

NIFSAB (Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board) funded by the Local #281 Industry Promotion Committee. NIFSAB is a Not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting progressive legislation, raising public awareness, educating code officials and governmental policy makers by demonstrating the proven performance of fire sprinklers in saving both lives and property. Listed below are some of our services offered to public and private organizations:

- Consultation and research on Local Fire and Building Code changes.
- Consultation and research on Fire Sprinkler plan Review Questions.
- Provide a listing of area fire and building code amendments concerning fire sprinklers.
- Provide liaison with Sprinkler Contractors during review and construction.
- Provide Fire Sprinkler Training for Fire Officials in Illinois and Indiana.
- Sponsor/Coordinate Basic and Advanced Fire Sprinkler Training classes
- Provide Public Education and information Materials for Fire and Elected Officials.
- Provide Fire Sprinkler Demonstration Trailers through the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association (IFIA) and the Northern Illinois Fire Inspectors Association (NIFIA).
- Provide Customized "live" Side-by-Side burn demonstrations as arranged.
- Provide research, case studies and statistics on fire sprinklers.



NIFSAB is administrated by Executive Director Tom Lia with an administrative staff and offices at 62 Orland Square Drive, Suite 201 Orland Park, Il.



Instructor Jack Nance and school apprentice crews help support the programs by designing and building the system pipe set up.



NIFSAB is conducting 38 side by sides this year with 14 completed already to demonstrate the effectiveness of fire sprinklers in the code. One side is protected by a sprinkler, one side is unprotected.

#### Code Changes this year:

- New Lenox FPD: -0- sq. ft. fire sprinkler treshold
- Newport Township FPD: -0- sq. ft. & 13D for single family home
- Woodstock: 5,000 sq. ft.; 2006 IBC/IFC
- West Dundee: 2066 IBC/IFC -0- sq. ft.
- Itasca: -0- sq. ft.; 2006 IBC
- Crete Township FPD: 8,000 sq. ft. (From Base ICC)
- Riverside: 13D
- Palos Heights FPD: 13D
- Plainfield: 2,000 sq. ft.
- Frankfort: 3,000 sq. ft.
- DuPage County: A, I, E, H, -0- sq. ft.: M, S, U, 2,000 sq. ft.; Apartment to condo retro



Oak Leyden Group Home Demo, Westchester



Thank you to school Coordinator Bill Dalton, Instructor Dennis Fleming and Apprentice crews for their good work on the Lisle-Woodridge FPD Fire House retrofit!

The goal is to support the Fire Department efforts to obtain FEMA grants for retrofit in fire houses. Every job counts!

Shown at left: Paul Amstadt, K&S, Tom Lia, NIFSAB, Brian Rippengale, RAM. Dennis Fleming, Local #281, Apprentices Frank Gericke, Justin Ott, Brennen Blake, Chief Freeman, Bureau Chief Jim French, Don Smith, Chicago Backflow, Alan Metcalfe F.E. Moran and Rich Ray P.E. Cybor

Local #281 Apprentices help build the McCormick Place S/S at the NFPA National Fire Safety Conference in Chicago in June. We had a large crowd with plenty of media exposure.



### New State Legislation in 2009!

#### House Bill 1175 Synopsis

“A copy of the inspection report for an inspection performed pursuant to this subsection must be forwarded by the entity performing the inspection to the local fire department or fire protection district in which the sprinkler system is located.”

This is the Fire Sprinkler Industry “cash for clunker” or stimulus bill.

You can best help the Industry by writing all deficiencies from NFPA 13 on any inspection report that you do. Work with your companies policy to.



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The Olympic Village and all of it’s residential buildings need to be Fire Sprinkler Protected. Contact you Alderman to express your views.