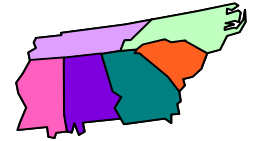




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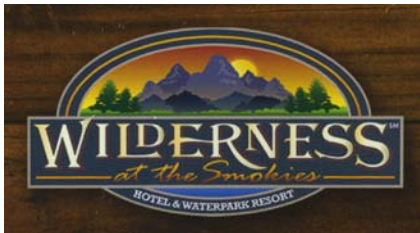
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## Tennessee Fire Sprinkler Contractors Association 2009 Fall Fling Sevierville, Tennessee



Wilderness at the Smokies  
1425 Old Knoxville Hwy  
Sevierville, Tn 37862  
Phone 877-325-WILD (9453)

If you would like to view the Wilderness go to:  
<http://www.wildernessatthesmokies.com>



### Date: Thursday, Friday and Saturday September 24 – 26, 2009.

We have 35 rooms reserved at the **Stone hill Lodge at Wilderness at the Smokies** from Thursday (Sept. 24) thru Saturday night (Sept. 26). TFSCA has a block of rooms at the Wilderness at the Smokies - 877-325-9453 the **group name for the rooms** is **TFSCA** (please use this when making reservations) the rooms are blocked until **September 17, 2009**. The cost of the rooms are \$129.00 plus tax fro a regular room or \$199.00 for a King Bed and a Living room Suite Wilderness at the Smokies is located at 1425 Old Knoxville Hwy (off of Dolly Parton Parkway), Sevierville, Tn. 37862

You can also download a brochure from the Tennessee Fire Sprinkler Contractors Web Site at [www.tfsc.com](http://www.tfsc.com)

### **Fire breaks out at the Village at Sandhill, Columbia, South Carolina**

COLUMBIA, SC A fire started at the Village at Sandhill late Tuesday night. Columbia fire crews say it may have started at the Brixz Pizza. The restaurant is on the first floor and has an oven vent that runs up to the roof. A majority of the damage is in and around that vent. Deputy Fire Chief Aubrey Jenkins says there were fire sprinklers in the building, and without them the damage would have been much worse. Damage is estimated to be at least \$200,000. No injuries were reported.

### **NFSA Joins United States Green Building Council**

While it has been promoting the “green” benefits of automatic fire sprinkler protection for some time now, NFSA has made its support of environmentally friendly construction practices official by becoming a member of the United States Green Building Council (USGBC). NFSA’s membership will give the fire sprinkler industry an important voice in the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) program. Appearing in the Mar/Apr 2009 issue of SQ magazine, NFSA’s New York Regional Manager Dominick Kasmauskas wrote an article reviewing USGBC, their LEED program and the role fire sprinkler protection can play in the reduction of ozone depleting greenhouse gases.

[Green Construction and Fire Protection](#)

### **NFSA Cancels 2010 Hawaii Annual Seminar, Cites Responsibility to Industry**

The Board of Directors of the National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA) made the very difficult but prudent decision to cancel next year’s Annual Seminar scheduled for May 12 – 15 at the Fairmont Orchid on Hawaii’s Big Island. While not definite, it is possible that NFSA will host a downsized , two-day annual event in a Midwestern city within easy, cost-effective reach of the entire membership. As plans develop, additional information will be posted here as it becomes available.

### **Let NFSA Help You Learn About Residential Sprinklers: Are You Prepared for the 2009 IRC?**

NFSA has the following seminars available to help you better understand residential sprinkler requirements. These seminars are designed for code officials, design professionals and for anyone involved with the installation of residential sprinklers:

1. **Sprinklers for Dwellings (NFPA 13D):** This one-day seminar details the installation and layout of an NFPA 13 D sprinkler system.
2. **Homes to High-rise:** This one-day seminar covers the differences between NFPA 13, NFPA 13R and NFPA 13D residential sprinkler requirements.
3. **Layout and Hydraulic Calculation of NFPA 13D Residential Sprinkler Systems:** This three-day seminar will provide the layout technician or anyone who deals with residential systems with the knowledge and skills to layout a NFPA 13D residential system.
4. **On-Line Seminars (NFSA Academy)** several 1 to 1.5 hour classes related to residential sprinklers are also available.

To register or review seminar details for any one of these seminars you can go to the NFSA web site [www.nfsa.org](http://www.nfsa.org) and click on the white button (left side) marked "Seminars". You may also contact Dawn Fitzmaurice – Training Coordinator at (845) 878 – 4200 EXT. 133 or email Dawn at [Seminars@nfsa.org](mailto:Seminars@nfsa.org).

### **United States Fire Administration Promotes Residential Fire Sprinklers**

The USFA has promoted research, development, testing, and demonstrations of residential fire sprinkler systems for more than 30 years. Research regarding residential fire sprinklers has indisputably demonstrated that they save the lives of occupants and firefighters, significantly reduce the risk of premature building collapse in a fire where lightweight construction components are used, and reduce property loss caused by fire. [<link to full story>](#)

### **New report finds sprinkler ordinances don't hurt housing construction or prices From NFPA**

**County-wide mandates for life-saving sprinklers do not result in reduced housing supplies, compared to counties without sprinkler requirements**

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The results of a new study conducted for the [National Fire Protection Association](#) (NFPA) concluded that the presence of sprinkler ordinances has no negative impact on the number of homes being built.

Conducted by Newport Partners, [Comparative Analysis of Housing Cost and Supply Impacts of Sprinkler Ordinances at the Community Level](#) (PDF, 416 KB) compared residential construction in four counties; Montgomery County, Maryland, was paired with Fairfax County, Virginia, and Prince George's County was paired with Anne Arundel County, both located in Maryland. Montgomery County and Prince George's County have sprinkler requirements; Fairfax County and Anne Arundel County do not. The selected areas, all developmentally mature, cover a wide geographic area and contain a variety of housing stock and income levels, making them prime for comparing municipalities with and without sprinkler ordinances in place.

"This study clearly demonstrates that home fire sprinkler requirements do not impede housing development starts," says Jim Shannon, NFPA president. "This report is another point to make the case for enacting life-saving sprinkler requirements in local communities. "

Sprinkler ordinances were enacted in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in several stages, beginning in the late 1980s, but never in Fairfax County. Anne Arundel County adopted a requirement for single-family detached residences this year; this study looked at Anne Arundel County housing starts prior to the ordinance. No reduction in the number of single-family homes built in either Montgomery County or Prince George's County accompanied the enactment of ordinances, compared to the other two counties in the study that do not have sprinkler ordinances. Rather, both Montgomery and Prince George' counties saw larger relative increases in construction in the year after the ordinances went into effect, compared to the other two counties.

Data for the analysis included annual single-family building permits, surveys of housing and households, local documents and news reports released before and after adoption of residential sprinkler requirements, as well as reviews of other housing regulations. Interviews with key builders, trade association staff and local government officials were also conducted.

In interviews, builders and staff of the Maryland-National Capital Building Industry Association (MNCBIA) all indicated that the sprinkler requirements did not significantly affect the volume, character or price of the construction of new homes. According to the report, "None of the statistical or interview information demonstrated that the requirements led to reduced housing supply."

All model safety codes now require the use of fire sprinklers in new one- and two-family homes. These requirements offer the highest level of safety to protect people and property. To review the complete finding from this report, please visit the [Fire Sprinkler Initiative's Web site](#).

## **About the Fire Sprinkler Initiative: Bringing Safety Home**

The [Fire Sprinkler Initiative](#), a project of the National Fire Protection Association, is a nationwide effort to encourage the use of home fire sprinklers and the adoption of fire sprinkler requirements for new construction.

## **About the National Fire Protection Association**

NFPA has been a worldwide leader in providing fire, electrical, building and life safety to the public since 1896. The mission of the international, nonprofit organization is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training and education.

## WOODEN LEG INSURANCE -

A man and his wife moved back home to Texas from Louisiana. The husband had a wooden leg, and to insure it back in Louisiana it cost them \$2,000 per year!

When they arrived in Texas, they went to an insurance agency to see how much it would cost to insure his wooden leg. The agent looked it up on the computer and said: '\$39.'

The husband was shocked and asked why it was so cheap here in Texas to insure it because it cost him \$2000 in Louisiana.

The insurance agent turned his computer screen to the couple and said, 'Well, here it is on the screen, it says: Any wooden structure, with a sprinkler system above it is \$39... You just have to know how to describe it!'

(Those Texas folks know how "to git 'er done", don't they?)

## 3rd Annual Michael Minger Memorial Golf Classic

Will be held on September 28, 2009 Hermitage Golf Course 3939 Old Hickory Blvd. Old Hickory, TN 37138 615-847-4001 in Nashville. Tennessee.

**Golf Registration** Join us for the Third Annual Michael Minger Memorial Golf Classic at The Hermitage Golf Course Old Hickory, TN on September 28th. Scramble starts at 1:30 PM sharp. Registration begins at 12:00 noon. A Southern catfish/roasted chicken buffet with all the trimmings will be served after tournament play. Please join us for dinner, awards and prize giveaways.

PAYMENTS FOR GOLF CLASSIC FEES ARE DUE PRIOR TO THE GOLF TOURNAMENT.  
The Golf Tournament Fees payable to the Michael Minger Memorial Golf Classic P.O. Box 721  
Niceville, Florida 32588 no later than August 15, 2009

Dress code restricts jeans, denim shorts, cut-offs, and t-shirts. We expect to fill available spots in this tournament, so please register early. Tournament pairings will be player's choice. For course information and directions please contact [www.hermitagegolf.com](http://www.hermitagegolf.com) .

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