

## **ARCHITECTS CAN EARN PROFESSIONAL CREDIT FOR TAKING NEW ONLINE COURSE ON HOME FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS**

**Quincy, MA** – The nonprofit Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (HFSC) has developed an accredited course on one- and two-family dwelling fire sprinkler installation through AEC Daily, the largest provider of free, online continuing education to construction professionals.

HFSC is sponsoring the free course as part of its educational outreach to the broader homebuilding community. “Interest in installing fire sprinkler systems in new homes is gaining momentum across North America,” says HFSC Chair Gary Keith. “This is the ideal time for architects as well as builders and designers to learn more about the design and installation of residential fire sprinklers and the national standard NFPA 13D. This new course is a great introduction to the fire sprinkler installation process.”

With a focus on new construction of one- and two-family dwellings, the comprehensive course includes an overview of home fire sprinkler operation and life-safety benefits, as well as installation in accordance with national standards. Discussion sections include cost-assessment research and “green” factors associated with installed fire sprinkler systems.

The new one-hour course can be taken online 24 hours a day. It qualifies for continuing education credit with numerous building industry organizations. The American Institute of Architects (AIA) awards its members one AIA/CES unit for successful completion. The Construction Education Network (CSI) awards one CEU.

AEC Daily automatically reports students’ earned learning units to AIA and CSI. The course qualifies for credit from a dozen additional organizations, all of which are listed on the course site.

To access the course, link from HFSC’s Web site at [HomeFireSprinkler.org](http://HomeFireSprinkler.org) or directly through the AEC Daily Web site at <http://www.aecdaily.com/en/1625773>.

The nonprofit Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (HFSC) is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and the leading resource for independent, noncommercial information about residential fire sprinklers.