



# HOT TIPS

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## Meet the People A SALUTE TO OUR FIREFIGHTERS

**Firefighters . . .** the compassionate individuals, better known as our nation's heroes, who risk their lives on a daily basis to ensure the safety of complete strangers, simply because they care.

having a teamwork attitude to being a good communicator, which make them perfect for the job. "It's just in your blood," stated Hall. "I am the kind of person that wants to be the first to help. I am blessed to get to do something I love."

Working for Fire Safety, Inc. proves to be an extension of the work these men love to do. When they are not fighting fires, they are helping to ensure that area businesses have the proper equipment for their fire protection needs. Their on-the-job fire fighting experiences even help to compliment their jobs at Fire Safety, Inc. by providing them with a first-hand knowledge about the impact of different types of fires and the importance of adequate fire protection equipment.

The management at Fire Safety, Inc., understands the magnitude of the contributions these individuals make and the positive impact they and the rest of the Fire Safety, Inc. team have on the community at large and we extend our admiration and appreciation for jobs well done. ■

(LEFT TO RIGHT) FIRE SAFETY, INC. SALUTES FIREFIGHTERS RALPH HALL, PRESIDENT BOB STOCKER AND SCOTT MILLER FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO OUR COMMUNITY. (NOT PICTURED ERIC DILKS)

We here at Fire Safety, Inc. salute our nation's Firefighters and send out a special thanks to the four individuals, who on top of working for Fire Safety, Inc., have dedicated their lives to this honorable service. Scott Miller, Eric Dilks, Ralph Hall and president and owner Bob Stocker are among the men who have worked or volunteered their time as Firefighters at various firehouses throughout our community for a combined total of more than 70 years.

And, while each of these men have a very different story to tell about how they got involved with fighting fires, they all seem to be rooted with common traits ranging from

If you read the last edition of Hot Tips, we saluted Fire Safety, Inc. employees with 15 or 20 plus years of dedication to the company. This issue, we want to extend our appreciation to those that have logged in just over a decade, including:

- Mary Jane Sitton
- Chris Hicks
- Ralph Skinner
- Andy Talkington
- Skip Doty
- Steve Huff
- Billy Watson
- Don Breitweiser
- Lonnie Hamby
- Mike Bienemann

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- Fire suppression systems installation and service
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- D.O.T. Certified Cylinder Requalification Center
- NICET Certified Engineers for Special Hazard Extinguishing Systems supported by CAD Systems
- Illinois licensed service technicians
- Authorized factory trained and certified service technicians
- Customized fire training (both classroom and hands-on training available)
- Comprehensive Hazard Analysis
- Consulting services covering topics such as budget estimates, design/build services and code compliance

# DRY CHEMICAL RANGE HOOD FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS **ARE NOW OBSOLETE**

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Fire safety industry changes that took place almost a decade ago are now having an impact on businesses nationwide. In November of 1994, Underwriters Laboratories (UL) revised its testing standard for range hood fire suppression systems to better combat today's modern cooking hazards. The UL test protocol was revised to address fire protection of energy-efficient cooking appliances and low-fat vegetable cooking oils that create much hotter fires than before. These fires, in turn, prevent dry chemical systems from meeting the UL-300 fire and securement tests.

Subsequently, the manufacturers of dry chemical range hood fire suppression systems also stopped producing parts to support these fire suppression systems, and phased out existing inventory. Because these parts are no longer available, the manufacturers of fire protection equipment will not support the installation, inspection, service, recharge, or repairs of these suppression systems, causing them to become obsolete.

Recently, UL informed the Fire Equipment Manufacturers Association that the listing for

these systems cannot be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's manual and NFPA standards. This is due to the fact that appropriate service parts are not available for specific systems, and, therefore would no longer be UL listed.

Obsolete dry chemical range hood fire suppression systems for commercial kitchen applications that do not comply with current code requirements, and cannot be maintained in accordance with NFPA standards, must be replaced. By removing these obsolete systems and replacing them with UL-300 wet chemical fire suppression systems, customers have current equipment that complies with code requirements, protects businesses from costly interruption and, most importantly, improves life safety and property protection.

Unfortunately, you may not be aware that you own an obsolete dry chemical range hood fire suppression system until it is too late. To survey your existing range hood, and learn the most practical solution for your fire protection needs, please contact Fire Safety, Inc. ■

## When you are considering fire protection **Remember What You Need to Protect**

Sprinkler systems are required by building codes, they protect structures, they save lives. But what about the business? What about the computer equipment? What about the irreplaceable data, downtime or worse? By the time a sprinkler system reacts to a fire in an electronic data processing environment, the heat and smoke generated by the fire has already caused significant damage.

FM-200® systems are available to help augment

sprinkler protection and ultimately combat such issues. An FM-200® system has the ability to react and suppress a fire in its earliest stages, before a sprinkler system becomes involved. FM-200® protection does not leave behind residues or corrosive materials and the gaseous agents have the ability to penetrate hard-to-reach areas like inside computer cabinets or beneath raised floors. And, these agents won't cause collateral damage to the



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invaluable things that businesses need to stay in business.

**Remember what you need to protect!** ■

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