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Illinois Fire Services Association Fire Sprinkler Resolution 2009-01

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE REQUIREMENT FOR FIRE SPRINKLERS IN ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS AND TOWNHOUSES IN ILLINOIS

The Illinois Fire Services Association adopts this Resolution that all new construction, including one and two-family dwellings, should be built with fire sprinklers installed to protect the public, fire service personnel, the structure, its contents, the economy and the environment.

General Statement

In an effort to reduce the number of deaths from an average of 3,000 citizens and 100 firefighters annually and to avert billions of dollars annually in property loss to the effects of fire, we must include fire sprinklers as an integral part of a community's fire protection. The increased demands made today on local fire departments, usually without increased staffing or funding, and the changes in building materials and home contents, all increase the risk to firefighters and the public. It's time to add active fire protection as a baseline in all new construction.

Home fire sprinkler systems respond quickly to reduce heat, flames, and smoke from a fire, giving residents valuable time to get out safely and can significantly reduce property loss and damage due to a fire. By installing these life-saving devices in new homes a large number of residents are ensured that they can enjoy the same level of safety found in many offices, schools, apartments, and public buildings.

Now is the time for the fire service to adapt to the changes in construction techniques; new technologies have become the norm in construction (light-weight construction, etc.), and building contents have become more flammable and more toxic smoke. We must meet these changes and protect our communities in proactive, rather than reactive, approaches. The current built environment and furnishings have significantly reduced the time firefighters