



Dear Friends,

Just a few years ago after the tragic loss of three students in a fire at Seton Hall University, the Coalition for Dormitory Safety asked for the assistance of the fire community to provide sprinklers in NJ's college dormitories. Over 1.7 million individuals signed petitions endorsing the dormitory sprinkler bill. NJ stood at the forefront of the country in passing this legislation to protect college students and many states followed NJ's example.

We are now asking for your support again. From the early 1970's, when the "America Burning" report was published, to the present, our greatest loss of life in fires has occurred in residences. Yet with all of our technological advances, we still are where we were back in the 70's. Once again NJ is trying to step into the lead to prevent loss of life by passing the Residential Sprinkler Bills, A-3278 and S-2287, for newly constructed 1 and 2 family homes.

Never before has there been so much focus on the proven lifesaving technology of residential fire sprinklers. The NFPA has no record of a fire killing more than two people in a completely sprinklered residential building where the system worked properly. Last year over 100 firefighters lost their lives. The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation developed the 16 "Life Safety Initiatives" along with the program "Everyone Goes Home." Item #15 of the Initiatives states "Advocacy must be strengthened for the enforcement of codes and the installation of home fire sprinklers".

In 2008 there were over 378,200 residential fires where 2,650 people lost their lives and over 7 billion dollars of damage occurred. New Jersey had 14,035 residential fires and 83 fatalities. In addition, 41% of all firefighter deaths nationally occur in these residential structures. Certainly we are at a point in time where we can reduce these numbers. By adopting the Resolution (reverse side of page) to endorse the residential fire sprinkler bills, you will be joining the rest of the state's fire service organizations and once again NJ will take the lead in fire safety.

Please fill out and have your organization adopt the enclosed Resolution and return to address below.

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RESOLUTION

By: (name of organization)

Support sprinklers in all new construction of one and two family dwellings.

Whereas, the _____ with a membership of _____ is an organization dedicated to public safety; and,

Whereas, we of the fire service and friends consider it unacceptable that in the 21st century, more than 3,000 people in the United States are killed in fires each year, with an overwhelming 84% of these deaths occurring in residences; and,

Whereas, the fire services and public find it totally unacceptable that 41% of firefighter deaths occur in one and two family dwellings; and,

Whereas, the _____ of _____ New Jersey desires to have a positive and consequential impact on reducing the State of New Jersey's losses due to fire; and,

Whereas, the _____ of _____ New Jersey recognizes that fire sprinklers represent a proven, reliable, efficient and effective method of protecting life and property in both commercial and residential occupancies;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that

The _____ of _____ New Jersey supports legislation and approval of amendments to the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code to require the installation of fire sprinkler systems in all newly constructed one and two family dwellings in New Jersey.

Signature

Title

Date