

The issue of mandating domestic fire protection sprinkler systems in new residential one and two family dwellings has been and continues to be the subject of heated debate(no pun intended) over recent years.

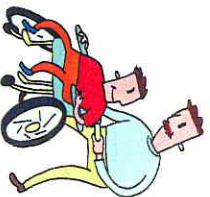


As the debating goes on, countless residential fires tragically claim the lives of Americans.

In a focused effort to study this matter in New Jersey and render objective and viable conclusions, the Master Plan Committee of the New Jersey State Fire Commission focused on gathering accurate and relevant data regarding the number of fires in residential structures, the proximate cause of such fires, and the impact in terms of loss of life and property.



The committee concluded upon weighing the benefits vs cost installation to support mandating residential sprinklers in new 1& 2 family dwellings.



Families with children, senior citizens, and those with limited mobility skills have special fire protection needs.

Statistics indicate that these residents face evacuation challenges for a variety of reasons.

According to the census bureau, the elderly population will more than double between now and 2050.

Most of this growth is starting NOW with the “baby boomers” beginning to enter elderly years.



The installation of residential sprinklers, coupled with early warning smoke detectors reduces the risk of fatalities in home fires by 82%. Sprinklers put water on flames immediately, controlling or extinguishing the fire in time to save lives and property.

New Jersey Residential 1&2 Family

Fire Facts

Statistics:

Residential Fires 2007 45,641

Property Damage \$1,375,532.00

Civilian Deaths 79

Fire fighter Fatalities 2

Summarization

Fire kills more people in the U.S than all disasters combined each year

Residential fires cause excessive property damage, family displacement, and death.

Each year we lose an average of 100 firefighters

Residential sprinklers buy time, save lives, and reduce cost associated with fire damage.

Sprinklers can NEVER replace the courageous firefighters in New Jersey, but sprinklers can certainly enhance their arsenal of defense.



Play the Odds.....

The TRIPECTA of home fire safety is the combination of working smoke alarms, a well rehearsed family escape plan and residential sprinklers.



Having a residential sprinkler system in homes is like having a firefighter on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Sprinklers can contain and extinguish a fire while firefighters are responding to the scene.

Installation of both early warning smoke detectors coupled with residential sprinklers in a home reduces the risk of death (including our own) by 82 per cent

The master plan committee concluded the benefits far outweigh the cost of installation of these lifesaving systems

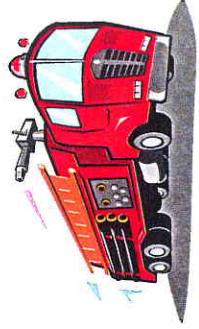


Please join us in Mandating legislation requiring the installation of residential sprinklers in all new 1&2 family dwellings in New Jersey.

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N. J. Master Plan Committee for Residential Sprinklers

Fire kills more people in the United States each year than all natural disasters combined.



Each year more than 4,000 people perish in fires nation wide.



With residential fires occurring in the United States every 79 seconds, and NFIRS reporting 80% of all fire related deaths occur in 1&2 family dwellings. It only makes sense to support the installation of residential sprinklers to protect life and property. After all... isn't that our primary mission?

