprinkler contractors who perform work in MO. We will be meeting with Fran Flotron and Richard McIntosh, the St. Louis Fire Sprinkler Contractor's Association lobbyist to discuss the strategic planning of introducing and passing the bill. I encourage all fire sprinkler contractors to become involved in this meeting. If you are planning to attend the meeting please email with the names and contact information, company information, and number of attendees to [gaut@nfsa.org](mailto:gaut@nfsa.org). Please RSVP by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Iowa:

**NFPA 25** classes will be held June 8-10<sup>th</sup> at either the City of Iowa City training center or UI Public Safety, depending on enrollment. If you are interested in attending please contact Jan Vrban at [janvrban@tvrban.com](mailto:janvrban@tvrban.com). IFSCA will once again provide the books. This class will be provided by the IFSCA and the Sprinkler Fitters Local 669.

### Golf Outing

The IFSCA will once again hold their annual golf tournament to raise funds for the burn treatment center. This year's event is August 18<sup>th</sup> at the Brown Deer Golf Course in Coralville. A shotgun start will be at noon with box lunches. There will be a product show from 8-11AM in the ballroom. Booths will stay up all day and during dinner. A cash bar will start upstairs at 4:30pm. Dinner will follow at 5:30pm. Registration forms will go out May 1<sup>st</sup>. Auction Items are requested and always appreciated. Please contact Jan Vrban with Vrban Fire Protection for any donations, suggestions, etc.

At this time, the next general IFSA meeting will be held **July 16<sup>th</sup>** at the Coralville Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in the **Edgewater Grill 8-10:00AM**. Please contact Jan Vrban at

[janvrban@tvrban.com](mailto:janvrban@tvrban.com) if you are interested in attending. Fire and Building Officials are welcome to join as well.

## **Kansas:**

The Fire Team USA event held in Overland Park, KS was a great success. I was told that there were more building officials at this seminar than any other one that had been presented. There were approximately 45 people in the class. Although we were not able to perform the side by side presentation, the class was very effective and well received. Many have asked for additional training, so be looking for more seminars to come your way.

The Kansas City Area Fire Sprinkler Contractors are in the process of working with local code officials to develop mini training sessions. These training sessions will be delivered quarterly starting in the next couple of months. Be checking your email as more information will follow soon.

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

### **NFSA Annual Seminar & Exhibition Draws Over 1000 Attendees!**

The NFSA Annual Seminar & Exhibition held at the Omni ChampionsGate in Orlando wrapped up on the evening of Saturday, May 2, where at the closing banquet attendees had the opportunity to spend time with old friends and make plans to see each other at next year's Annual Seminar. Since this was an exhibition year, attendees had the opportunity to see firsthand, the latest in sprinkler technology at the over 115 booths. When the final registration numbers were tallied, including pre-registrants and walk-ins to the exhibition, over 1000 people in all attended. To check out the smiling faces you can visit the NFSA website at [www.nfsa.org](http://www.nfsa.org).

### **Team Northeast Takes Top Tech Championship**

Having to come from behind in the semi-final round to make it to the finals of the Top Tech Competition held in conjunction with NFSA's Annual Seminar & Exhibition in Orlando, the team from the Northeast region had to prove once again they could overcome a deficit to win. In a match that saw the Great Lakes team jump out to an early lead, they faltered on the final question and team Northeast secured the win with a correct answer. The final score was 90-50. Members of the winning team won \$1,000 cash prizes and two years of bragging rights as the best fire sprinkler technicians in the land. The next Top Tech Competition will be held in conjunction with NFSA's 2011 Annual Seminar & Exhibition scheduled for April 12 – 14 at what will be the brand new Fontainebleau Resort on Las Vegas' famed "Strip."

### **We have a Winner in the Season's First Sprinklerman™© Photo Contest**

We have our first winner of the season in our Sprinklerman™© Photo Contest. At each appearance at a minor league park, Sprinklerman's™© youngest fans are encouraged to get their photo taken with him and send it in to NFSA Headquarters for a chance to win a \$50.00 gift card. We received a great response from Sprinklerman's™© first appearance at the Daytona Cubs Game in Daytona, Florida on April 26th. Destiny Adams, age 10, of Port Orange, Florida is the lucky winner. NFSA wishes to thank all who entered and reminds you to watch this summer for Sprinklerman™© appearances at minor league ballparks near you. Come on out and support this great initiative to educate the general public

as to the life- and property-saving attributes of fire sprinkler systems. Folks, this one's a winner! To see the winning photo, visit the NFSA website at [www.nfsa.org](http://www.nfsa.org).

### **National Fire Service Speaks Out Against Anti-sprinkler Bills**

Citing the fact that more than 90 percent of fireground firefighter deaths occur in one- and two-family homes, leading fire service organizations warned against state-by-state legislative efforts, orchestrated by homebuilders, which are designed to prohibit communities from requiring residential fire sprinklers in new home construction. Fire service groups are reiterating their strong support for sprinklers in the wake of several legislative attempts across the country.

### **NFSA Announces New Partnership with SingleSource Services**

NFSA has announced a new business partnership with SingleSource Services, a human resources service provider that will offer NFSA members a discount and peace of mind. We realize that our members need to focus on running their businesses and growing in their industry, not worrying about HR services. SingleSource will deal with administrative details, so members can concentrate on their core business.

SingleSource offers services such as: pre-employment assessments, drug testing, payroll, background screening, exit interviews, surveys, a Human Resources Management (HRM) system and an HR legal helpline. The goal is to help businesses run more smoothly, while taking care of all HR functions.

At their booth at the NFSA Annual Seminar & Exhibition in Orlando, SingleSource had a booth where Paul Meese, Vice President of Client Relations helped members design a program specifically tailored to their needs. They also raffled off two gift certificates valued at \$250 each.

To learn more about this exciting new member benefit, click on [www.SingleSourceService.com](http://www.SingleSourceService.com), follow the SingleSource link at the NFSA website at [www.nfsa.org](http://www.nfsa.org) or contact Paul Meese at 800.713.3412. NFSA members will be able to choose HR services ala carte or as a package.

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

June 2 **Hydraulics for Non-Uniform Layouts** *Victoria B. Valentine, P.E.*

June 16 **Sprinklers and the National Electrical Code** *Cecil Bilbo, Jr., C.E.T.*

Member volume discounts are available by contacting NFSA's Internet Services Assistant at [Dawn@nfsa.org](mailto:Dawn@nfsa.org).

## **NFSA Online Business Thursday Seminar, 2009 Schedule...**

Click [HERE](#) to register online for the seminars

### **[Starting a State of Local Residential Fire Sprinkler Coalition](#)**

**Dan Gengler - June 18, 2009**

The adoption of residential sprinkler language in the 2009 International Residential Code requires a formula and plan for understanding. With a January 1, 2011 effective date, educating the public on the benefits of residential fire sprinklers and indoctrinating state and local policy makers will be necessary to pass legislation requiring total IRC adoption and compliance. Partnerships with the fire service, building officials and the sprinkler industry to name a few will be needed for success. Participating in this session will help set a course of coalition development to outreach stakeholders like the general public, developers, home builders, elected officials and new home buyers.

**Other Onsite Training Seminars;**

**Two-Week Layout Technician Training**

August 10 - August 21, 2009	Omaha, NE
September 14 - September 25, 2009	Baltimore, MD
October 10 - October 23, 2009	Phoenix, AZ