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NFSA will broadcast the opening session of our Annual Seminar live over the internet. That's right. For the very first time, anyone not able to be in attendance at this year's Annual Seminar being held May 3-5 at the Los Cabos Hilton in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, will be able to witness the events as they happen. Beginning at 12:00 PM Eastern Standard Time on Thursday, May 3, NFSA will broadcast the entire opening session live at its website, www.nfsa.org. Guests at the site will hear the welcoming address from Mike McDaniel, newly appointed president of AMRACI, the Mexican Fire Sprinkler Association, see Claude L. Chafin receive the Golden Sprinkler Award, and watch as NFSA President Russell Fleming makes his inaugural State of the Industry address. You will also hear from Ken Isman, NFSA Vice President of Engineering, as he reports on the State of the Technology. This is an unprecedented, not-to-be-missed online event by NFSA, and everyone in the fire sprinkler industry not able to be at the Annual Seminar in person should take advantage of this free opportunity.

Welcome to FFSA a chapter of NFSA

Please join me in welcoming our newest Florida members:

Vause Mechanical Contracting, Inc.
DR Vause
1872 Mill Street, Bldg F
Tallahassee, Florida 32316

Douglas Glanz
Frontline Fire Protection, Inc.
10790 Florence Avenue
Thonotosassa, FL 33592

Patrick Moore
Action Fire Sprinklers, Inc.
2703 NW 29th Terrace
Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33311

Doug Kirk
Aegis
156 Industrial Loop, S.
Jacksonville, FL 32073

Florida CFO Jeff Atwater Allowing State Fire Marshal's Office to File Glitch Bill to Chapter 633

Do you have suggestions, questions, or recommended changes to Chapter 633? Buddy will be working with the State Fire Marshal's office to revise the information and wants to ensure all your issues or concerns are addressed. Please send any changes or questions to Buddy Dewar at dewar@nfsa.org prior to June 1, 2012. Feel free to contact me at bush@nfsa.org should you have any questions or need any additional information.

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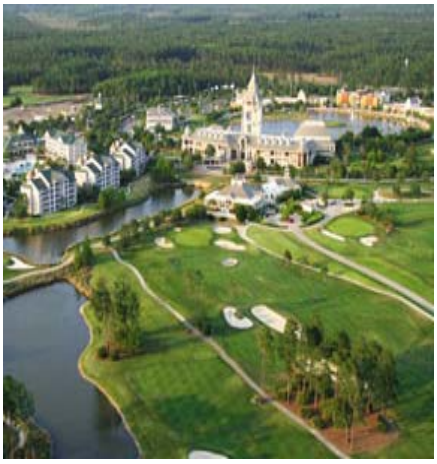

Russ Fleming, President NFSA
Coming to World Golf Village, St. Augustine, May 21-24, 2012
Contractor Renewals get all 32 CEU's

Russ Fleming, newly elected President of NFSA, will be opening our week at the beautiful World Golf Village the week of May 21- 24, 2012. This will be one of the last chances for Contractors and Waterbased Inspectors to get their CEU's before the June 30th deadline. Thirty-two CEU's are available for the Florida Contractors and AHJ's including the mandated classes required by the State of Florida. Additionally, we have an exciting line-up including courses on Protecting Yourself in Worker's Comp Cases, Debt Collection, Improving Your Team to Provide Better Customer Service, Aggressive Behavior in the Workplace, and much more. We are pleased to offer a special room rate of $119.00 per night. Click HERE to see the full brochure, or register online by going to our website at www.floridafiresprinkler.com.

Florida Fire Sprinkler Board of Directors held meeting in Cape Coral, FL

Monday, April 23, 2012 Island Harbor Construction hosted a side-by-side live sprinkler burn with the assistance of Wayne Automatic Fire Sprinklers. Both AFSA and FFSA boards were in attendance as well as Councilman Chris Chulakes-Leetz who is actively seeking ordinance mandating sprinklers in all new residential construction in Cape Coral. The media was there to share in the event and interviewed Alan Carter, Battalion Chief Cape Coral, Buddy Dewar, VP of Regional Operations, NFSA, and Councilman Chris Chulakes-Leetz. See full interview by clicking the following link:
http://www.nbc-2.com/story/17664649/2012/04/23/officials-recommending-fire-sprinklers-in-homes

The following day, April 24, 2012, the Florida Fire Sprinkler Association along with the American Fire Sprinkler Association held a joint meeting in Cape Coral, FL. Topping the agenda were discussions on how we can work together for the betterment of our industry. The meeting began at 8:00 AM and concluded at approximately 2:30 PM. These two boards consist of fire sprinkler contractors both owners and managers along with Suppliers and Manufacturers from across the state of Florida. The two associations discussed industry related concerns and how we as two organizations can work together for the betterment of Florida. Our next meeting is scheduled for August 20th at the Rosen Hotel in Orlando, FL. If you are a member of the NFSA or the AFSA, we invite you to plan to attend these meetings. The discussions are valuable to our industry and imperative as we plan for the future.

Battalion Chief Alan Carter Recognized

On April 11 the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution's Caloosa Chapter presented Carter with the SAR Fire Safety Commendation and medal. The local chapter is made up of members from Lee and Hendry. See the full story at http://www.cape-coral-daily-breeze.com/page/content.detail/id/529865/Battalion-chief-recognized.html?nav=5011

Florida Fire Sprinkler Association Launches NEW Website

We have totally revamped and updated our website. Please check it out, and if you have any suggestions to make it better, we want to hear from you. Also if you have a fire sprinkler saves story, we want to post it. Please send all items via email to bush@nfsa.org.

18th Annual Golf Tournament
Huge Success!

The tournament was a huge success, and we couldn't have done it without the support of our sponsors. Please take a look at the list of sponsors, and if you are one of them, please accept this very big thank you!

Thank You

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Milwaukee Valve Company
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Special T's
Star Pipe Products
Systems Depot
Timacuan Golf & Country Club
Triple R Specialty
United Brass Works, Inc.
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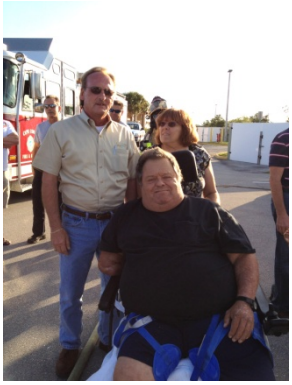
United Rentals
Vestal & Wiler, CPA
Viega, LLC
Vulcan Threaded Products, Inc.
Ward Manufacturing
Weldbend
Wilkins/Zurn Company
World Golf Village

Sam Davis of Island Harbor Construction Presented NFSA Media Award

Buddy Dewar, VP of Regional Operations presented to Sam Davis NFSA Media Award on April 24, 2012 in Cape Coral, FL. Mr. Davis was presented this award for his factual representation in the media of automatic fire sprinklers. Along with the media award the Terry Noonan, President of the Florida Fire Sprinkler Association along with Bobby DiModica President of the American Fire Sprinkler Association presented Mr. Davis with a plaque thanking him for standing up for fire sprinklers and his desire to educate the public by giving them away free in homes that he builds. Sam is currently working with a local contractor to install automatic fire sprinklers in the home of a disabled veteran. Mr. Jim Shannon, who served in Vietnam and was affected by agent orange, would not be able to get out of a burning home with his disabilities. Sam worked very hard to make this happen for him. Thank you Sam Davis and Island Harbor Homes for all you do.

Councilman Leetz, Bob DiModica, Sam Davis, Terry Noonan and Mayor John Sullivan

Sam Davis, Island Harbor Construction and Buddy Dewar, VP Regional Operations NFSA



Sam Davis and Jim Shannon

NFSA Introduces the 2009 Codes Edition of the Fire Sprinkler Guide

Produced by NFSA, this second edition of The Fire Sprinkler Guide defines those sections of the three model building codes, the Life Safety Code (NFPA 101), and International Building Code where fire sprinkler systems are required, including partial requirements and construction incentives. The guide includes comparison tables to clarity many of the code requirements. The guide is a valuable tool for architects and engineers, plan reviewers, fire and building inspectors, as well as sprinkler contractors, and serves well as a workbook for students at the NFSA's Design Advantage Seminar. With almost 400 pages of text, this book is a "must have" for anybody that performs hydraulic calculations of fire sprinkler systems or performs plan review and approval of hydraulic calculations.

Order your copy at www.nfsa.org at the Resource Center or click below:

http://flipflashpages.uniflip.com/3/58987/126814/pub/

UPCOMING CLASSES

NFSA ONLINE Interactive Seminars Technical Tuesday's

Seminars start at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time

Price for NFSA Members - $125 per session - Price for Non-Members - $250 per session

May 8, 2012 - **Dry Standpipe Systems – Basic – Kevin J. Kelly, P.E.**
There are three different types of dry standpipe systems: automatic-dry systems, semi-automatic-dry systems, and manual-dry systems. This seminar will define each of these systems, explain how they work, discuss when they should be selected, and cover the special design and hydraulic calculation requirements for each of the dry systems.

May 22, 2012 - **Horizontal Standpipes and Lateral Piping – Intermediate – Kenneth E. Isman, P.E.**
Horizontal standpipes are treated differently than lateral runs of pipe to standpipe outlets by NFPA 14. This seminar will cover the differences between these two situations for both layout considerations and hydraulic calculations. In addition, this presentation will cover the different protection rules for these different piping situations.

To register for these classes please go to www.nfsa.org.

AREA Interest Meetings coming up in June

June 5th – Panhandle
McQuires Irish Pub
33 Highway 98
Destin, FL

June 6th – Tallahassee
Tallahassee Fire Dept
Training Center
2964 Municipal Way
Tallahassee, FL

June 19th – Tampa
Holiday Inn Express Tampa North
13294 Telecom Drive
Temple Terrace, FL 33637

June 20th – Orlando
Hilton Hotel
Altamonte Springs FL
350 Northlake Blvd.
Altamonte Springs, FL

June 21st – Jacksonville
Havana Jax Café
2578 Atlantic Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32270

June 25h – Ft. Myers
Tri County Apprenticeship Academy
13830 Jet Port Commerce Pkwy, Ste 5
Ft. Myers FL 33913

June 26th – Plantation
Plantation Fire Rescue
550 NW 65th Avenue
Plantation, FL 33317

June 27th – West Palm
Palm Beach County Fire Rescue
Herman W. Brice Complex
405 Pike Rd. Rooms 101 & 102
West Palm Beach, FL 33411

**Schedule subject to change – check website for latest and greatest schedule.*

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Help us spread the news that fire sprinklers SAVE lives and property!