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CLSE Expands Fire Sprinkler Seminar Series for AHJs
Four New Fire Sprinkler Seminars Available Online at CLSE.org

DALLAS – Building on the success of its Fire Sprinklers 100 Series released last year, the Center For Life Safety Education (CLSE) has released three new complete segments of Fire Sprinklers 200 Series as well as the first installment of its new 300 Series, Fire Sprinklers 301, on its Web site, www.CLSE.org/.

With the addition of these four segments, CLSE continues to further its promise to aid in the contractor/Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJs) relationship and the long-term reliability of future fire sprinkler installations by providing low-cost, convenient online training courses. CLSE’s Fire Sprinklers Series provides affordable, easy-to-access online audio seminars designed to assist inspectors and plan reviewers in gaining a more thorough understanding of fire sprinkler system installations – how they are designed, how they follow NFPA standards, and what to look for to ensure that they meet the goal of good fire protection.

Seeking to build upon the initial 100-level series, the new Fire Sprinklers 200 series, developed by Kenneth W. Wagoner, S.E.T., of Parsley Consulting, is broken down into three 90-minute programs – Fire Sprinklers 201 - *Fire Sprinklers, Reading the Plans: Understanding What You’re Looking At and What To Look For*; Fire Sprinklers 202 – *Introduction to Hydraulics: Overview of Hydraulic Calculations for Fire Sprinkler Systems*, and Fire Sprinklers 203 – *Introduction to System Acceptance: Interfacing With the Inspector and Record Keeping*.

Fire Sprinklers 201’s primary objective is to improve skills in reading, interpreting and evaluating building plans, site plans and fire sprinkler system plans to determine the conformance or lack thereof of a fire protection system or systems to the codes, standards and local ordinances that are applicable in your jurisdiction. Program 202 focuses on the review and analysis of the hydraulic calculations used to support the design of automatic sprinkler systems. The final 90-minute segment of this 200 level series, Fire Sprinklers 203, is an introduction to the processes and procedures required for acceptance and placing a fire sprinkler system into service.

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Further building on the concept is Fire Sprinklers 301 – *Introduction to Storage Occupancy Protection*, which discusses the basics of Storage Protection, based on the building codes, as well as the storage chapters of NFPA 13, 2007 edition. Crafted by well-known industry expert and NFPA 13, Installation Committee representative Robert “Bob” Caputo, Fire Sprinklers 301 answers the questions: What is storage?, When is it storage?, What do we mean by storage occupancies?, and How do we protect storage occupancies? Subsequent programs in the 300 series will go into greater detail about rack storage and solid-pile storage.

The development of this latest seminar series is part of CLSE’s commitment to provide convenient, economical training materials to assist AHJs in better understanding fire sprinkler technology. Students download the audio presentation and accompanying slides to their computer for easy access. The Fire Sprinklers 200 series as well as Fire Sprinklers 301 are now available online at [www.clse.org](http://www.clse.org) for $15 without credit/$20 with CEU/CPD credits per program.

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The Center for Life Safety Education is a nonprofit educational organization recognized under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. As an educational affiliate of the American Fire Sprinkler Association, CLSE provides: college scholarships for degrees in fire protection; continuing education and training for Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJs) and the fire service; testing and certificate programs for specialties within the fire sprinkler industry. A Board of Directors oversees policy and program development, and funding for CLSE programs comes almost entirely from contributions and training fees. Because CLSE is a nonprofit educational organization, contributions are tax deductible.