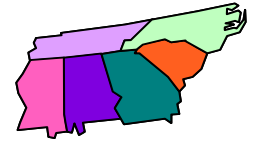




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## **Dean Cornwell Golf Classic – TFSCA**

It is time for the Dean Cornwell Golf Classic which will be played on June 8, 2009 at the Windtree Golf Course in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. (c.s.t.).



There are several ways to support the golf classic:

Be a Sponsor

Be a Player – Bring a Team

Participate in the Silent Auction

If you would like to donate an item for the silent auction please contact Tommy Banasiewicz

The Tennessee Fire Sprinkler Contractors Association appreciates your support  
See you on June 8<sup>th</sup>

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## **Spring Hill, Tennessee, may follow other communities with sprinkler law**

SPRING HILL — Chad Carson, Fire Marshal in Spring Hill believes so strongly that sprinklers save lives that he's sold his motorcycle and plans to use the money to install sprinklers in his home.

Carson, the assistant chief with the Spring Hill Fire Department, recently asked city leaders to approve the final vote on an ordinance requiring sprinklers in new homes built in the city. "It basically comes down to life safety," Carson said. "We're not going to be losing lives in the future we could be losing. Luckily, in the 11 years I've been here, we haven't had that happen to us."

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen unanimously approved last month the first reading on the ordinance, which would take effect in 2011. Carson also offered to lead a group of city officials on a trip to Ashland City, where it's been a law since the early '90s. The visitors would meet with their fire department staff and find out how they've implemented the law. Nolensville has required sprinklers in homes of more than 3,000 square feet since 2004. In 2005, the town eliminated an opt-out fee and took out that minimum size requirement.

### **Costs raise concerns**

Some aldermen had concerns about driving up the cost of new homes. Adding sprinklers into new residential construction would cost about \$1.12 per square foot, or about 1 to 1½ percent of the building cost for a new home. Mayor Danny Leverette said he had some concerns about possible costs to the city. Codes Director Ferrell White and Carson said they've not heard people from other communities mention any such costs, but it would be something they could look into.

Alderman Charles Raines asked about maintenance. White said the city does not inspect sprinkler systems, but manufacturers recommend flushing them out once a year, which White said can be done by the property owner. Vice Mayor Miles Johnson said he is interested in retrofitting his home to add sprinklers because he had a house fire in 1990. "It's no fun to go through a house and watch it burn down," he said.

### ***FOLLOW – UP:***

On Monday April 20, 2009 the Middle Tennessee Home Builders Association made an appearance at the Springhill City Council Meeting and advised the council to take a two month delay and that the Home Builders would be back in June to convince the city council on what a bad idea it is to put fire sprinklers in Homes.

Most of you know that our household has had to deal with a cancer issue. I think it is time that for us that fight everyday to protect our communities from fire to ask those homebuilders that are always telling us how to combat fire, for us to ask this question? The next time someone in your family is diagnosed with a health issue may we call the home builders association to ask what the cure is they seem to know all of the answers for fire protection so they must know everything else (this is the editors opinion)

## **Fire Sprinkler Contractors Business Climate Survey Results**

Over the last week, NFSA conducted a web-based survey to gauge fire sprinkler contractors' responses to a series of questions regarding their business operations in the current economic climate. By the deadline on Thursday, April 23, over 400 responses were logged and the results are in.

[View the results here](#)

## **New Inspection, Testing and Maintenance Form Available with Insurance Information**

NFSA has updated its most popular Inspection, Testing and Maintenance Form (the Wet Pipe Sprinkler System Form, #25-13W) to the 2008 edition of NFPA 25. In addition, the NFSA has added a place on the form to identify the owner's insurance company. This will allow the inspection company to send a copy of the report of inspection directly to the insurance AHJ. For more information, or to receive a Resource Center Catalog, contact the NFSA at (845) 878-4200 x111 or click on "Catalog" in the menu on the left to download a copy of the catalog and order form. When ordering these new forms, please note on the order form, which version (2004, or 2008) that you wish to receive.

## **SQ Buyer's Guide Issue**

The 2009 Buyer's Guide issue has hit the streets and is bigger and better than ever. This year, in addition to a listing of all of our Supplier and Manufacturer Members (SAM,) we have a Professional listing as well. These listings are free to all of our SAM and Professional members. An information sheet is sent out at the end of the year to qualifying members to fill out and return for publication. An optional logo insertion is available for a nominal \$125 printing fee. This is a great way to get your goods and services advertised to potential customers at no cost to you. The Buyer's Guide issue receives free bonus distribution at NFSA's Annual Seminar & Exhibition, this year in Orlando, Florida. The issue is kept by our readers all year long as a reference guide, used when they are looking for a certain product or service. If you missed out on this year's

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listings, mark your calendars and look for your Buyer's Guide Information form, to be sent by email and regular mail, towards the end of December. Plan ahead now, you'll be glad you did. For further information, please contact Advertising and Publications Coordinator, Joanne Genadio at [genadio@nfsa.org](mailto:genadio@nfsa.org) or 845.878.4200 ext. 118.

## NFSA Personnel Featured in Firehouse.Com Podcast

This month on Fire Marshal's Corner, host Ed Comeau focuses on the growing issue of efforts to remove the requirements for residential sprinklers that were put into the International Residential Code, at the state level. A number of bills have been introduced in state legislatures and the fire service is rising to the cause and working hard to make sure that profits are not coming ahead of public and firefighter safety.

Guests include: Gary Keith, Vice President of Field Operations for the National Fire Protection Association; Tom Lia, Executive Director of the Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board; Alan Perdue, International Director of the IAFC Fire and Life Safety Section; and Shane Ray, Associate Director of Public Fire Protection for the National Fire Sprinkler Association. You can access the podcast at <http://dynamic.firehouse.com/broadcast/category/fire-marshals-corner/>.

## NFSA Announces New Partnership with Human Resources Provider SingleSource Services

The National Fire Sprinkler Association has announced a new business partnership with SingleSource Services, a human resources service provider which will offer NFSA members a discount and peace of mind.

SingleSource Services is a human resources outsourcing company established in 1995 and based in Jacksonville Beach, Fla. All services are geared towards taking the pain out of dealing with HR. Serving 1,000-plus customers nationwide, from two-person shops to thousands of employees, each program is designed specifically to the needs of that organization.

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.

Members will be able to choose HR services ala carte or as a package. SingleSource will have a booth set up at the NFSA Annual Seminar and Exhibition, in Orlando, where Donald Dwyer, president, and Paul Meese, vice president of client relations, can help members design a program specifically tailored to their needs. SingleSource will be offering a gift certificate prize of \$250 at their booth to help a lucky member get started.

For more information on SingleSource, contact Paul Meese at 800-713-3412 or visit [www.SingleSourceServices.com](http://www.SingleSourceServices.com).

## Sprinklerman®™ Set to Make Appearances at Minor League Baseball Games

Updated, snazzy and ready to go, Sprinklerman®™ is set to make appearances at minor league ballparks east of the Mississippi. The new and improved Sprinklerman®™ will spread goodwill and educate fans at the following venues. If there's one near you, mark your calendars and come on out to support your association's efforts to get information about the benefits of fire sprinkler systems out to the general public.

***Chattanooga Lookouts, Chattanooga, Tennessee-June 4<sup>th</sup>***

*It is not too late to start making plans to attend the 2009 Edition of the TFSCA Fall Fling in Sevierville, Tennessee September 24 – 26, 2009*

