



## Regional Report September 2018



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### Important ICC Voters – Validate to Vote!!

Calling all ICC Governmental Member Voting Representatives! Are you going to the ICC Annual Expo and Public Comment code hearings in Richmond, VA? Are you planning on casting votes to ratify the final action for the 2021 ICC codes this November? If you answered yes to one of these questions you must be validated to be eligible to vote this fall on several proposed 2021 IBC and IFC changes, such as:

- Tall wood buildings
- NFPA 13R
- Combustible exterior wall coverings
- Construction fire safety



Be sure to make your community's voice heard by becoming validated by Sept. 24, 2018 and vote on proposed changes to the 2021 IFC, IBC, IPC, IRC plumbing and much more! Stay tuned for key issues and NFSA voting positions.

For voter validation questions **email:** [members@iccsafe.org](mailto:members@iccsafe.org). For questions about the voting system, email: [cdpACCESS@iccsafe.org](mailto:cdpACCESS@iccsafe.org).

### NFSA is Conducting an ITM Reporting Survey!!!

Third-party reporting of NFPA 25 and NFPA 72 Inspection, Testing and Maintenance (ITM) reports are in nearly every state across the nation. The NFSA is conducting a survey on the ITM reporting process to create some best practices for contractors and code officials who want to further benefit from these programs. Below are two links for all NFSA members to participate, forward and distribute to their code officials, AHJs and building owners. All information collected is private and links are open until October 8, 2018.



1. AHJ Survey: [https://members.nfsa.org/surveys/?id=AHJ\\_Survey](https://members.nfsa.org/surveys/?id=AHJ_Survey)
2. Building Owner Survey: [https://members.nfsa.org/surveys/?id=Building\\_Owner\\_Survey](https://members.nfsa.org/surveys/?id=Building_Owner_Survey)

Questions concerning the survey? Contact Jeff Hugo: [hugo@nfsa.org](mailto:hugo@nfsa.org) or Vince Powers: [powers@nfsa.org](mailto:powers@nfsa.org)

**California Office of the State Fire Marshal's Office Announces New  
2019 Rulemaking Package**

The California Office of the State Fire Marshal posted in July to advise that the SFM 2019 Title 24 rulemaking package has been posted to the Building Standards Commission website. *In the event comments are submitted or problems identified, the public can refer to the CBSC website for information on how to utilize the public comment form below regarding the upcoming BFO 45-day public comment period.* **Public Comment Form - ([PDF](#)) ([DOC](#))**

**Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM) Proposed Actions.**

**SFM 01/18:** Adopt and amend the triennial edition of the 2019 California Building Code, Part 2, Title 24, Volume 1 and 2.

- Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) - ([PDF](#))
- Initial Express Terms (ET) - ([PDF](#))

**SFM 02/18:** Adopt and amend the triennial edition of the 2019 California Residential Code, Part 2.5, Title 24.

- Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) - ([PDF](#))
- Initial Express Terms (ET) - ([PDF](#))

**SFM 06/18:** Adopt and amend the triennial edition of the 2019 California Fire Code, Part 9, Title 24.

- Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) - ([PDF](#))
- Initial Express Terms (ET) - ([PDF](#))

**SFM 07/18:** Adopt and amend the triennial edition of the 2019 California Existing Building Code, Part 10, Title 24.

- Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) - ([PDF](#))
- Initial Express Terms (ET) - ([PDF](#))

**SFM 08/18:** Amend the triennial edition of the 2019 California Referenced Standards Code, Part 12, Title 24.

- Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) - ([PDF](#))
- Initial Express Terms (ET) - ([PDF](#))

<http://www.bsc.ca.gov/Rulemaking/adoptcycle/2018TriennialCodeAdoptionCycle/CodeAdvisoryCommitteeReview.aspx>

**California AES Fitter Certification is Effective July 1!**

The Fire Sprinkler Fitter Certification regulations are effective as of July 1, 2017. The certification program aims to improve the quality of water-based fire extinguishing systems by providing a means to certify and register persons who install, modify or add accessories to such systems. The program's goal is to ensure that quality installation and maintenance of water-based fire extinguishing systems is provided throughout California. Orientation classes were taught to fire prevention officers throughout Southern California during the month on August by Supervising Deputy State Fire Marshal Jeffrey Schwartz and are planned for the Northern California in September and October.



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As of July 1, 2018, a Certification card is required for sprinkler fitters and at least one certified fitter is required per jobsite. On January 1, 2019 all sprinkler fitters shall possess a certification card, all trainees and apprentices shall possess a registration card. [Click here](#) for more information.

### NFSA Welcomes New Members to the Southwest!

August was another a great month for membership in the Southwest Region as we welcomed 2 new Promotional Code Official Members and are grateful to learn that one of our Contractors has renewed.

NFSA welcomes two Promotional Codes Official Members, Eric Jacques from the Phoenix Fire Department and Heidi Caldwell from the City of Ventura who have joined and will be receiving the many great opportunities available to our members.

We are also thrilled that Fred Benn, President of Advanced Automatic Fire Protection in San Ramon, CA. has renewed his membership. Fred has been a very active member throughout the years and has served NFSA on many committees and projects including the E & S committee, the Residential Code Requirements and the California State Fire Marshal's Office Automatic Extinguishing Systems Advisory Committee. Thank you all for your membership.

### NFSA Chapter News!



The Arizona State Chapter is meeting at the Phoenix Fire Department Headquarters on September 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 1:00 for a lunch meeting where members will be able to share local issues affecting the fire sprinkler industry and receive reports on NFSA news and events from Regional Manager Bruce Lecair. The final meeting of the year will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Los Angeles Area NFSA Chapter met on August 16<sup>th</sup> for a dinner meeting at the Rio Hondo Golf and Event Center. Members in attendance discussed a wide range of topics and exchanged information as well as receiving NFSA and statewide updates on the Office of the State Fire Marshal, fire prevention officers and national events affecting the fire sprinkler industry by Regional Manager Bruce Lecair. The October meeting has been rescheduled. You may contact Bruce Lecair or Chapter President Don Becka for additional information regarding the meeting location and time.

The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter will meet again on September 27<sup>th</sup> for the final meeting of 2018 at Saki's Spin A Yarn Restaurant in Fremont, CA. This will be a board member voting event. You will absolutely want to attend!!

### NFSA Has Links for Tax Reform Information!"

Below are links to the latest NFSA resources that share about fire sprinkler incentives in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. NFSA recently conducted meetings in Washington, DC and are hopeful that the technical corrections will indeed be realized this year. Congressman Brady (Chairman of House Ways and Means) is a

strong advocate and our team at NFSA is continuing to work with him to obtain changes in the law that will enhance and promote fire sprinklers.

In the meantime, we continue to share the good news for small business owners that Section 179 provision listed in the bill are correct. NFSA is hearing of buildings across the United States have already being retrofitted with fire sprinklers because of this incentive. All additional resources are available on our website in the tax reform section [www.nfsa.org/taxreform](http://www.nfsa.org/taxreform).

**NFSA Training in the Southwest!**

Due to the California wildland fires that affected almost all of our fire departments across the state we have moved our seminar in San Marcos, CA. to October and still on track for the next seminar on Downey, CA. for December!



The August Two day plan review class Sponsored by the Southern California Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board that was taught at the Downey Fire Department by NFSA Instructor Chase Browning was great. The December class looks to be even better.

For more information on NFSA classes and seminars, go to: [seminars@nfsa.org](mailto:seminars@nfsa.org) or contact Regional Manager Bruce Lecair at [lecair@nfsa.org](mailto:lecair@nfsa.org) or (951) 805-8992.

**2018 Schedule**

Two Day Plan Review, San Marcos, CA.	Dates: 10/17-18
Fire Sprinkler Installation Requirements, Downey, CA. <b>Save the date!!</b>	<b>Dates: 12/4</b>
Rough-in and Final of Fire Sprinkler Systems, Downey, CA. <b>Save the date!!</b>	<b>Dates: 12/5</b>

**NFSA 2018 Tech Tuesday Schedule**

**September 18, 2018**

**NFPA 13, 2019 Edition, Installation and Residential Updates**

Presented by Roland Asp, Manager of Installation Standards

This presentation will highlight the major changes and updates to both the installation chapters of the 2019 edition of NFPA 13 as well as the residential criteria as found in the 2019 edition of NFPA 13, NFPA 13R, and NFPA 13D. These changes will significantly affect the layout and installation of sprinkler systems and is a “must-know” for layout technicians, installers, AHJs and others in the industry.

**October 16, 2018**

**NFPA 20 Updates**

Presented by Bob Upson, Manager of Engineering Services

The 2019 edition includes updates in several areas including extensive new language regarding variable speed pumps; several revised definitions; new requirements for automated monitoring, inspection, and testing; as well as changes in monitoring of pumps during fire events, pumps installed outdoors, refill rates in tall buildings, multistage multiport pumps, and batteries used with diesel engines. This presentation will review the highlights of these changes.

**November 20, 2018**

**Third Party Summit Changes**

Presented by Jeff Hugo, CBO, Director of Codes

Several jurisdictions are taking advantage of 3rd-Party ITM reporting to enforce and track water-based fire protection system status throughout their municipalities. The NFSA hosted several 3<sup>rd</sup>-Party ITM reporting summits across the country in 2018. This presentation will give an overview of the Chicago, Austin and Fort Lauderdale summits as well as the parties involved, the discussion and solutions to the online reporting process. Fire sprinkler contractors, building owners and AHJs will benefit from this online overview.

**December 18, 2018**

**NFPA 13, 2019 Edition, Sprinkler System Discharge and Hanging & Bracing Updated**

Presented by Mark Hopkins, P.E., Vice President of Engineering

Sprinkler System Discharge criteria changes will be discussed during this presentation. Protection of storage occupancies using the new layout of NFPA 13, 2019 edition, will be discussed. The presentation will also include a discussion of changes relating to definitions and relocation of occupancy hazard information and commodity classifications. Revisions to the hanging and bracing criteria will be discussed, including some revisions to align with ASCE 7 and separation of requirements for hanging and bracing in new chapters of the standard.

Seminars qualify for NICET, Florida & Wisconsin CEU's.

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We are an ICC Preferred Provider.

SEMINARS BEGIN AT 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time

**Registration Fee: \$50 per seminar for Members & AHJs/\$150 per seminar for Non-Members.**  
(Certificates are available at an extra fee of \$10 each, please contact [seminars@nfsa.org](mailto:seminars@nfsa.org) for information)

**Fire Sprinkler Saves in the Southwest!!**

The month of August saw three successful fire sprinkler saves in the Southwest!!!

August 3, Santa Maria, CA - Arson fire at discount store held in check by the fire sprinkler system. Arson is suspected in a fire at the Falla's Department Store in Santa Maria Tuesday night that forced employees to

flee and activated the store's fire sprinkler system causing damage to inventory. The fire started just after 10:00 p.m. with Santa Maria firefighters arriving within minutes to find smoke billowing. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/08/santa-maria-ca-arson-fire-at-discount-store-held-in-check-by-sprinkler-system/>.

August 6, Las Vegas, NV. Fryer fire at sushi restaurant extinguished by the fire sprinkler system. An emergency sprinkler system saved a west valley sushi restaurant early Thursday morning when a fryer caught fire after business hours. The Las Vegas Fire Department was notified just before 3 a.m. by the fire alarm according to a LVFD spokesperson. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/08/las-vegas-nv-fryer-fire-at-sushi-restaurant-extinguished-by-sprinkler-system/>.

August 23, Sonoma, CA. Overnight fire at nail salon quickly suppressed by the fire sprinkler system. A blaze in a nail salon in downtown Sonoma was quickly extinguished, mostly by the salon's fire sprinklers on Monday night. Fire crews responded to the fire in Nail Pro at 201 W. Napa St. around 10:45 p.m. according to Spencer Andreis, Battalion chief with Sonoma Valley Fire & Rescue Authority. View the full post at: <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/08/sonoma-ca-overnight-fire-at-nail-salon-suppressed-by-sprinkler-system/>.

### **Upcoming Meeting Schedule in the Southwest!**

**Arizona NFSA Chapter Meeting**, Tuesday, September 11, 2018, at the Phoenix Fire Department Headquarters at 150 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street in Phoenix, AZ. Lunch will be provided.

**SoCal Fire Prevention Officers Association**, Wednesday, September 12, 2018 from 10:00 - 3:00 at the North Net Training Center, 2400 E Orangewood Avenue, Anaheim, CA. The afternoon program will be given by Senior Consultant Armando Herrera, Jenson Hughes, on Understanding Smoke Control Reports.

**California Fire Sprinkler Coalition Meeting**, "New date for Meetings!! From this point moving forward we will be meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Wednesday, September 19, 2018 from 10:00 am to noon. You will be able to attend the meeting by accessing teleconference at 1-855-747-8824, access number: 446676#.

**NFSA San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Meeting**, The Meeting date is on the evening of September 27, 2018 at Saki's Spin A Yarn Restaurant in Fremont, CA. This will be the voting of new Chapter board meeting. Be sure to be there and cast your vote!

**Nor Cal Fire Prevention Officers Association**, Friday, September 28, 2018 9:30 -3:00 at Petaluma Community Center at 320 N. McDowell Blvd. in Petaluma, CA. This is the Hawaiian Shirt Meeting!!!!

**NFSA Los Angeles Area Chapter Meeting**, This meeting is in the planning stages. Don Becka or Bruce Lecair will be in touch with our Chapter members to provide you with the meeting location and time.

**San Diego Fire Protection Association**, Tuesday, October 16, 2018, Sizzler's Restaurant, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 pm.



**NFSA Retrofit Guide Available~**

“The new title *Fire Sprinkler Retrofit, Making Your Community Fire Safe* reflects a change in approach for the publication itself. To obtain a copy go to: [NFSA Retrofit Guide 2017](#)

**Code Enforcement Officials and Fire Service FREE  
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**NFSA OFFERS ALL CODE OFFICIALS COMPLIMENTARY  
MEMBERSHIP FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2018.**

**THIS BENEFIT ALLOWS FULL ACCESS TO MANY NFSA FEATURES, SUCH AS:**

- *Expert of the Day (EOD):* Phone or email questions to fire sprinkler codes and standards experts.
- *National Fire Sprinkler Magazine:* Receive a digital copy of the latest in the fire sprinkler world to learn what’s new in codes and standards.
- *TechNotes:* The industry’s most relevant fire sprinkler technical issues.
- *Archives:* Access to past articles, white papers, *TechNotes*, and more.
- *Voting guidance:* NFSA provides technical guidance on the current NFPA and ICC code cycles.
- *Product Advisories:* Access to all the fire sprinkler related manufacturer’s advisories.
- *Chapters:* Find and participate in a local NFSA chapter, while being an NFSA member!
- *Training and events:* Receive member discounts for all training! Online, on-site, and archived training. Much archived training has CEU’s.

**Not getting the most from your membership???**

- Are you and your staff accessing time-saving Expert of the Day when you have an issue that is taking a lot of time to resolve?
- Do you and your staff know how to search the extensive NFSA Technical archives?
- Are the NFSA Technical Updates reaching the right people? Are you involved in the many social media platforms to learn the latest industry information, and share what you and your company have to say?



If you answered "no" to any of these questions, please give me a call to schedule a time to stop by your office. I want to make sure you are getting a great return on your investment with NFSA!

Your Regional manager is Bruce Lecair, (951) 805-8992 or at: [lecair@nfsa.org](mailto:lecair@nfsa.org).