

Residential Fire Sprinkler Installer Accreditation Enters Beta Phase

After a year working with our principle partners and other stakeholders on the development of an accreditation program for installers of one and two-family fire sprinkler systems, NFSA is happy to report that the program has entered the beta testing stage.

In August 2010, the National Fire Sprinkler Association, Center for Public Safety Excellence, American Fire Sprinkler Association, and the ICC signed an MOU creating a partnership to promote installation of residential dwelling sprinkler systems and to develop a new accreditation program for installers of residential dwelling fire sprinkler systems. CPSE, the accrediting organization, created a Technical Advisory Committee to develop and recommend to its Board of Directors the accreditation model to include competencies, application and review processes, and general guidelines for the new program. The TAC met in person in November of 2010 and July of 2011 and has held several web meetings resulting in the creation of the criteria and competencies, and draft documents and guidelines for the application and review process.

After review by the members of the TAC, the model has been moved to the beta

phase for field testing and feedback from actual installers. Beta participants are being selected by the principal trade associations serving on the TAC. The beta phase will begin immediately and the TAC final recommendations are expected to be presented to the CPSE Board of Directors in December of 2011.