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Office of the State Fire Marshal Announces New License Category



**California Department of
Forestry and Fire Protection**

James Parsegian, Supervising Deputy State Fire Marshal announced on December 23, 2009 that the Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM) has established a new Limited License category (Type L) for the Automatic Extinguishing Program. This Type L License allows the building owner or lessee who has trained experienced employees to conduct inspection, annual testing, and maintenance of wet pipe sprinkler systems, standpipe systems or private fire service mains in structures or properties they own or lease. It should be noted that this license does not include five-year certification. In addition, individuals who possess the newly established SFM Weekly Fire Pump Test Certificate and are employed by a Type L licensed company may perform weekly fire pump tests.

For additional information or to review the information bulletin, contact the State Fire Marshal website at http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/strucfireengineer/strucfireengineer_aes.php.

Acting State Fire Marshal Hoover Announces Final Action Hearings to So Cal FPO's in Arcadia

The Southern California Fire Prevention Officers met in Arcadia, California on December 9, 2009 to receive a OSFM Report from Acting State Fire Marshal Tonya Hoover.

At the final meeting of 2009, Acting Fire Marshal Hoover reported that the final action hearings will occur on January 12 and 13 in Sacramento at the Building Standards Commission. The hearings will finalize the 2010 California Building Standards Codes including Title 24, part 2.5 2010 Residential Code (2009 IRC) with the inclusion of the chapter requiring sprinklers in 1 and 2 family dwellings and townhouses. Hoover also reported the hearings will update and codify the new Edition of the California Building Standards Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24) that adopt and reference more current editions of the model codes, including the following; Part 2 2010 California Building Code (2009 IBC), Part 3 2010 California Electrical Code (2009 NEC), Part 4 2010 California Mechanical Code (2009

UMC), Part 5 2010 California Plumbing Code (2009 UPC), Part 9 2010 California Fire Code (2009 IFC), Part 12 2010 California Referenced Standards Code.

NFSA Members attends Symposium!

UL and Phoenix Fire Department Host Educational Symposium



On December 2-3, NFSA Area Director Jack Thacker and West Regional Manager Bruce Lecair joined the Illinois NFSA Area Director Rich Ray, Illinois Regional Manager Robert Kleinheinz, Tom Lia, Executive Director of the Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board and from NFSA's Public Fire Protection Department, Director Shane Ray and Associate Director Vickie Pritchett at the UL and Phoenix Fire Department Host Education Symposium to discuss Fire Safety in Residential Construction.

The 2-day Symposium hosted by Underwriters Laboratories (UL) and the Phoenix Fire Department was the first of its kind Residential Fire Safety Symposium and was held at the Arizona Grand Resort in Phoenix, Arizona. The Symposium, titled "Designing Fire Safety into Residential Construction: Perspectives, Ideas, and Trends," was held to bring together people concerned with residential fire safety, including the general public, through UL University registration. UL created the event bring builders, architects, fire service, realtors, insurers, and others together to learn various perspectives on residential fire safety. The symposium will be the first of its kind on a national level

Rick Ryan, Vice President of Volvo Cars of North America was the key note speaker and presented a perspective on effectively using safety as a brand-building tool. Other speakers who led discussions included Glen Gaines, Deputy Director of the U.S. Fire Administration, James Dalton and Bob Backstrom from Engineered Lumber Research, Maria Figueroa, NFPA Fire Sprinkler Initiative, Pam Overton, Allstate Insurance, Dwight M. "Sonny" Richardson, Jr. Richardson Home Builders, Tennessee, Kirk Grundahl, Qualtim, Inc. Residential Structural Components and Dave Collins, AIA.

Perhaps the most interesting speakers were Jim Ford, Scottsdale Fire Marshal, and Robert Pierce, President, Scottsdale Realtors Association who spoke of the benefits of residential sprinklers and how sprinklers have been identified in Scottsdale as an added buyer's incentive and an asset toward the increase in value to the home. Mr. Pierce added that communication and education are keys to building trust and promoting residential fire sprinklers throughout the remainder of the nation.

The symposium offered an opportunity to listen to panel discussions, share ideas with speakers, ask technical questions of scientists and learn how to support fire safety initiatives in residential home construction by designing and building low cost fire safety building components into residential buildings. The symposium included social events held both evenings for all participants and offered an opportunity for informal discussions, sharing of ideas, and furthering of development of ideas toward residential fire safety.

Fire Sprinklers are the subject of CBS Early Show Segment

Danny Lipford, host of the Emmy-nominated Today's Homeowner with Danny Lipford®, demonstrated the importance of holiday fire safety and residential sprinkler systems live from Chicago on The Early Show on CBS, December 23rd.

In the taped segment, Lipford reported from an actual burning home in Brentwood, Tennessee, accompanied by the city's Fire Captain, David Windrow. Together, they created a situation common for the holiday season, a fire that started from a candle that had been accidentally knocked over. Lipford and Windrow stayed inside the burning home to show how quickly a fire can spread before they were forced to escape. The fire department was on hand to put out the blaze.

Lipford recreated the accident LIVE from a home in Chicago that has a sprinkler system to show how effectively the resulting fire can be contained. "This was one of the most exciting segments I've ever been involved with. What it taught me was respect, not only for what a fire can do, but also for the fire fighters who take on dangerous situations like this every day," said Lipford.

Pennsylvania Adopts Residential Code with Sprinkler Requirement!

The last hurdle from the Pennsylvania Independent Regulatory Review Commission came on December 10, 2009 as legislatures recommended to Pennsylvania's Department of Labor & Industry that the new International Residential Code be placed in effect on January 1, 2010 with no restrictions omitting residential sprinklers.

A lot of people worked very hard to overcome the roadblocks placed by sprinkler proponents and the Fire Service was credited for organizing the PA Residential Sprinkler Coalition co-chaired by John Waters and Tim Knisely from Upper Merion Twp (King of Prussia) and Centre Region Code (State College). Senate Advisory Panel members Aus Marberger and John Kampmeyer, from FPI and Triad Engineering were credited for a tremendous effort in attending numerous hearings with little notice or time for preparation. Ray Lonabaugh, NFSA Regional Manager, was singled out for efforts in the political arena and facilitating side by side burns to demonstrate the effectiveness of fire sprinklers. NFSA was also credited with using support from the Industry Promotion Fund to provide funding for demonstrations and assisting to fund the Penn BOC Annual Convention demonstration.

In other news, Regional Manager Tim Travers announced on December 11, 2009 the New Hampshire State Building Code Review Board voted to accept the sprinkler requirement for 1 & 2 family dwellings as amended effective date of April 1, 2012. While they are excited by the 12-2 vote, proponents are cautiously watching for new legislation to block the sprinkler requirement.

NFSA Chapters to Meet in January!

Both NFSA Chapters in the North and South State will be meeting in January with each hosting fun events for their membership. In the south state, the NFSA L.A. California Chapter will be enjoying the "Day at the Races," on Saturday, January 9th, at the Santa Anita Race Track in Arcadia, Ca. This fun

event is for Chapter members and VIP's and members can RSVP to Don Becka at Qualco Fire Protection.

The NFSA San Francisco Chapter will kick off the new year with the January Chapter Meeting at Scott's Seafood and Grill in Jack London Square in Oakland at 6 pm on January 21st. Mr. Ray Bizal, NFPA West Regional Manager will be the Guest Speaker and will be discussing new programs and code revisions as well as updates for the Fire Sprinkler Coalition. Hope to see you there!

USFA Launches Install, Inspect, Protect Campaign

NASFM has partnered with the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) as they launch the Install. Inspect. Protect. Campaign, encouraging people to install and maintain smoke alarms and sprinklers, practice fire escape plans, and perform a home safety walk-through.

The USFA recommends installing smoke alarms both inside and outside of sleeping areas and on every level of your home; testing them monthly; changing alkaline batteries at least once a year; and installing ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms or dual sensor smoke alarms. For more information or to download a campaign toolkit and reference materials, visit www.usfa.dhs.gov/smokealarms or call the USFA Publications Office at (800) 561-3356.

West Region NFSA SAM's Renew Memberships!

David J. Vandeyar, Director, Membership & Communications announced on December 3, 2009 that long-time NFSA members Potter-Roemer and Bavco have renewed their annual SAM memberships in NFSA. Mr. Vandeyar stated that their memberships are "Demonstration of an ongoing commitment to the advancement of fire sprinkler protection and support of an industry dedicated to saving lives and property from the ravages of fire. As such, we would ask that you give them consideration when purchasing products and services." Congratulations!

Regulations, Legislation, Codes, etc.

AB 660 (Torrico) Sprinkler fitters: Licensing

Last Historical Action: From Committee chair, with author's amendments, amend and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Committee on Governmental Organization

Committee location: Senate Governmental Organization

Committee Action Date: 06/23/2009

Committee Action: Do pass as amended, and re-referred to the Committee on Public Safety

See June 2009 for Summary

AB 1127 (Solorio) School Facilities: Automatic Fire Sprinkler System

Status: Referred to Committee ASM Appropriations, Hearing Date 05/28/2009

Last Historical Action: Set second hearing, held under submission:

ASM Appropriations. **See June 2009 for Summary**

SB 183 (Lowenthal) Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Status: Last Historical Action Date: 06/22/2009,

Last Historical Action: Read second time, amended. Re-referred to Committee on Judicial

Hearing date: 06/30/2009 **See June 2009 for Summary**

SB 405 (Cogdill) Contractors: Fire Sprinkler Installation

Status: 05/21/2009 Last historical action: In Assembly. Read first time, held at Desk.

Committee Location: Senate Labor and Industrial Relations,

Last Action Date: 04/27/2009

Last Historical Action: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of the author.

Committee Location: Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development

See June 2009 for Summary

2010 NFSA Western Region Class Schedule

Brea, California

NFPA 13 2007-2010 California Update	Date:	1/25/10
Basic Seismic for Fire Protection Systems (4-hrs)	Date:	1/26/10
Advanced Seismic for Fire Protection Systems (4-hrs)	Date:	1/26/10

La Mesa, California

New commissioning and acceptance testing of sprinkler systems (4-hrs)	Date:	1/27/10
Advanced Seismic for Fire Protection Systems (4hrs)	Date:	1/27/10
Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Water Based Fire Protection Systems	Date:	1/28/10

Sacramento, California

Commissioning and Acceptance Testing of Sprinkler Systems (4-hrs)	Date:	2/9/10
CPVC Piping Installations Requirements and Procedures (4 hrs)	Date:	2/9/10
Inspection, Testing & Maintenance of Water-based Fire Protection Systems	Date:	2/10/10
Foam Water Sprinkler Systems (NFPA 16) (4-hrs)	Date:	2/11/10
Low, Medium, High Expansion Foam and Class A Foams (NFPA 11) (4-hrs)	Date:	2/11/10

La Mesa, California

NFPA 13 2007 – 2010 Update	Date:	2/17/10
Plan Review Policies and Procedures	Date:	2/18/10

El Cerrito, California

1-Day Residential Sprinklers, Homes to High-rise	Date:	4/20/10
1-Day Sprinklers for Dwellings (NFPA 13D)	Date:	4/21/10
1-Day NFPA 13, 13R, & 13D Update (2007-2010)	Date:	4/22/10

For more information on class information and to sign up, please contact West Regional Manager Bruce Lecair or the NFSA website at www.nfsa.org.

UPCOMING WESTERN REGION MEETINGS

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Cal Fire Meetings

- **CSFM AES Task Force Meeting on January 15, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.**
 - California State Office of the State Fire Marshals Office in Sacramento, Ca.
- **CSFM Water Discharge Task Force Meeting on January 18, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.**
 - California State Office of the State Fire Marshals Office in Sacramento, Ca

NFSA L.A. California Chapter “Day at the Races, Saturday, January 9th, 2010 at Santa Anita Race Track in Arcadia, Ca. RSVP to Don Becka at Qualco Fire Protection.

NFSA S.F. California Chapter Meeting, Scott’s Seafood and Grill, Oakland, Ca. 6 p.m. January 21, 2010. Mr. Ray Bizal, NFPA West Regional Manager will be the Guest Speaker.

Southern California FPO Mtg. Wednesday, December 20, 2010 at 10 a.m. in Palm Springs, Ca.

- To RSVP, see the website at www.firepreventionofficers.org

Northern California FPO Mtg. Friday, January 22, 2010 at 9:30 in Elk Grove, Ca.

- To RSVP, see the website at www.firepreventionofficers.org

San Diego Fire Protection Association, January 12, 2010, La Mesa, Ca. at Marie Callendar’s Restaurant 11:30 a. m.

32nd Annual Hawai’i Fire Chiefs Association Conference-Kauai, Hawai’i, November 18-21, 2010

- The Hawaii Fire Chiefs Association will conduct its next meeting on the Island of Kauai on November 18-21, 2010. The Annual HAFC Conference features education and training seminars, presentations from the fire industry, a vendor’s day and meetings and events. This year’s event will also feature the Second Annual Hawai’i National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Golf Tournament. The event will feature local celebrities and members of the fire service and fire protection industry.

20th Annual California Fire Prevention Institute - March 15-19, 2010

- Planning is already starting for another GREAT workshop! The Santa Ynez Valley Marriott is once again the site of the 20th Annual CFPI Workshop.