



# Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board

## Illinois Fire Protection Districts

What is in your code packet?

As a trustee for a fire protection district you have many responsibilities in your mission to protect the residents of the areas you protect. The ones we ask that you consider are the fire and building code obligations.

According to FEMA's America Burning Report:

Finding #2:

“The most effective fire loss prevention and reduction measure with respect to both life and property is the installation and maintenance of fire sprinklers.”

- ❖ Recommendation: “The approach should be community based; no tactic or strategy should detract from the requirement for sprinklers.”

And just as you protect your district residents the obligation to provide the best for your firefighters continues on to having the most progressive fire code.

According the FEMA's Firefighter Life Safety Summit:

To reach the objective of reducing the firefighter fatality rate by 25% within 5 years and by 50% within 10 years.

- ❖ There were 16 recommendations made, one of the 16 is in direct reference to your fire code. “Strengthen advocacy for the enforcement of codes and the installation of home fire sprinklers.”

You have the legal authority based on *Orland vs. Intrastate Piping* Case and the recent precedent setting *Wauconda Fire Protection District vs. Lake County* that allows you to pass and enforce your fire code in the unincorporated areas. (See attached attorney Mary Spiegel letter)

After you absorb these strong FEMA/USFA Recommendations and review the legal precedents what can you do?

Recommendations:

First: Pass the most stringent code following the national standards in your unincorporated areas.

(See attached City Square Foot list for ranking)

Second: By showing the proper way to protect your citizens and firefighters, now take your efforts to the municipalities that you protect and negotiate with them to pass similar codes through your intergovernment agreements.

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Regardless of that outcome, keep the codes you have in the unincorporated area to set the moral tone.

For a presentation on the latest fire sprinkler technology contact NIFSAB at 1-866-2NIFSAB or email to [sprinktoml@aol.com](mailto:sprinktoml@aol.com).

***Congratulations to the following fire districts who have already completed the FEMA Recommendations:***

St. Charles Countryside Fire Protection District	-0- Square Foot and Single Family Home <i>Plus 25% addition rehab/single family home</i>
Libertyville Fire Protection District	-0- Square Foot and Single Family Home <i>Plus 25% Addition, Retrofit, Residential and Commercial</i>
Barrington Fire Protection District	-0- Square Foot and Single Family Home 13D
Long Grove Fire Protection District	-0- Square Foot and Single Family Home 13D
Countryside Fire Protection District	-0- Square Foot and Single Family Home 13D
Huntley Fire Protection District	-0- Square Foot and Single Family Home 13D
North Maine Fire Protection District	-0- Square Foot and Single Family Home 13D
Warren-Waukegan Fire Protection District	-0- Square Foot
Elwood Fire Protection District	-0- Square Foot
Lake Zurich Fire Protection District	-0- Square Foot
Sunnycrest Fire Protection District	Single Family Home 13D

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