



Media Advisory

Connecticut fire service leaders to address fatal Plainfield home fire and lack of fire protection in state's new homes

Who: Local fire service organizations, representatives from the Connecticut Fire Sprinkler Coalition, and the National Fire Protection Association

What: Safety advocates to underscore the recent fire death of a six-year-old girl in a new home and how home fire sprinklers, a proven technology to reduce the risk of dying in home fires, may have altered the outcome. Fire officials will also underscore inaction by state decision makers to pass requirements for fire sprinklering the state's new homes

Where: South Fire District, 445 Randolph Road, Middletown, Connecticut

When: Tuesday, October 25, 2016, 1 p.m.

Why: All U.S. model building codes include the requirement—not the option—to install fire sprinklers in new homes. Connecticut's code-making body has refused to adopt this requirement each time it has updated the state building code since 2010. Similarly, legislative bills that would have required this life-saving technology have been defeated with help from local fire sprinkler opponents. These opponents, mainly the Home Builders & Remodelers Association of Connecticut, claim this technology is “burdensome, not necessary, expensive”—all myths countered by solid research. Following this recent tragedy, the local fire service is urging state decision makers to finally pass requirements to install fire sprinklers in all new homes.

For more information, visit FireSprinklerInitiative.org/Connecticut.

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