



Wayne Waggoner
Regional Manager

P.O. Box 9
Andersonville, TN 37705

Phone: (865) 755-2956
Fax: (865) 381-0597
Email: w.waggoner@comcast.net

September 2010

Qualifying Rounds for NFSA's 2011 Top Tech Competition Start Soon

Time to get psyched! NFSA's Top Tech Competition will take place at the NFSA Annual Seminar & Exhibition in Baltimore, Maryland April 7-8, 2011 and the search is on again to find the best Fire Sprinkler Technicians in North America. Sure, great prizes are at stake, including cash. But most importantly, the winners come away with two years worth of bragging rights – and you just can't put a price on that, says Team Northeast who look to defend their title. Teams from each Region in the United States and several teams from Canada will compete for the title of "Top Techs". Reigning champs Team Northeast have thrown down the gauntlet and it is up to our region's best to meet the challenge head on. Do you have what it takes to compete on a national stage? Come find out. Teams will be forming shortly and we need the best this region has to offer. If you got game, it's time to step up and prove it!

In order to qualify for the Regional Team, you'll have to take an exam and have a score that is one of the three best in the Region (with only one person per company per Region allowed to make the team). The exam will take about two hours to complete and consists of three parts:

- 1) Multiple choice questions from NFPA 13, NFPA 13R, NFPA 13D and NFPA 20 (2010 editions of these standards will be used, but the questions will be basic rules that have not changed in years).
- 2) Hydraulic calculation that you'll have to do by hand.
- 3) A small layout that you'll have to put into a building plan.

You'll be allowed to have a copy of NFPA 13, NFPA 13R, NFPA 13D and NFPA 20 with you when you take the exam as well as a regular (non-programmable) pocket calculator. If you have any question about the calculator, make sure that it is one of the calculators permitted by NICET for their exams (information available on the NICET website at www.nicet.org).

If you think you've got what it takes to represent our Region, please contact the Top Tech Coordinator, Mike Repko, at toptech@nfsa.org or call him at (845) 878-4200 x120. Once you let Mike know that you're interested, you'll be informed of test dates and locations in your Region.

The Difference a Fire Sprinkler Makes...

Fire Sprinklers + Quick Action by Staff + Fire Department = Lives Saved
Two (2) Fires within 2 weeks in Cheatham Co. Controlled by Fire Sprinklers

7-12-10

Cheatham County Nursing Home

Fire breaks out at 2:30 a.m. in a room with two (2) patients. 82 residents are in the Nursing Home, sleeping soundly. 18 residents are on the wing with the room of origin. One (1) sprinkler head activates and puts the fire out.



The Difference a Fire Sprinkler Makes...

Fast forward two weeks.

7-29-10

Single Family Home, 9,800 square feet

Leo Baker Road

Cheatham County, TN

Family Moved in last week of May, 2010

Fire breaks out in basement, due to toolbox being placed on new stove (button accidentally turned on, occupant left the home)

Homeowner hears the sprinkler bell and goes to investigate. One (1) sprinkler head has activated and put the fire out. Fire department is dispatched only to replace the sprinkler head and place the fire protection system back into service.



The Difference a Fire Sprinkler Makes...

REGIONAL REPORT

Tennessee/Southeast Edition



Ashland City firefighter dies from injuries in Afghanistan

An Ashland City firefighter who was a U.S. Marine reserve died Sunday from injuries sustained in Afghanistan.

Daniel Greer, who was deployed in January, was involved in an IED accident on Friday morning, Fire Chief Chuck Walker told The Ashland City Times.

"Daniel has been a true hero, not only in serving his country, but in serving his community as an Ashland City firefighter," Walker said.



Notes from the State of South Carolina Fire Marshal's Activity Report By: John

- Since January 1, 2010, 41 persons have died in fire-related incidents in South Carolina. Fifteen (15) of these deaths have occurred in manufactured housing units, aka mobile homes. To reduce injuries and death by fire in these occupancies, the General Assembly passed ACT 272. The law requires that "for the sale of a previously owned manufactured home, the buyer and seller shall sign a form certifying both persons have determined at least two functioning smoke detectors are in the home." This action will save lives and reduce injuries of civilians, as well as protect first responders. Smoke alarms and fire sprinklers increase the survivability of persons in the event of a fire by 82%.
- The SC Building Codes Council recently completed the adoption process of the International Codes as they adopted the 2009 International Codes to be effective January 1, 2011. Subsequent action by the SC General Assembly, through the legislative process, delayed implementing the requirements of fire sprinkler protection in one-and-two family dwellings until January 1, 2014. Act 232, however, did clarify previous fire sprinkler incentive requirements and bring South Carolina a step closer in compliance with the minimum standards of national consensus codes.

NFPA Standards Council Bans Antifreeze Systems in New Dwelling Units

NFSA eTechAlert reports on the announcement of an NFPA Standards Council decision to issue Tentative Interim Amendments (TIAs) banning the use of antifreeze in new sprinkler systems protecting dwelling units, effective August 25th.

[To view August 17's eTechAlert](#)

[To view the full Standards Council decision](#)

[To view the guidance to NFSA member contractors contained in the July 13th \(No. 184\) issue of eTechAlert relative to the NFPA safety alert recommending draining of all antifreeze systems on a temporary basis:](#)

2nd Edition of Layout, Detailing and Calculation of Fire Sprinkler Systems Now Available

The NFSA announces the publication of the 2nd Edition of its popular textbook, ***Layout, Detailing and Calculation of Fire Sprinkler Systems***. This newly revised textbook has been updated to reference the 2007 and 2010 editions of NFPA 13 with more examples and student exercises and new chapters on contract issues and stocklisting. This text remains the most complete book ever written for the fire sprinkler engineering technician.

NFSA 105th Seminar & Biennial Exhibition Booth Space Selling Fast!

Booth space for the NFSA Seminar & Biennial Exhibition at the Baltimore Hilton is now on sale. The Seminar & Exhibition runs from April 7 – 9, 2011 in beautiful and family-friendly Baltimore, Maryland. The revitalization of Baltimore's Inner Harbor makes it the perfect destination for a great family mini-vacation! Join us at the 105th Seminar & Biennial Exhibition as the Industry's best vie for the title of Top-Tech. The Top Tech Competition takes place right in the exhibition hall, drawing excited crowds to watch the event AND visit your booth. Don't wait!

Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act of 2009

We need your help in getting our Senators to sign up as a co-sponsors, please use the Cap Wiz program on the NFSA Web Site.

To view the up to date information on the Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act please go to www.nfsa.org or click on the

NFSA Annual Seminar & Exhibition Baltimore Hilton April 7 – 9, 2011



[Exhibition Information](#)