

**Residential Sprinkler Working Group**  
**April 15, 2011**  
**Department of Public Safety – Room 348**  
**1111 Country Club Road**  
**Middletown, CT**

**Attendees**

Charles Appleby  
Janet Ainsworth  
Jamie DiPace  
Robert Duval  
Bob Hollis  
Brian Finn  
Robert Fusari, Sr.  
Joseph Kingston  
John Livingstone  
Daniel Tierney  
Patrick Tourville  
Ray Walker  
Bob Walsh  
Timothy York

**Representing**

Plumbing Industry  
CT – DPS – Legal  
CFCA  
NFPA  
AFSA  
CSBT/L.U. 669  
CT - HBA  
CT – DPS – OSFM  
CSBT/L.U. 669  
CT – DPS – OSBI  
CFMA  
CCM  
UPFFA  
CBOA

**Introductions**

Dan Tierney chaired the committee and all attendees introduced themselves.

**Review of Researched Issues**

- The unknown requirements of the State’s water purveyors, and for individual supply lines, metering, back-flow preventers and related annual fees if applicable and the related costs for installation outside of the building footprint for this water service, excavation costs and other related expenses - *Dominic Kasmauskas* – [A representative from Connecticut Water has been contacted. Additional water purveyors will be sought.](#)
- Actual financial installation cost estimates (relative to the State of Connecticut construction industry) of the NFPA 13D system inside the residence (installation requirements). *Tim York and Jamie DiPace* – [In the process of acquiring pricing for design and installation cost for a 2,500 sq. ft. colonial and single story home \(with great room\) in 7 different Connecticut districts. Dominick Kasmauskas submitted costs quoted by three different contractors. Brian Finn will have additional information available at the next meeting.](#)
- Will the municipalities include this new system as an additional item to financially assess the homeowner on and what are the implications of such annual cost assessment to a homeowner? *Tim York* – [Tim York reported that only 20 municipalities have responded to the request for information regarding assessments related to a residential sprinkler system. Twelve municipalities stated that there would be a charge and eight would not charge a additional fee. This will be updated at the next meeting.](#)

- What are the specific insurance implications to a homeowner? *Phil Crombie* – The average insurance savings is 7%. The savings depends upon the insurance company and may result in a percentage savings relative to the fire rating. Information is needed from an insurance representative to answer if the system is not maintained properly, will the insurance company pay if there is a fire. More information at the next meeting.
- What are the impacts on firefighters, first responders and residential occupant safety? *Todd Paige and Bob Walsh* – For obvious reasons, a residential sprinkler is extremely beneficial to firefighters (less damage, fewer injuries, decrease of time spent at the scene, etc).

### **Additional Issues**

The committee felt that the water purveyor(s) should be the primary focus at the next meeting.

### **Meeting Schedule**

The next meeting will be on May 13, 2011 from 9:00 – 12:00, at the Department of Public Safety, room 348.