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CHICAGO FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION CONFERENCE

On February 21, 2020 the Chicago Fire Safety Education Conference was held at the Willis Tower, under the auspices of Deputy District Chief Walter Schroeder.

As a show of solidarity with NFPA and the Community Risk Reduction process, the audience held up their NFPA 1300 Standard Books for effect.

Comment from an attendee:
"Thank you Chicago Fire and all the presenters for making this conference an AWESOME success!!! I brought back so much great information (**hashtag#FREE**!!!) Chicago Fire Commissioner Ford truly set the stage for this event with his opening devotional…..I call it that as I was truly inspired and appreciative…..all the CFD personnel were so helpful, ensuring the small town components like myself weren't left wandering about aimlessly!!!! Fantastic!
Food…..friends…..fun…..and a trip to Gino's when it ended!!!!!

P.S.: I got a picture with Commissioner Ford!!!! Thank you all!!!!! Register me for next year!!!!"

CHICAGO FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 21, 2020

from left **WILLIAM EPPS, CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT; BRYAN LAROCHE, LOCAL 281 SPRINKLER FITTERS UNION PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR** of **TRAINING; DAN SZATKOWSKI, FE MORAN, COMMANDER PRESTON ROBERSON,** and **WILLIAM HINCKS, LOCAL 281 SPRINKLER FITTERS UNION VICE PRESIDENT**

34TH FLOOR

FIRE MARSHAL MATT PEREZ, 1ST DEPUTY ANNETTE NANCE-HOLT, RUSS SANDERS and **MEREDITH HAWES** from **NFPA,** and **COMMISSIONER RICHARD C. FORD II**

It has been my honor to have known and worked with Commissioner Ford since his days as Training Chief and Bureau Chief. He is always working to improve the life safety of Chicagoans and his firefighters.

Thank you, Commissioner, for all of your good work.

CHICAGO FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 21, 2020

It was the vision of Chief Schroeder to have a conference that brought together all fire service officials from across our state to exchange information and provide attendees with all of the base information to begin or enhance their own programs.

Thank you to Meredith Hawes for participating in the conference with two excellent presentations! In one of these presentations, she reviewed various teaching points that are covered in the EMAC Desk Reference. All attendees received their own copy of the EMAC.

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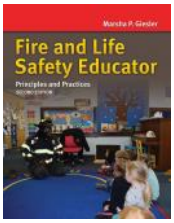
For supporting the CRR Community Risk Reduction concept, we thank:

Fire Commissioner Richard C. Ford II
State Representative Fran Hurley
State Fire Marshal Matt Perez
First Deputy Commissioner Annette Nance-Holt
Russ Sanders and Meredith Hawes from NFPA

Marisa Schrieber

Jamie Brown

Marsha Giesler



We were determined to showcase some of the best in Illinois, and that is why we were happy to have Marisa Schrieber and Jamie Brown of the New Lenox FPD present on their programs. Of course, we had Marsha Giesler, now recently retired from Downers Grove, showcase her signature program.

We also worked to have the Marsha Giesler educational book provided to attendees, and both NIFSI and FE Moran helped to bring that forth by their donation.

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Peg Paul, HFSC

Presentation: Fire sprinkler programs and developer trade-ups as incentive tradeoffs

Larry Langford, Director of Media Affairs, Chicago FD

Presentation: Working with the Media

Chris Hasbrook and Sean DeCrane, UL

Presentation: UL Safety Programs: Close the door

The Mission of Our Lady of the Angels fire still in the news.

As we all know, on December 1, 1958, the tragic fire occurred, resulting in 95 deaths at of Our Lady of the Angels. It is a fire that is forever etched into history. After this fire, codes were changed resulting in many improvements to schools. The school was eventually rebuilt, but without sprinklers in the classrooms, only in the basement. This disturbed Tom Collins, Business Manager for Local 281 Sprinkler Fitters Union, and he decided to do something about it. As a result, the school is now being repurposed into a dormitory for students. Tom Collins has contracted with USAFP to retrofit fire sprinklers into the school. The retrofit project quietly started on February 2, 2020 after a detailed engineering study to develop plans and hydraulic calculations.

The first load of pipe and materials were delivered on February 7, 2020 and drilling, coring, and installation in now in progress.

Sprinkler Fitter Chris Rosenlund, Larry Nichols Local 281 Bus. Agent and Jack Kennedy Local 281 Bus. Agent go over the fire sprinkler plans.

Sprinkler Fitters: Larry Nichols Local 281 Bus. Agent, Apprentice Alan Leonhardt, Chris Rosenlund, Frank Gammino and JackKennedy Local 281 Bus. Agent

Sprinkler pipe delivered and being loaded into staging area.

ALL COSTS + FEES PAID BY NIFSI

FIRE SPRINKLER DEMONSTRATION TRAILERS

NIFSI is Ready to Work with You to Improve Your Public Outreach

The Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Initiative (NIFSI) is working with the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association (IFIA) and Northern Illinois Fire Inspectors Association (NIFIA) to offer four fire sprinkler demonstration trailers. We're ready to work with fire and public information officials to conduct demonstrations at board meetings, training exercises, fire department open houses, and community events.

Our full-service approach includes towing trailers to/from events, conducting demonstrations, and running multiple demonstrations with qualified staff. You do the presentation; we do the work.

Standard IFIA Trailer

Demo room featuring residential sprinkler

Scheduling: Monica Halverson, 224-387-3340 or ifiafire@illinoisfireinspectors.org

Water Supply: Tank and pump (electric needed) or FDC

IFIA Retrofit Trailer

Demo room featuring commercial valves (dry and pre-action) and residential sprinkler for hands-on training

Scheduling: Monica Halverson, 224-387-3340 or ifiafire@illinoisfireinspectors.org

Water Supply: FDC

IFIA Hotbox Trailer

Demo room featuring residential sprinkler (remote controlled)

Scheduling: Monica Halverson, 224-387-3340 or ifiafire@illinoisfireinspectors.org

Water Supply: Tank and pump (electric needed) or garden hose

NIFIA Trailer

Demo room featuring commercial and residential sprinkler valve setup

Scheduling: Mike DaValle, 847-526-2821, x3137 or mdavalle@waucondafire.org

Water Supply: Tank and pump (electric needed) or FDC

After you reserve the trailer of your choice, NIFSI will pay rental fees and arrange trailer pick-up and delivery, as needed.

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PLAN YOUR 2020 EVENTS NOW!

SIDE-BY-SIDE BURN DEMONSTRATIONS

(3 Options)

Work with NIFSI to Improve Your Public Outreach

The Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Initiative is your full-service partner to deliver impactful side-by-side demonstrations to raise public awareness in your community. We're ready to work with fire and public information officials to display the dramatic differences between flashover and the quick response of residential fire sprinklers.

Our side-by-side demonstration units can be featured at community events, fire department open houses, and other locations that powerfully showcase how fire sprinklers can save lives and protect property.

We provide full-service demonstrations, with staffing, build assistance, furniture, drop-off and pick-up.

At no cost to you!

Conventional Side-by-Side Units

- Two 10-panel rooms assembled on site
- Full-service includes furniture, sprinkler pipe and sprinklers, smoke detector, drapes/curtain cloth, digital clock

Side-by-Side Mobile Trailer

- Easy to transport/move after demonstration, perfect for street fairs, community events, fire department open houses, village board meetings
- Full-service includes matching furniture, sprinkler pipe and sprinklers, smoke detector, drapes/curtain cloth, digital clock, delivery and pick-up

Lake County Roll-off Side-by-Side

- Mobile unit delivered/picked up on site
- For members of Lake County Fire Chiefs Association (Must be approved by Lake County Fire Chiefs Association, which will deliver and pick up. NIFSI will provide furniture, clock, etc.)
- **Scheduling:** 847-587-8012 or www.srtillinois.org/equipment/sprinkler-side-by-side

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February 4, 2020

Tom Lia
Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Initiative
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Dear Tom,

What a success! Having reviewed the final figures, we are proud to announce that we had a record setting number of attendees at the 27th Annual Conference and the event brought in rave reviews – survey results indicate that attendees overwhelmingly said the conference had exceeded their expectations.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Conference Committee and our entire membership, we want to extend a heart-felt thank you for your commitment and support of the NIAFPD.

It was our vision this year for the annual conference to inform, educate and even entertain a bit, while also promoting networking in a pleasant and comfortable environment. We met those benchmarks and are looking forward to many more successes in 2020.

As we continue to grow as an organization, please know that partnerships with our sponsors are vital to the success of the NIAFPD. You are truly appreciated. We look forward to working with you again next year at our conference.

Please know that you can always reach out to us with comments or suggestions throughout the year at niafpd1@gmail.com or (847) 951-2482.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Kosiara — NIAFPD President

Ron Kubicki — NIAFPD Conference Co-Chair

Jim Grady — NIAFPD Conference Co-Chair

HOME FIRE SPRINKLER WEEK™

A project of the NFPA® Fire Sprinkler Initiative® and the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition®

The National Event will be here in ALSIP this year!

Save the Date for 2020!

National Press Event: May 20, 2020
#HomeFireSprinklerWeek

The national press event will actually be here in Illinois this year at the Alsip Fire Department, Station #2, located at 11946 S. Laramie with host Chief Tom Styczynski. Tom is also president of the Metro Chiefs this year. All fire service groups, associations, industry, and fire fighters are invited. We hope to have representation from every NFPA 13D community/district in Illinois. Local towns will also be recognized. There will be a live simulated house burn. Meet FEMA U.S. Fire Administrator G. Keith Byrant and NFPA president Jim Pauley, and vice president Lorraine Carli. Fire sprinkler trailers and side-by-side units from across the state will be on display. The local event will be at 9:00 AM, and 10:00 AM for the national event.

The event will be followed by a lunch reception. Details to follow.

U.S. Fire Administrator
G. Keith Bryant

NFPA President
Jim Pauley

Fire Sprinklers in Public Housing

S.3090 - Public Housing Fire Safety Act

To establish a grant program to provide amounts to public housing agencies to install automatic sprinkler systems in public housing, and for other purposes.

You can find more information about this bill at:
https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/3090/text

Contact Senators Richard Durbin and Tammy Duckworth to support.

NFPA 13D Simulator Units

Have a residential fire sprinkler ordinance?
Want an NFPA 13D Unit for your fire department
or building department?

Contact Tom Lia for details at sprinktoml@aol.com.

A Message from Deputy District Chief Schroeder

Dear Friend.

What a success! Having reviewed the final numbers, we had 240 fire, building, and safety officials attending this first conference. The reviews were very positive and supportive.

Your participation in this conference was an essential part of the success as your information and programs were disseminated to these fire officials for direct use in their own departments and communities.

On behalf of myself and the Chicago Fire Department, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your participation.

It was our vision to initiate this conference as a way to start on the ground level by providing all attendees with as much information about programs from organizations like yours so that everyone could choose what they can use and what would work in their own towns. This is just the start, and we will be having a regional follow-up in June (date to be determined) on an assigned basis to go into more specific details into special effective programs. We will also review the survey sheets you submitted. and seek input for continual improvement in mitigating fires and other life safety hazards.

As this continues to grow as a venue, please know that our partnerships with our sponsors and exhibitors are vital to the success of this effort. You are all truly appreciated.

We look forward to working with you to achieve your objectives at our next event.

Please know that you can reach out to us with comments or suggestions throughout the year.

Sincerely,

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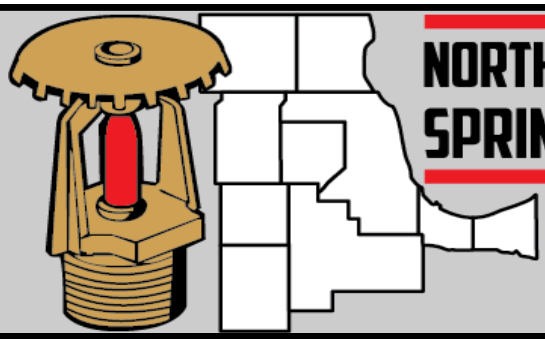

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