



Fire Prevention Association of North Texas



This Month's Speaker:

Lawrence Taylor - Texas Department of Regulations & Licensing

Lawrence has over 40 years of experience in the electrical & elevator industries. He served more than 20 years on various Elevator Safety Code committees with the American Society of Mechanical Engineers A17.1, including a term as Vice-Chair of the Existing Installations Committee & is currently a member of the A17.1 Regulatory Advisory Council. He is a licensed Master Electrician in Texas, a Virginia licensed Elevator Mechanic, a Certified Elevator Inspectors & Inspection Supervisor & Certified Electrical Inspector & Plans Reviewed. He is a graduate of Wake Technical Institute in Raleigh, NC & has completed the North



Carolina State University Solar Power Institute.

He is a U.S. Army veteran having served with both the 101st & 82nd Airborne Divisions & the 12th Combat Aviation Group. He is currently the Chief Elevator Inspectors for the Texas Dept. of Licensing & Regulation.

He and his wife, Ester have 4 children & 12 grandchildren and are West Texas ranchers.

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This month's meeting:

When: Wednesday, February 8th, 2012 @ 12:00pm

Where: Love & War in Texas
2505 East Grapevine Mills Cir
Grapevine, Texas

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"When a man becomes a fireman his greatest act of bravery has been accomplished. What he does after that is all in the line of work." ~Edward F. Croker

PAY YOUR DUES

If you have not paid your 2012 dues please make sure you take care of this ASAP!!

FREE LUNCH

Bring your business card and enter to win a FREE lunch for next month's meeting!

IMPORTANT DATES:

WEDNESDAY, FEB 8TH, 2012

F.P.A.N.T. Monthly Meeting
Grapevine, TX – 12pm-1pm

Guest Speaker: Lawrence Taylor
State of Texas Department of
Licensing & Regulations

Wednesday, Mar 14th, 2012

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Guest Speaker:



- Association Business
- Certificate Presentation

- Guest Speaker Presentation

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NEXT MONTH'S SPEAKER:

Scheduled speaker for March's monthly meeting is Bill MCGovern, with the City of Plano. Bill will be talking about Photovoltaic & Emerging Technologies and how this relates to new construction as well as firefighter operations.



Homebuilder becomes advocate for residential fire sprinklers.

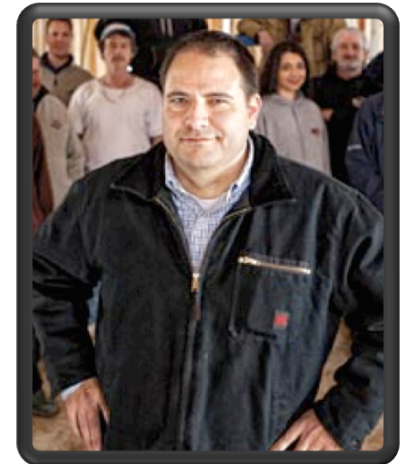
For years, Canadian homebuilder Murray Pound rejected home fire sprinklers based on notions of exorbitant cost and installation hassles. Now he's an outspoken sprinkler advocate on a mission to dispel the myths. What changed?

Gold Seal Homes, founded in 1989, has built the majority of the residences in the Canadian town of Carstairs, Alberta (population 3,500), and recently celebrated the construction of its 300th home. Murray Pound, Gold Seal's vice-president of operations, relishes the accomplishment, but he's more pleased that every home built since the summer of 2008 is safeguarded by residential fire sprinklers.

His company's decision to install sprinklers didn't happen overnight, however. Pound, like most of his peers, had bought into the homebuilding industry's barrage of reasons why sprinklers were bad for business. Only after some investigating and implementation — and a eureka moment — did Pound realize these reasons are unfounded.

Pound is one of the latest additions to [NFPA's Faces of Fire](#), a companion campaign to [NFPA's Fire Sprinkler Initiative](#). NFPA Journal recently talked with Pound about his advocacy efforts, the Canadian viewpoint on sprinklers, and the misconceptions about home fire sprinklers affecting his peers across the globe.

...read more at www.nfpa.org



Firefighter Safety and Photovoltaic Systems

Under the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program - Fire Prevention and Safety Grants, UL examined fire service concerns of photovoltaic (PV) systems and the potential impact on firefighting operations.

See more @ www.ul.com/fireservice

TRAINING & WORKSHOPS

If you have any info on upcoming Training and Workshops in the Dallas/ Fort Worth area, please email them to us @ [membership@fpant.org!](mailto:membership@fpant.org)



STATE FIREMEN'S & FIRE MARSHALS'
ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS



U.S. Fire Administration
Working for a Fire-Safe America

Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response Grants (SAFER) NOW OPEN!!

The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER) was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations in order to help them increase the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities. The goal of SAFER is to enhance the local fire departments' abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established by the NFPA and OSHA (NFPA 1710 and/or NFPA 1720 and OSHA 1910.134). For details visit www.nfpa.org/SAFERActGrant.

Fire Safety PSA's

Public service announcements (PSA's) that cover a variety of fire safety topics, such as smoke alarms, chimney maintenance, and escape planning. Messages target groups with special needs, including older adults and people with disabilities, as well as the general population.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

If you have any special announcements, topics and/ or articles you would like to see in the March newsletter please have them submitted to David Jackett no later than Friday, February 25th, 2012!