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Las Vegas City Council Approves New Ordinance Requiring Fire Sprinklers in New Homes.



In an online article posted by Lucas Thomas of Las Vegas Patch, it was reported that the Las Vegas City Council approved an ordinance on Wednesday, February 21, requiring all new homes built within the city to be equipped with residential fire sprinklers. The ordinance passed unanimously.

The city cited research that indicates contemporary building materials have increased the dangers associated with home fires and the chance of surviving a house fire increases by 97 percent if the home has sprinklers.

The ordinance will require all new homes built in Las Vegas that are less than 5,000 square feet to be constructed with fire sprinklers at an estimated cost of \$1.50 per square foot. Added home value and reduced insurance costs, the city said, will offset the costs of the fire sprinklers within a year and a half. The city of Henderson currently requires sprinklers be installed in all new homes as well. To see the complete article, go to: <https://patch.com/nevada/lasvegas/city-council-approves-ordinance-requiring-sprinklers-new-homes>

Image via Julie Jacobson/Associated Press

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. **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



**HOME FIRE
 SPRINKLER DAY**

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

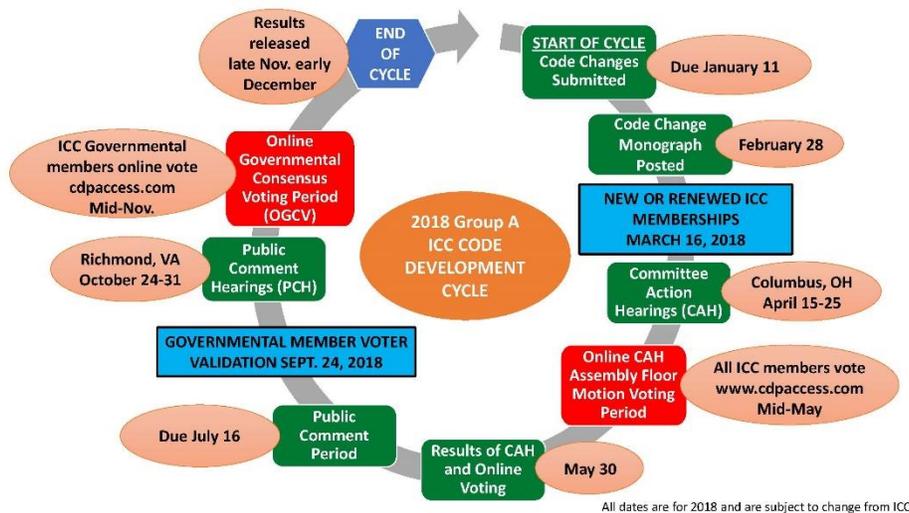
through the state in response to this project. Studies have shown that most of the fire deaths in North America happen at home. The major event will help bring attention to this problem--and its solution.

ICC Voting and NFSA Member Participation in 2018 “Important Deadlines”

The development of the ICC Group A Cycle is underway in 2018. This includes the 2021 International Fire Code (IFC), International Building Code (IBC) and International Residential Code (IRC-plumbing). As in previous years, participating and voting in the ICC process by NFSA members can have a positive effect on future changes.

In order to participate and vote in this code cycle, you must renew or join ICC by March 16, 2018 to participate and vote in the ICC Group A (2018) cycle.

Participation of NFSA members and code officials (ICC Governmental Members) is important as these codes affect the fire sprinkler industry in every state. Voting occurs twice in 2018, once in the spring for all ICC members and once in the fall for ICC governmental members.



How to become a new or renewed ICC member in 2018:

Join ICC by March 16, 2018.

1. NFSA contractors, manufacturers, professional members go [here to join](#) or [here to renew](#). Choose the appropriate membership or other appropriate category. All categories can vote only in the first voting period (Online CAH Assembly Floor Motion Voting Period) in May 2018.
2. Code officials, fire code officials, fire chiefs, inspectors, plan reviewers and other authorities having jurisdiction join as governmental members and are eligible to vote all year. Information to become new or renew ICC memberships are [here to join](#) or [here to renew](#).

To be eligible to vote:

1. All new and renewed governmental members must fill out a questionnaire to become eligible [here](#) to vote before March 16, 2018.

- NOTE: If you voted in 2016, you must renew your ICC membership and fill out a NEW questionnaire for 2018. If you were an ICC member in 2017, you must renew your membership to cover the 2018 voting period.

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 join or renew your ICC memberships after March 16, 2018, you will not be 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

Fire Prevention Officers Meet Across the State

The Southern California Fire Prevention Officers met with the California Fire Alarm Association in Palm Springs on February 1-3 for meetings focusing on the fire alarm side of the business.

The NorCal FPO meeting was held in Davis, CA. at the Veterans Memorial Center Club Room in Davis, CA. This was the Past Presidents meeting and honored past presidents of the NorCal FPO's. The event also featured stakeholder meetings from the Office of the State Fire Marshal, NFSA, NFPA, ICC and others.

The FPO's from both sides of the state will be at the California Fire Prevention Institute in Buellton, CA. from March 12-16 and will not be meeting again until April.



Los Angeles Area NFSA Chapter Met in Downey

The Los Angeles Area Chapter held their first meeting of the year on February 15th at the Rio Hondo Golf and Event Center located at 10887 Old River Road in Downey, California. The evening meeting was attended by NFSA President Shane Ray and Vice President of Labor Relations Fred Barall. Those in attendance received a great NFSA report from the NFSA President as well as a statewide report from Associate Director, Southwest Regional Manager Bruce Lecair and an industry report from Area Director Jack Thacker. Additional meetings have been set for April 19th, June 21st and August 16th

The Arizona State Chapter will hold their next meeting at the Phoenix Fire Department Headquarters at 150 S. 12th Street in Phoenix, Arizona on March 20th followed by meetings on May 15th, July 10th, September 11th, and concluding the 2018 schedule on November 13th.

The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter will hold their next meeting on March 22nd, with additional meetings planned for May 24th, July 26th and September 27th. The March 22nd meeting will be attended by NFSA President Shane Ray.

NFSA Training in the Southwest!

The classes, taught by NFSA Instructor Ron Richie at the UC Merced satellite campus in Atwater were great. Each class was attended by 15 students and received great reviews from the students. The next set of classes is going to be held in Reno, Nevada at the end of April. We have not conducted training there in recent years and are eager to get up in the mountains above Lake Tahoe for this new adventure.

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/ 2018
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NFSA 2018 Tech Tuesday Schedule

March 20, 2018

Understanding the 2017 Edition of NFPA 25

Presented by John Corso, Director of Training

This seminar will address significant changes to the 2017 edition of NFPA 25, *Standard for the Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems*, including an overview of the changes in the reference tables. This seminar will also discuss clarifications of existing rules, addition of newly required procedures, adjustments to reference tables and changes in various time requirements for inspections and testing procedures.

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

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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)

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 February saw four successful fire sprinkler saves in the Southwest!!!

February 3, San Diego, CA.- Fire sprinkler systems assists firefighters in suppressing office building fire. A fire sprinkler system and quick response by firefighters limited damage from a fire to an office building

Saturday in San Diego, View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/02/san-diego-ca-sprinkler-systems-assists-firefighters-in-suppressing-offic>.

February 14, San Carlos, CA. Fire at commercial building held in check by single automatic fire sprinkler. A two-alarm fire broke out in San Carlos early Wednesday morning, damaging a commercial building before crews got it under control, reports indicate. Fire Crews were called around 2:18 a.m. to the 1100 block of Industrial Road, according to the Pulsepoint smartphone application. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/02/san-carlos-ca-fire-at-commercial-building-held-in-check-by-single-automatic-fire-sprinkler/>.

February 20, Buellton, CA. Restaurant fire contained with help from sprinkler system; No injuries were reported. A fire that began in the kitchen area at the famous AJ Spurs Restaurant in Buellton Tuesday afternoon was contained with the help of the building's internal fire sprinkler system, according to the Santa Barbara County Fire Department. Four engine companies and a battalion chief were dispatched to the scene shortly after 4 p.m. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/02/buellton-ca-restaurant-fire-contained-with-help-from-sprinkler-system-no-injuries-reported/>.

February 23, Fresno, CA. A fire sprinkler system helped suppress a blaze at the Salvation Army warehouse. A fire at a Salvation Army warehouse near downtown Fresno early Thursday morning burned some boxes of donated items but was largely extinguished by the building's fire sprinkler system. Heavy smoke, apparently from burning cardboard boxes, was reported inside the building in the fire reported around 5 a.m. at the warehouse. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/02/fresno-ca-sprinkler-system-helps-suppress-blaze-at-salvation-army-warehouse/>.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule in the Southwest!

California Fire Sprinkler Coalition Meeting, Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at the California Fire Prevention Institute in Buellton, CA. from 5-6:00 pm. This is the face-the face meeting with California SFM and stakeholder reports.

Arizona NFSA Chapter Meeting, Tuesday, March 20, 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, March 22, 2018. NFSA Shane Ray will be in attendance. The meeting will be open to all members and the location has yet to be announced.

San Diego Fire Protection Association, Tuesday, April 10, 2018, La Mesa, California at Marie Callendar's 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 pm. 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. The CFPI is in March and the location and additional information has yet to be announced.

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.

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.

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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