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## **Resource Toolbox Created to Assist Local Community Leaders**

Local community leaders are always on the lookout for the latest available resources to assist with planning issues at the local level. Recent efforts to block the adoption of life safety requirements, specifically residential fire sprinklers, have highlighted the need for a clearinghouse for the available resources.

“The National Fire Sprinkler Association has experienced an upswing in requests for information regarding local code adoption and/or stand alone fire sprinkler legislation,” explains John Viniello, NFSA President. “In order to respond to these requests and provide a ‘toolbox’ of resources available, we are happy to announce the creation of a new resource available online.”

The new resource toolbox is available at [www.nfsa.org](http://www.nfsa.org) - the interactive toolbox allows users to download a document that provides an overview/summary of what’s in the toolbox, as well as accessing the actual reports, articles, brochures and documents referenced in the summary document. The goal of the summary document is to highlight resources that have proven beneficial at the local level in a way that expedites the process – whether it’s for a stand alone sprinkler ordinance or via codes adoption that requires fire sprinklers.

“Local community leaders need all of the latest information in one place, where it is easy to access and use for their specific local needs,” adds Jim Dalton, Director of Public Fire Protection for the NFSA. “It can be overwhelming when you realize how many resources are available. This new toolbox is designed to keep it simple and to organize the resources in a logical format that will assist local leaders.”

Education is key as community leaders develop a plan for their community that includes fire sprinklers. Key stakeholders can identify their community’s vulnerabilities, and can identify unique solutions that promote life safety and quality of life. The fire chief must lead this community team, which also includes the public policy maker, building official, fire marshal, and water purveyor.

The life saving technology of fire sprinklers has been around for over 100 years, and available in residential occupancies for over 20 years. This resource toolbox will be a valuable aid to community leaders as they focus on life safety and take proactive steps that ensure citizen and firefighter safety.

To learn more about NFSA, and to access the new toolbox, visit [www.nfsa.org](http://www.nfsa.org) and click on the “Resource Toolbox” link to obtain your copy today.