

Western Fire Chiefs Association



Resolution 09-03

Title: Support for adoption of codes and ordinances for installation of fire sprinkler systems.

Description: A resolution that all new construction, including one and two-family dwellings and townhomes, should be built with fire sprinklers installed to protect the public, fire service personnel, the structure, its contents, the economy and the environment

WHEREAS, the Western Fire Chiefs Association (WFCAs) is an organization dedicated to public safety, and considers it unacceptable that in the 21st century, more than 3,000 people in the United States are killed in fires each year, with an average of 80% of these deaths occurring in home fires, and

WHEREAS, the WFCAs understands that a person is 80% less likely to die in a house fire if sprinklers are present and understands that nationally 37% of home fire deaths were in homes with working smoke alarms, and

WHEREAS, the WFCAs understands that sprinklers reduce the average property loss by 66% per fire, and that fire sprinklers are now more affordable with a national average cost of \$1.61 per square foot of sprinklered new construction, and


WHEREAS, the WFCAs knows that home fire sprinklers can significantly reduce the risk of injury and death to responding firefighters at home fires, and

WHEREAS, the WFCAs knows that fire sprinklers represent a proven, reliable, affordable, efficient and effective method of protecting life and property in both commercial and residential occupancies, and

WHEREAS, the WFCAs desires to have a positive and consequential impact on reducing the nation's losses due to fire, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Western Fire Chiefs Association supports the adoption of codes and ordinances at the state and local level to require the installation of fire sprinkler systems in all newly constructed one- and two- family dwellings and townhomes.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 25th day of June, 2009.


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