



National Fire Sprinkler Association

Minnesota Chapter XV

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Governor's Council on Fire Prevention and Control
Ted Zwieg, Chairperson
33 South 6th Street, Suite #4640
Minneapolis, MN 55402

Dear Chairperson Zwieg,

The National Fire Sprinkler Association, MN Chapter has been a strong advocate for fire prevention over the years and has a demonstrated cooperative working relationship with others involved in the fire protection industry and the Minnesota Fire Service.

A Chapter representative has served on the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association's Public Education Committee for many years, and has served on the Residential Fire Sprinkler Coalition since its inception.

The NFSA, MN Chapter has been part of the Governor's Fire Prevention Day at the Fair since the first year. Peg Bohn, a representative of the Chapter, has served on the State Fair Day Committee as well. NFSA, MN Chapter has maintained a booth next to the live fire burn demonstration trailer operated by the Fire Marshal Division and made fire sprinkler educational materials and fire sprinkler red bags available fairgoers.

In addition, Peg Bohn, as a committee member, has been involved in the volunteer registration process making nametags and lists for packing volunteer bags on packing day, and participated in the bag packing day.

The Chapter built and then donated a live burn demonstration trailer for residential fire sprinklers to the Fire Marshal's Division for use by them and fire departments across the state.

The Chapter has coordinated training opportunities for the fire service, building and code officials, and industry personnel in the last four years. The workshops were offered at a reduced fee to ensure anyone who wanted the training could afford the classes. The classes were very well attended.

NFSA, MN Chapter initiated a "Fire Sprinkler Forum" to enhance the cooperation and coordination of activities of the fire service, building officials, state agencies, and members of the fire prevention industry. Our objective is to encourage discussions and to learn from one another on issues of common concern. In two years over 120 people have attended. We anticipate holding our 3rd Annual Fire Sprinkler Forum in the spring of 2010.

We are writing to ask for the Council's consideration for representation on the Governor's Council on Fire Prevention. We are aware of the fine work done by the Council and would like to be part of it.

Fire Sprinklers Save Lives and Property

As you can see the Minnesota Chapter has worked to become an active partner in the lifesaving fire service industry and would enjoy the exchange of information and expertise with the Governor's Council on Fire Prevention.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions please call Peg Bohn at 651-452-8506.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Johnston". The signature is stylized with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Ryan Johnston
Chairperson
National Fire Sprinkler Association, MN Chapter