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Honolulu City Council passes “Mandatory” Fire Sprinkler Bill That Allows High-rise Condo Owners to Opt Out

The Star Advertiser posted on May 26th that a bill passed by the Honolulu City Council requires about 150 older high-rise condominiums to be retrofitted with automated fire sprinkler systems. Except that it really doesn't. The final version of Bill 69 (2017) allows condominium associations to opt out of installing fire sprinklers either in hallways or individual units so long as they meet the minimum requirements of the fire safety evaluation forms that would be filled out by a licensed architect or engineer and then submitted to the Honolulu Fire Department. And those who choose to opt out could still end up paying more to make other safety improvements necessary to pass the evaluations, said Assistant Fire Chief Socrates Bratakos.



The vote on Wednesday was 8-1. Councilman Ikaika Anderson, the lone “no” vote, said he philosophically opposes the idea of requiring property owners to install sprinklers if they preferred to accept the risk of living without them.

Councilwoman Carol Fukunaga, who authored the final language, said her version was a compromise designed to address safety concerns while recognizing that requiring sprinklers could create huge financial burdens for the building associations. “Different buildings have different conditions,” Fukunaga said after the meeting. “What may work for one building is not necessarily the solution for another building.”

About 368 residential towers, totaling about 38,000 to 39,000 units, do not have fire sprinklers, according to fire department estimates. All were built before 1975, which was when the city first mandated fire sprinklers in all new residential high-rises. Fire Chief Manuel Neves said he would have preferred a law without opt-outs. “Of course the Fire Department wanted sprinklers everywhere, in every building — we want them in your automobiles as well, he said, drawing a laugh. “But we’re happy. We’re going to make our community safer.”

To view the full article go to: [Honolulu Sprinkler Requirement](#)

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.

April Joint FPO/SFPE Meeting a Huge Success!

The Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco was the where it was at on April 27th as NFSA sponsored the Annual Joint NorCal Fire Prevention Officers/San Francisco Society of Fire Protection Engineers Meeting with Vice President on NFSA Engineering Mark Hopkins (right) in attendance to give a presentation on the on Changes to the NFSA Engineering Website and updates and news in the upcoming codes.



The event was a great venue for the twelve California Supply and Manufacturers who gathered to support the event organized by Southwest Regional Manager Bruce Lecair who sponsored the event on behalf of NFSA. Those who attended and showed off their product lines were, Spears Manufacturing, Eaton-Tolco, Lubrizol, Victaulic, Flexhead Industries, Knox Company, Smoke Guard, Repcor/Watts Water Tech, Globe Fire Sprinkler, HD Supply, Pace Supply

and Hydrogen Innovations. Thank you for your support!

The meeting was also an important day for the Northern California/Nevada Chapter of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (NCN-SFPE) who awarded the 2018 Annual Academic Scholarship to five students in fire protection engineering programs across the country: The purpose of the scholarship is to support Fire Protection Engineering students from the



greater Northern California/Nevada Region, and to promote the expansion and advancement of the Fire Protection Engineering profession.

Students meeting the minimum requirements are encouraged to apply for the 2019 awards. Applicants must be enrolled or have proof of intention to enroll in an accredited Fire Protection Engineering program. For information on how to apply see www.ncnsfpe.org.

The Southern California Fire Prevention Officers met on April 11th at the Huntington Beach City Adult Center for a great meeting featuring State Fire Marshal reports, NFSA and industry reports, committee reports and an afternoon presentation from NFPA. This was a great venue and a huge turnout for the Southern California Fire Prevention Officers.

NFSA has new 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 new resources are available on our website in the tax reform section www.nfsa.org/taxreform.

NFSA Chapter News!

The Los Angeles Area NFSA Chapter met on April 19 at the Rio Hondo Golf and Event Center for lively and informational meeting with exchanges of information and NFSA reports and statewide information and updates from the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Fire Prevention Officers.

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

The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter will be meeting on May 24th at Saki's Spin A Yarn Restaurant in Fremont, CA. A labor committee only meeting will be held from 2-4, signatory contractors from 4:15-5:15, all members at 5:30. The meeting will feature reports and updates from Regional Manager Bruce Lecair and Area Director Jack Thacker.

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 was fantastic and we are excited for our next two offerings! To sign up for a seminar go to: seminars@nfsa.org

2018 Schedule

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.	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

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



REGIONAL REPORT May 2018

Southwest Edition

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)

Fire Sprinkler Saves in the Southwest!!

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

April 5, Oxnard, CA. Oxnard, CA - Sprinkler system assist firefighters in knocking down fire at a manufacturing plant. The fire sprinkler system assisted firefighters in knocking down a fire at manufacturing plant when a piece of equipment at an Oxnard manufacturing facility caught fire Saturday morning summoning fire engines and two ladder trucks, officials said. You can view the full post at: <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/04/oxnard-ca-sprinkler-system-assist-firefighters-in-knocking-down-fire-at-manufacturing-plant/>.

April 9, Tucson, AZ - Overnight fire at power sports retailer controlled with help from fire sprinkler system. Tucson Fire is investigating after a fire broke out at the Tucson Cycle and Ski in the 4600 block of 22nd Street. According to crews on scene, firefighters were called to the building around 3:30 a.m. Wednesday for a fire sprinkler alarm deployment. View the full post at: <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/04/tucson-az-overnight-fire-at-power-sports-retailer-controlled-with-help-from-sprinkler-system>

April 15, Ventura, CA - Early morning fire in a single-family home controlled by the fire sprinkler system. A fire Tuesday morning at a two-story home in east Ventura was put out with the help of firefighters and interior fire sprinklers. Crews from the Ventura Fire Department responded to the incident at 5:28 a.m. in the 300 block of El Monte Avenue. View the full post at: <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/04/ventura-ca-early-morning-fire-in-single-family-home-controlled-by-sprinkler-system/>.

April 19, Bakersfield, CA – Fire sprinklers activated after early morning fire in residence hall; No injuries were reported. A student was arrested by university police at 5 a.m. Saturday after starting a fire in Juniper Hall that same morning. No students were injured during the incident or evacuation. Students were forced to evacuate and stand in the cold for over an hour while Bakersfield Fire Department swept the building View the full post at: <http://sprinklersaves.com/2018/04/bakersfield-ca-sprinklers-activated-after-early-morning-fire-in-residence-hall-no-injuries-reported/>.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule in the Southwest!

SoCal Fire Prevention Officers Association, Wednesday, May 9, 2018 from 10:00 - 3:00 at the Boeing Company's Conference Center - Building S-24 located at 2060 E. Imperial Highway, El Segundo, CA. The afternoon program will be tour of the Boeing Satellite Development Center.

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.

Nor Cal Fire Prevention Officers Association, Friday, May 18, 2018 from 9:30 -3:00 at the Sprinkler Fitters U.A. Local 483 at 2531 Barrington Court, Hayward, CA. The afternoon presentation will be given by Deputy State Fire Marshal Jeffrey Schwartz on the status of the Fire Sprinkler Certification Program in California.

NFSA San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Meeting, Thursday, May 24, 2018 at Saki's Spin A Yarn Restaurant, 45915 Warm Springs Blvd. in Fremont. A labor committee only meeting will be held from 2-4, signatory contractors from 4:15-5:15, all members at 5:30.

California Fire Sprinkler Coalition Meeting, Monday, May 28, 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#.

San Diego Fire Protection Association, Tuesday, June 12, 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.

NFSA Los Angeles Area Chapter Meeting, Thursday, June 21, 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.

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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