



Resolution 2009 - 03

A resolution supporting local adoption of requirements for fire sprinklers in newly constructed one and two family dwellings and townhomes.

WHEREAS the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association is an organization dedicated to public safety, and

WHEREAS the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association considers it unacceptable that in the 21st Century, more than 3,000 people in the United States are killed in fires each year, with an average of 80% of these deaths occurring in home fires, and

WHEREAS the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association understands that a person is 80% less likely to die in a house fire if sprinklers are present, and

WHEREAS the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association understands that nationally 37% of home fire deaths were in home with working smoke alarms, and

WHEREAS the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association understands that sprinklers reduce the average property loss by 66% per fire, and

WHEREAS the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association understands that fire sprinklers are now more affordable with a national average of \$1,61 per square foot of sprinklered new construction, and

WHEREAS the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association knows that home fire sprinklers can significantly reduce the risk of injury and death to responding firefighters at home fires, and

WHEREAS the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association desires to have a positive and consequential impact on reducing losses due to fire, and

WHEREAS the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association recognizes that fire sprinklers represent a proven, reliable, affordable, efficient and effective method of protecting life and property in both commercial and residential occupancies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

The *Alaska Fire Chiefs Association* supports the ability of Alaskan communities to adopt codes and ordinances at the local level to require the installation of fire sprinkler systems in all newly constructed one and two family dwellings and townhomes to meet their unique local needs.

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2009 at the
_____ Conference in _____, Alaska.

Attested by: _____
Douglas R. Schrage, President –Alaska Fire Chief’s Association