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John Corso Promoted to NFSA Director of Training!!

NFSA President Shane Ray announced in September that long-time Training Manager John Corso has been promoted to Director of Training and Education. The appointment is due to the resignation of former Director of Training and Education James Lake who has moved on to a similar position with the Viking Corporation.

Mr. Corso began his career with the National Fire Sprinkler Association after retiring from the Louisville, Kentucky Fire Department in 1999 with 31 years of service, the last four as Chief of the Department. As Director of Training and Education, he is responsible for the operations of the training department, in addition to, assisting in developing, implementing updating and delivering training programs to improve the understanding and comprehension of all Codes and Standards relating to water based fire protection systems. He travels extensively throughout the United States and abroad conducting training seminars to achieve these goals.

Mr. Corso is a member of the International Fire Chief’s Association, the National Fire Protection Association and the Institute of Fire Engineers to name a few. He has served in various capacities as an instructor for Fire Departments, Community Colleges and Universities, Public School systems, and the Fire Service College at Moreton-in-Marsh, England.

Mr. Corso has traveled throughout North America and Europe lecturing on the “American Fire Service” concentrating on the numerous ways that fire services can enhance the quality of life within their communities by providing broader based community services. As such, he has received many awards and recognitions from many local, national and international groups. He has also been named in several publications related to his leadership in those areas. He is a member of the Technical Committee on Standpipe Systems responsible for NFPA 14.

**California Residential Fire Sprinkler Symposium
Held in Roseville!**



In response to the statewide need to address and educate water purveyors, fire and building officials on issues affecting the California State Residential Fire Sprinkler Regulation, two symposiums were planned in Southern and Northern California in August and September.

The Symposiums were very useful during the initial adoption of the regulation and widely regarded as a tool for educating and communicating the intent of residential fire sprinkler systems, their use and effectiveness. Many fire officials, building officials and water purveyors became advocates of residential fire sprinklers and as a result modified their local regulations in line with the state regulations after the Symposiums held in 2011 after the regulation was adopted.

The Roseville Symposium was sponsored by Lubrizol and the California Fire Sprinkler Coalition and was held at the Maidu Community Center on September 20th. The fifty or so attendees from throughout Northern California consisted of water purveyors, building and fire officials. Attendees were provided with presentations on issues related to residential fire sprinkler systems from the perspective of the building official, the International Code Council, East Bay Municipal Utility District, JAS Pacific, California State Fire Marshal's Office and Bruce Lecair from NFSA. The subjects the panel members addressed focused primarily on water supply arrangements, backflow regulations, cross connections, solutions available to address water pressure and flow and local amendments and system design.

Additional symposiums are being planned for 2018.

NFSA Southwest Chapter News!

The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter met for their final meeting of the year on September 28th at Barones's in Pleasanton, California for an evening dinner meeting focusing on NFSA, Statewide and local reports given by Chapter President Peter Hulin, Area Director Jack Thacker and Associate Director of Field Operations, Bruce Lecair.

The Los Angeles Area Chapter will be meeting on October 19th at the Rio Hondo Golf and Community Center in Downey, California for a dinner meeting with NFSA Director of Retrofit Derrick Sawyer in attendance to discuss the retrofit specialist position and his mission at the NFSA.

The Arizona State NFSA Chapter on Tuesday, September 26th meeting was cancelled but we are excited to announce that the next meeting will be held at the Phoenix Fire Department Headquarters at 150 S. 12th Street in Phoenix, AZ. on November 21st. Lunch will be provided. The program has yet to be finalized.

California Fire Prevention Officers hold August Meetings!!

The California Fire Prevention Officers met in both ends of the state in September. The So Cal Fire Prevention Officers Association met on Wednesday, September 12th at the Orange County Fire Authority in Irvine, California. Greg Anderson, Division Chief, Code Development and Analysis provide the afternoon presentation on a review of the 2016 Intervening Codes.

The NorCal Fire Prevention Officers Association met on Friday, September 22, 9:30 -3:00 at Petaluma Community Center in Petaluma, California for the annual Hawaiian Shirt Meeting! The Afternoon presentation was on "Below Grade Parking Garages presented by City Lift Parking." The meeting also was the site of the sub-committee meetings and statewide and regional reports including an NFSA report from Regional Manager Bruce Lecair.

NFSA Membership!

We were delighted in September to welcome Liberty Fire Systems, Inc. to the National Fire Sprinkler Association as our newest Contractor member! Liberty Fire Systems is located at 3182 Campus Drive, Suite 136 in San Mateo, California. Their President, Jim Bollier is the former Training Director at Sprinkler Fitters U.A. Local 483 and we are excited to have him and Liberty Fire Systems on our team. You can contact Jim at 1-(510) 782-9483 or at his e-mail address at: jim@libertyfire.biz.

9 Fire Sprinkler Saves in the Southwest!!

The month of September saw nine successful fire sprinkler saves in the Southwest!!!

September 1, Salinas, CA. Fire Sprinkler system contains fire at cardboard box manufacturing facility A fire in a processing machine at the WestRock facility on Merrill Street has been extinguished with no injuries, fire officials said. The plant makes cardboard boxes for the agriculture industry, said Salinas Deputy Fire Chief Brett Loomis. Flames were contained to the interior of the building. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2017/09/salinas-ca-sprinkler-system-contains-fire-at-cardboard-box-manufacturing-facility/>.

September 7, Reno, NV. Arson fire at casino resort hotel contained by fire sprinkler system. One person has been arrested after firefighters responded to a report of a fire in the Peppermill Resort's north tower in Reno on Tuesday. The extent of the fire wasn't immediately clear, but a Reno Fire Department official said the interior fire sprinkler system contained the fire. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2017/09/reno-nv-arson-fire-at-casino-resort-hotel-contained-by-sprinkler-system/>.

September 9, Palo Alto, CA. Suspicious fire at furniture store minimized with help from fire sprinklers. Palo Alto firefighters doused what appeared to be a "suspicious" fire contained by fire sprinklers at the rear of a furniture store to the Town & Country Village this morning, fire officials said. Fire crews reported to the blaze at the rear of Cisco Home at 855 El Camino Real shortly after 7 a.m. View the full post

at: <http://sprinklersaves.com/2017/09/palo-alto-ca-suspicious-fire-at-furniture-store-minimized-with-help-from-sprinkler-system/>.

September 13, Antioch, CA. Fire sprinkler in garage prevents helps prevent spread of house fire. Fire Investigators were seeking a person or people suspected of setting several fires Sunday night and Monday morning, including one that burned a church in Antioch, officials said. Fire crews also knocked down a fire contained by fire sprinklers that started in a garbage can outside a Brentwood house. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2017/09/antioch-ca-fire-sprinkler-in-garage-prevents-helps-prevent-spread-of-house-fire/>.

September 18, Tucson, AZ. Fire sprinklers credited with minimizing damage at downtown office building. Firefighters arrived just in time to see the fire sprinklers activate over flames in the administrative office of Visit Tucson. The fire alarm at 100 South Church Ave in downtown Tucson triggered a call to 911 at 6:38 p.m., according to a release from Tucson Fire Department. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2017/09/tucson-az-sprinkler-system-credited-with-minimizing-damage-at-downtown-office-building/>.

September 20, Yuma, AZ. Fire at Candlewood Suites Hotel stopped by fire sprinkler system. The Yuma Fire Department said a fire sprinkler system stopped a fire in a local hotel. Yuma Fire Department said Monday shortly after 9:30 pm, an alarm was reported indicating a fire sprinkler activation at the Candlewood Suites Hotel, 2036 East Avenue 3E. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2017/09/yuma-az-fire-at-candlewood-suites-hotel-stopped-by-sprinkler-system/>.

September 22, Gilroy, CA. Fire sprinkler system helps protect Salvation Army store from fire set by thieves. A 2-alarm fire at a Salvation Army facility in Gilroy destroyed \$5,000 worth of donations. Monday's 2 a.m. blaze is being investigated as suspicious by the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office and Gilroy Police Department. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2017/09/gilroy-ca-sprinkler-system-helps-protect-salvation-army-store-from-fire-set-by-thieves/>.

September 23, Henderson, NV. Electrical fire in condominium building contained by fire sprinkler system. An electrical fire in a Henderson condominium building yesterday evening was contained to the area of origin by the building's fire sprinkler system and firefighters quickly extinguish the fire before it could spread to neighboring units. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2017/09/henderson-nv-electrical-fire-in-condominium-building-contained-by-sprinkler-system/>.

September 27, Petaluma, CA. Fire sprinklers keeps dryer fire from spreading at adult memory care home. Nearly 60 residents of an adult care home in Petaluma were evacuated Sunday after a fire ignited in a laundry room. The Petaluma Fire Department responded to the call at 3:54 p.m. and found smoke pouring out of a roof vent at the Adobe House, which is a memory care facility with patients in the facility. View the full post at <http://sprinklersaves.com/2017/09/petaluma-ca-sprinkler-system-keeps-dryer-fire-from-spreading-at-adult-memory-care-home/>.



NFSA Instructor Ron Rickie back and in the middle with the Roseville High-piled Storage Class!!!

NFSA Training in the Southwest!

We will be finishing up a strong year of training in 2017 as we just completed a seminar in Roseville on September 19 – 21 and are now headed for a 2-day seminar in Modesto, CA. with a Sprinkler System Installation Requirements (NFPA 13, Chapter 8) class on October 25th and a Rough and Final Inspection of Sprinkler Systems class on October 26th. As you can see below, we are already lining up classes in 2018 with the first class set for Tucson, Arizona in January. To sign up for a seminar go to: seminars@nfsa.org

2017 2018 Schedule

Sprinkler System Installation Requirements (NFPA 13, Chapter 8), Modesto, CA.		Dates:	10/25
Rough and Final Inspection of Sprinkler Systems, Modesto, CA.			10/26
Two Day Plan Review of Fire Sprinkler Systems, Tucson. AZ.		Dates:	1/16-17, 2018
Rough and Final Inspection of Sprinkler Systems, Tucson, AZ.		Dates:	10/18, 2018

Technical Tuesday Series Schedule on NFPA 13 Section 8.15 “Special Situations”

October 17, 2017: Vertical Shafts, Stairways and Elevators:

Where are sprinklers required in vertical shafts, stairways, elevator equipment rooms and elevators shafts? The special situations included in NFPA 13 sections 8.15.2, 8.15.3, 8.15.4 and 8.15.5 will be reviewed. NFPA 13 requires sprinkler protection in vertical shafts having exposed combustible construction. The basic requirements for installation of sprinklers, considerations for inspection and conditions allowing omission of protection in vertical shafts will be identified. Sprinkler protection requirements for stairways of combustible, limited combustible and noncombustible construction will be identified. Situations involving vertical openings for escalators, staircases and atriums will be reviewed. Sprinkler protection requirements for elevator equipment rooms and shafts will be identified. These requirements have evolved over the last several cycles and reviewed to demonstrate when sprinkler protection is required and when it can be omitted. Presented by Jeff Hugo, Manager of Codes

November 21, 2017: Unusual Ceilings

The installation of complex and ornate ceilings has become the norm rather than the exception in many contemporary construction projects. Special situations involving spaces above ceilings, open grid ceilings, drop out ceilings, ceiling clouds and stepped ceilings will be reviewed. Architectural ceiling designs have continued to evolve beyond the limitations for cloud ceilings. The special ceiling situations included in the sub-sections of 8.15 will be reviewed. Sprinkler protection requirements and compliance options will be discussed for these unique and challenging ceiling configurations. Presented by Mark Hopkins, P.E., Vice President of Engineering

December 19, 2017: Other Special Situations

This session rounds out the special situation topics of NFPA 13, section 8.15, which has often been referred to as the “junk drawer.” A variety of miscellaneous and somewhat seemingly unrelated topics will be discussed including, library stack areas, glazing protection, revolving doors, and stages. Although these topics do not appear to be related, each has its own unique set of specialized sprinkler protection requirements and/or permitted omissions. Knowing how to provide protection for these conditions is important to ensure compliance. In addition, requirements for return bends, dry pipe underground and old-style sprinklers will be discussed. Presented by Jim Lake, Director of Training

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Upcoming Meeting Schedule in the Southwest!

San Diego Fire Protection Association, Tuesday, October 10, 2017, La Mesa, California at Marie Callendar's 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 pm.

So-Cal Fire Prevention Officers Association, Wednesday, October 11, 10:00 - 3:00. The meeting will be at the Ventura County Fire Department located at 165 Durley Avenue in Camarillo, California. Tesla Motors will be presenting on their new Solar Roof Technology.

NFSA Los Angeles Area Chapter Meeting, Thursday, October 19, 2017 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, October 23, 2017 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, October 27, 9:30 -3:00 at the Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center at 17000 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill, CA. Rob Scott from the Western Propane Gas Association will be the afternoon presenter. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Wear something pink to the meeting to show your support in the fight against breast cancer.

Arizona NFSA Chapter Meeting, Tuesday, November 21, 2017 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, January 25, 2017. Location to be announced. Signatory Contractors from 4-5:00 p.m. Open dinner meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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- 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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