

# Fire District Trustees, Fire Chiefs and Fire Marshals Hold the Key to a Fire-Safe Illinois

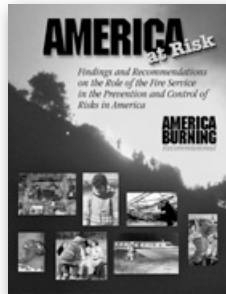


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As a trustee, chief or fire marshal for a fire protection district, you have many responsibilities in your district's mission to protect residents from the hazards of fire. Providing fire protection services to your community means having the best information and resources available. Take helpful advice from leaders in the fire service and protection industry.

According to Finding #2 in the "America Burning: Recommissioned" report from FEMA, "The most effective fire loss prevention and reduction measure with respect to both life and property is the installation and maintenance of fire sprinklers." The report recommends that "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, there is also a moral obligation to provide the best for your firefighters.

The "16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives," set forth by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation at its first-ever firefighter life safety summit, are intended "to reach the objective of reducing the firefighter fatality rate by 25% within 5 years and by 50% within 10 years."



Initiative #15 directly references fire codes: "Strengthen advocacy for the enforcement of codes and the installation of home fire sprinklers."

Based on the **Orland vs. Intrastate Piping** case and the more recent precedent set in **Wauconda Fire Protection District vs. Lake County**, fire districts have the authority that allows them to pass and enforce your fire code in unincorporated areas.



After reviewing the previous recommendations and legal precedents, what can your fire protection district do?

1) Fire protection districts are the key to Illinois passing residential fire sprinkler legislation. Set the moral tone and pass the most stringent codes by following the national standards in your unincorporated areas. This demonstrates to local municipal officials that you intend to protect local citizens and firefighters.

2) Bring your educational efforts to the municipalities that you protect and negotiate with local officials to pass similar codes through your intergovernmental agreements.

3) Sign up for the **BUILT FOR LIFE Fire Department program** from the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition to receive a starter information kit that includes a side-by-side burn demonstration kit, educational outreach materials and much more.



4) Utilize the **Three-Part Illinois Fire Service Education Strategy** to educate your elected officials. It includes important information from national organizations such as the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition, the National Fire Protection Association's "Fire Sprinkler Initiative" campaign, and the U.S. Fire Administration.



## DOWNLOAD RESOURCES

### America Burning: Recommissioned

[www.firesprinklerassocnewsletters.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/america-burning-recommissioned.pdf](http://www.firesprinklerassocnewsletters.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/america-burning-recommissioned.pdf)

### 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives

[http://www.firesprinklerassoc.org/pdfs/RB2114-FLY-LifeSafetyInitiative-15\\_v6.pdf](http://www.firesprinklerassoc.org/pdfs/RB2114-FLY-LifeSafetyInitiative-15_v6.pdf)

### Wauconda Fire Protection District vs. Lake County

[www.firesprinklerassocnewsletters.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/wauconda-fpd.pdf](http://www.firesprinklerassocnewsletters.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/wauconda-fpd.pdf)

### BUILT FOR LIFE Fire Department program

[www.homefiresprinkler.org/FS/FSBFLFD.html](http://www.homefiresprinkler.org/FS/FSBFLFD.html)

### Three-Part Illinois Fire Service Education Strategy

[http://firesprinklerassoc.org/pdfs/RB2114-NIFSAB-Handout\\_v17-2.pdf](http://firesprinklerassoc.org/pdfs/RB2114-NIFSAB-Handout_v17-2.pdf)

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**Congratulations to the following fire protection districts. They are among the 76 fire service organizations in Illinois that have already followed the recommendations made by FEMA and others by adopting residential fire sprinkler ordinances for new construction:**

Barrington FPD	-0- Square Foot and NFPA 13D Single-Family Homes, Townhomes
Countryside FPD	-0- Square Foot and NFPA 13D Single-Family Homes, Townhomes
Huntley FPD	-0- Square Foot and NFPA 13D Single-Family Homes, Townhomes
Lake Zurich FPD	-0- Square Foot and NFPA 13D Single-Family Homes, Townhomes
Long Grove FPD	-0- Square Foot and NFPA 13D Single-Family Homes, Townhomes
North Maine FPD	-0- Square Foot and NFPA 13D Single-Family Homes, Townhomes
Central Stickney FPD	-0- Square Foot and NFPA 13D Single-Family Homes, Townhomes; 2009 International Fire Code w/ Amendments
Libertyville FPD	-0- Square Foot and Single-Family Homes, Townhomes; <i>Plus 25% Addition or Retrofit in Residential/Commercial</i>
Newport Township FPD	-0- Square Foot and NFPA 13D, Townhomes
Oakbrook Terrace FPD	-0- Square Foot, Single-Family Homes & Townhomes
Orland FPD	-0- Square Foot and NFPA 13D Single-Family Homes – 5,000 Square Feet & Up
York Center FPD	-0- Square Foot, Townhomes
Burlington FPD	NFPA 13D Single-Family Homes & Townhomes
Lake Zurich FPD	NFPA 13D Single-Family Homes & Townhomes
Lincolnshire-Riverwoods FPD	NFPA 13D Single-Family Homes & Townhomes
Palatine Rural FPD	NFPA 13D Single-Family Homes & Townhomes
Palos FPD	NFPA 13D Single-Family Homes & Townhomes
Palos Heights FPD	NFPA 13D Single-Family Homes & Townhomes
Sunnycrest FPD	NFPA 13D Single-Family Homes
Lisle-Woodridge FPD	NFPA 13D Single-Family Homes – 5,000 Square Feet & Up



Scan with your smartphone to sign up your fire district for the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition's "Built For Life" Fire Department Program and receive a free water bottle



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- Sample ICC & NFPA Codes**
- Customizable PowerPoint Presentation**
- Three-Part Illinois Fire Service Education Strategy**
- NFPA Fire Sprinkler Initiative information**

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