



Regional Report April 2018



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NFSA Announces 2018 Award Recipients.

The National Fire Sprinkler Association has proudly announced its 2018 award recipients. The awards will be presented at the Association's Annual Awards Banquet to be held Friday, May 5, 2018.

"The fire sprinkler industry is blessed to have many strong members who have led the way over the years," explained Shane Ray, NFSA President. "Our goal is to recognize those who have served and to recognize their many contributions to the industry."

John (Jay) C. Livingston, a fire sprinkler contractor, was selected to receive the *Golden Sprinkler Award*. Jay is owner and founder of Livingston Fire Protection, Inc. (LFP). LFP is over 53 years young, an amazing achievement in any industry. Mr. Livingston has positively contributed so much during this tenure and continues to do so today. Jay has a heart of gold and lives for his family and for the fire sprinkler industry! He and his company are deeply involved in community service and have donated not only untold hours of service, but free fire sprinkler systems to two homeless centers, two residences and one school for children needing scholastic tutoring and after school places to learn (material donations were by manufacturers and distributors). Jay has written many articles published in *Sprinkler Quarterly*, *Fire Protection Contractor*, and numerous other publications. Jay is a member of the NFSA Hall of Fame and played a key role in the establishment of NFSA's Capital Region Chapter.

The *Russell P. Fleming Technical Service Award* will be presented to *George Stanley* of Wiginton Fire Systems. George is Vice-Chair of NFSA's Engineering & Standards Committee and has worked at Wiginton Fire Systems since 1973. Under spoken yet focused on technical solutions on behalf of the NFSA and the entire fire sprinkler industry, George has held every sprinkler contractors position within Wiginton and has served steadfast for 45 years.

The *Leadership in Public Safety Award* is the NFSA's highest award to a fire official or advocate and will be presented to *Charles Hood*, San Antonio Fire Chief. Hood was instrumental in efforts to retrofit residential high-rise buildings in San Antonio following the tragic Wedgwood fire in 2014. He and his team have worked to identify all high-rise buildings in their fire district that are not protected with fire sprinklers and are now working to bring all those buildings up to code with the inclusion of fire sprinklers.

Hall of Fame recipients will also be honored. Hall of Fame inductees have contributed nearly all their working lives to improving the fire sprinkler industry. 2018 Hall of Fame Inductees include: *Rich Ackley*, Dalmatian Fire Neil Cahill, National Fire Sprinkler Association Frank J. Fee, III, Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Co., Inc. John Joyce, Geo.

M. Robinson & Co. George Leaverick, Underwriters Laboratories Art O'Neil, Automatic Sprinkler Corporation of America and Cary Nicol, Viking SupplyNet

**NFSA Chapters Meet in March!
"S.F. Chapter honors John Joyce Sr."**

The Arizona State Chapter held their March meeting at the Phoenix Fire Department Headquarters at 150 S. 12th Street in Phoenix, Arizona on March 20th. The meeting was an open forum style event with discussion on local issues related to the fire sprinkler industry and a report from Regional Manager Bruce Lecair. The next meeting will be held on May 15th followed by meetings on July 10th, September 11th, and concluding the 2018 schedule on November 13th.



Peter Hulin, John Joyce Jr, Jeanine Joyce, Jeff Joyce, Jack Thacker and Shane Ray

The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter held their meeting on March 22nd with NFSA President Shane Ray and Area Director Jack Thacker in attendance. Reports were held to a minimum as this was a special night for the Chapter to honor the family of NFSA Hall of Fame Inductee John Joyce Senior who passed earlier this year.

Mr. Joyce began his career at the age of 18 and served in the industry for over fifty years. He was President of George M. Robinson & Co starting at the company in 1959 and working in virtually every capacity. He was a long time NFSA San Francisco Bay Area Chapter member and former Chapter Chairperson. He also served as Chairman of the UA Local 483 Sprinkler Fitters Apprenticeship Committee and as Trustee of the Pension Fund. He was instrumental on establishing the Work Recovery Program.

The family of Mr. Joyce was presented with their father's 2018 NFSA Hall of Fame Plaque by NFSA President Shane Ray. Those in attendance were given a few insights and kind words to the Joyce Family from Jack Thacker, Shane Ray and Chapter President Peter Hulin.

Spring ICC Committee Meetings to be held in April!

The development of the ICC Group A Cycle is underway in this month. This includes voting on the proposals for the 2021 International Fire Code (IFC), International Building Code (IBC) and International Residential Code (IRC-plumbing). As in previous years, participation and voting in the ICC process by NFSA members can have a positive effect on future changes. Participation of NFSA members and code officials (ICC Governmental Members) is important as these codes affect the fire sprinkler industry in every state.

Voting will take place twice this year. The spring Committee Action Hearings (CAH) are being held April 15-25 in Columbus, OH and the fall Public Comment Hearings (PCH) will be after the ICC Annual Conference,

from October 24-31 in Richmond, VA. These hearings are also webcast live. If you have joined or have renewed your ICC memberships after March 16, 2018, you are eligible to vote the remainder of this cycle.

For more information, please contact NFSA Director of Codes and Public Fire Protection, Jeffrey M. Hugo at: hugo@nfsa.org. ICC Membership can be reached at 888-ICC-SAFE extension 33804 or members@iccsafe.org

NFSA Membership!!

The month of March was a great month for renewing membership across the Southwest. Thank you all for your membership and especially all of you who renewed this past month!



CONTRACTOR MEMBERS	
Allan Automatic Sprinkler Corporation, John Rorobaugh	Hayward, California
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS	
Aaron Juarez	Modesto, California
Travis Mack	Gilbert, Arizona
SUBSCRIBER MEMBERS	
Art Black	Carmel, California
Ronald Chan	San Jose, California
Daniel Peterson	Paso Robles, California
Jaimie Sventek	Prescott, Arizona

California Fire Prevention Officers and Industry Meet in Buellton at CFPI!



This year's California Fire Prevention Institute's (CFPI) Conference held in Buellton, California during the week of March 12-16 was an enormous success and a very busy week of classes, committee meetings and coalition meetings with some fun and networking squeezed in. The 37 classes ranged in topics from 13D systems to management of fire prevention divisions. The National Fire Sprinkler Association was a silver sponsor and was very visible throughout the conference attended by Associate Director Bruce Lecair and Northwest Regional Manager Suzanne Mayr.



Bruce Lecair led off the week on Monday morning teaching a NFPA 24 Underground Fire Service Systems class. The 4-hour class was attended by 60 students covered the updates and information contained in NFPA 24. On Tuesday, Bruce gave an update on NFSA news and events at the California Fire Sprinkler Coalition CFPI Face to Face Meeting attended by members of the Coalition from the Northern and Southern California FPO's, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, Supply and Manufacturers, and other stakeholders across the nation including NFPA and ICC.

On Wednesday Bruce co-moderated the two 2-hour annual Hot Topics Fire Sprinkler Forums with topics pertinent to fire sprinklers in California and issues that are important to AHJ's throughout the state. The topics included updates on subject matter such as the AES Fitter Certification Program, an update from Viking, a Home Fire Sprinkler Day Update and a forum of open topics related to the fire sprinkler industry.

On Wednesday afternoon, Regional Manager Suzanne Mayr set up and hosted a fantastic tabletop display and handed out NFSA materials and information. "I couldn't have done it without her!!"

On Thursday evening the Annual Officer Installation Banquet and Awards Ceremony was held and on Friday a few more classes were given before everyone headed for home. All in all, the conference was a very productive week and a major event. Next year's conference will be held again on March 11-15 in Buellton, California at the Santa Ynez Valley Marriott.

NFSA Training in the Southwest!

As you can see below, we have set up classes in Las Vegas, NV, San Marcos, CA. and are saving the dates for two seminars in Downey, CA. for this August and December! The seminar in Reno is filling up but we still have a lot of seats available! To sign up for a seminar go to: seminars@nfsa.org

2018 Schedule

Two Day Plan Review of Fire Sprinkler Systems, Reno, NV.	Dates:	4/24-25
Rough-in and Final of Fire Sprinkler Systems, Reno, NV.	Dates:	4/26
Fire Mains and their Appurtenances, San Marcos, CA.	Dates:	5/30
Rough and Final Inspection of Sprinkler Systems, Las Vegas, NV.	Dates:	5/31
Standpipes for Fire Protection, Las Vegas, NV.	Dates:	6/5
Rough-in and Final of Fire Sprinkler Systems, Las Vegas, NV. f	Dates:	6/6
Two Day Plan Review of Fire Sprinkler Systems, Downey, CA. Save the date!!	Dates:	8/21-22
Sprinkler Protection for Storage Occupancies, Downey, CA. Save the date!!	Dates:	12/4-5

NFSA 2018 Tech Tuesday Schedule

April 17, 2018

An Overview of Corrosion in Sprinkler Systems

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

This presentation identifies design limitations and installation pitfalls which influence corrosion in sprinkler systems. Topics will include how corrosion is commonly detected and why it is a problem. The basic forms of corrosion, its effects on system reliability, and failure mode concepts will be described. The basic framework for conducting corrosion investigations, factors for consideration in determining whether to salvage or replace a system, and possible corrosion management strategies will also be discussed.

May 15, 2018

2015 and 2018 Changes to Building Codes for Sprinkler Contractors

Presented by Jeff Hugo, CBO, Director of Codes

Building codes reference installation standards and while layout technicians and contractors know the installation standards well, there are numerous building code rules that affect layout and system design. This course highlights changes to the 2015 and 2018 *International Building Code*, *International Fire Code* and NFPA's *Life Safety Code* as it relates to the fire sprinkler contractor.

June 19, 2018

Hydrant Flow Tests per NFPA 291

Presented by Roland Asp, Manager of Installation Standards

Water-based fire protection systems rely on a reliable source of water and the municipal water system is a common source of this water. The characteristics of a municipal water supply is typically determined through hydrant flow tests. NFPA 291, *Recommended Practice for Fire Flow Testing and Marking of Hydrants*, highlights the proper procedures, equipment and data collection for these vital tests. This seminar will highlight the requirements of this recommended practice and will include valuable information on the various aspects of hydrant flow testing including: Procedures, Test Layout, Equipment and Determination of Discharge as well as proper data collection and limitations of the tested data.

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

NICET CREDITS (per class)-0.1 CEU/1 CPD

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 for information)

Save the Date!! Home Fire Sprinkler Day is May 19, 2018!!

NFSA is pleased to announce that the NFPA's Fire Sprinkler Initiative, the [Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition](#), and the [Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition-Canada](#) are initiating Home Fire Sprinkler Day on Saturday, May 19th!! This project tasks fire sprinkler advocates across North America with hosting events on the same day to promote home fire sprinklers. These events are aimed at raising awareness of this life-saving technology, while breaking down the myths and legislative barriers to its use.



**HOME FIRE
SPRINKLER DAY**

A project of NFPA's Fire Sprinkler Initiative
and the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition

The goal is to have safety advocates host at least one sprinkler-related event in all 50 states and in some Canadian provinces and territories. The California Fire Sprinkler Coalition is planning for events through

the state in response to this project. Studies have shown that most of the fire deaths in North America happen at home. The major event will help bring attention to this problem--and its solution.

NFSA 2018 Annual Seminar and Business & Leadership Conference News!



The National Fire Sprinkler Association is proud to present the 2018 Annual Seminar and Business & Leadership Conference. The event will focus on leadership and business development, as well as technical topics of specific interest to the fire sprinkler industry. We will be featuring nationally-renowned business, Association and technical speakers, interactive breakout sessions, unique networking opportunities, the "back-by-popular-demand" volleyball competition and the Annual Common Voices Golf Outing! Join us **May 1-5, 2018** at the magnificent Marriot Harbor Beach Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. This is an event you **WON'T** want to miss! More details coming soon.

Fire Sprinkler Saves in the Southwest!!

The month of March saw four successful fire sprinkler saves in the Southwest!!!

March 2, San Jose, CA. Fire Sprinkler system activates to limit spread of fire at retail strip mall. Firefighters knocked down a two-alarm fire at a strip mall in San Jose, according to a San Jose Fire Department spokesman. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/03/san-jose-ca-sprinkler-system-activates-to-limit-spread-of-fire-at-retail-strip-mall/>.

March 4, McKinleyville, CA. Fire sprinkler system at Safeway store keeps fire from spreading and limits damage. Arcata Fire District firefighters were called to a reported structure fire at the McKinleyville Safeway located at 1503 City Center Road. Battalion Chief Gomes arrived on scene first and discovered black smoke coming from a vent on the back of the building. To view the full post go to: <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/03/mckinleyville-ca-sprinkler-system-at-safeway-store-keeps-fire-from-spreading-limits-damage/>.

March 12, Oakland, CA. A fire on 10th floor of a senior care home is suppressed by the fire sprinkler system. Firefighters were called at 2:27 a.m. to the Northgate Terrace senior homes, located at 550 24th St. between Northgate and Telegraph avenues and a block east of I-980. The blaze was contained to one residence on the 10th floor of the 12-story building. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/03/oakland-ca-fire-on-10th-floor-of-senior-care-home-suppressed-by-sprinkler-system/>.

March 22, Palm Springs, CA. Hallway fire at outdoor shopping plaza limited by the automatic fire sprinkler system. Palm Springs firefighters put out an early Sunday morning blaze in downtown Palm Springs. Crews got the call of the fire at around 6 a.m. and found smoke in a building at the Mercado Plaza on Palm Canyon Drive. Firefighters say the blaze was contained in an exterior hallway by the fire sprinkler system. View the full post at: <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/03/palm-springs-ca-hallway-fire-at-outdoor-shopping-plaza-limited-by-automatic-sprinkler-system/>.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule in the Southwest!

San Diego Fire Protection Association, Tuesday, April 10, 2018, Sizzler's Restaurant, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 pm. This will be a joint meeting with the San Diego SFPE Chapter. Please note that the SDFPA has changed meeting dates from monthly to every other even month for 2018.

SoCal Fire Prevention Officers Association, Wednesday, April 11, 2018 from 10:00 - 3:00. Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA. The afternoon program will be on "Using Language that Motivates and Generates Wildfire Risk Reduction Results."

NFSA Los Angeles Area Chapter Meeting, Thursday, April 19, 2018 at the Rio Hondo Golf and Event Center in Downey California at 10627 Old River Road. Guests are welcome to attend for cocktails and conversation from 4:30 – 5:30 followed by our Chapter Dinner Meeting from 5:30 pm to conclusion.

California Fire Sprinkler Coalition Meeting, Monday, April 23, 2018 at 10:00 am to noon. You will be able to attend the meeting by accessing teleconference at 1-855-747-8824, access number: 446676#.

Nor Cal Fire Prevention Officers Association, Friday, April 25, 2018 from 9:30 -3:00 at the Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco, CA. at 2700 45th Avenue. This is the joint meeting with the San Francisco Bay Area SFPE sponsored by NFSA. NFSA is organizing a vendor fair and Mark Hopkins, Vice President of Engineering will be the featured presenter.

Arizona NFSA Chapter Meeting, Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at the Phoenix Fire Department Headquarters at 150 S. 12th Street in Phoenix, AZ. Lunch will be provided.

NFSA San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Meeting, Thursday, May 24, 2018. The meeting information will be sent out in May.

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!

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