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The Washington State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) provides licensing and certification issuance to businesses and individuals performing design, installation, testing, and maintenance on all aspects of fire sprinkler systems. The SFMO processes applications for all fire sprinkler business entities and their requisite certificate of competency holders. In this section you will find information on the licensing and certification process as well as links to fire sprinkler training.

The State Fire Marshal's Office has a residential fire sprinkler demonstration trailer that is available for use at events upon request.

To reserve the trailer, complete the [Fire Sprinkler Trailer Reservation Form](#) and email to firesprinkler@wsp.wa.gov.

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Fire Sprinkler Trainings

2022 Fire Protection Sprinkler Course Schedule coming soon



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residential structure and its dedicated underground fire service mains. Each Level 1 contractor must have at least one employee certified as their Certificate of Competency Holder.

LEVEL 2: A Level 2 Fire Protection Sprinkler System Contractor is licensed to work on the installation of sprinkler systems falling under the purview of N.F.P.A. 13 – D and 13 – R. This means any single or dual family occupied residential structure up to and including a four-story structure and their dedicated underground fire service mains. Each Level 2 contractor must have at least one employee certified as their Certificate of Competency Holder.

LEVEL 3: A Level 3 Fire Protection Sprinkler System Contractor is licensed to work on the installation of sprinkler systems falling under the purview of N.F.P.A. 13 – D, 13 – R, 13 and/or 24. This means any kind of work on any kind of structure including the dedicated underground fire service mains of such structures. Each Level 3 contractor must have at least one employee certified as their Certificate of Competency Holder.

LEVEL U: A Level U Fire Protection Sprinkler System Contractor is licensed to work only on the underground installation of the dedicated fire protection sprinkler system supply main falling under the purview of N.F.P.A. 24. This means any installation of underground work of any kind for any type of structure. Each Level U contractor must have at least one employee certified as their Certificate of Competency Holder.

LEVEL I & T: A Level I and T Fire Protection Sprinkler System Contractors are allowed to contract for the inspection and testing work of a wet and dry pipe fire protection sprinkler system under the purview of N.F.P.A. 25. Each individual who physically performs such inspection and testing work must be certified by this office as competent.

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LEVEL 1: A level 1 Certificate of Competency Holder is an employee of a Fire Protection Sprinkler System Contractor. The Certificate allows the employee to do work on the design of sprinkler systems falling under National Fire Protection Association (N.F.P.A.) 13 – D. [Single or dual family occupancy residential structure and its dedicated underground fire service main]. To qualify for this level you will need to take the certification examination offered by the State Fire Marshal’s Office, possess National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies [N.I.C.E.T.] Level 2 in Water Based Sprinkler Layout Systems, or equivalency.

LEVEL 2: A level 2 Certificate of Competency Holder is an employee of a Fire Protection Sprinkler System Contractor. The Certificate allows the employee to work on the design of sprinkler systems falling under the purview of N.F.P.A. 13 – D and 13 – R. [Single or dual family occupancy residential structure up to and including a four-story structure and their dedicated underground fire service main]. This level of design requires the Certificate of Competency Holder to have at least a N.I.C.E.T. level 2 certification in Water Based Sprinkler System Layout, or equivalency.

LEVEL 3: A level 3 Certificate of Competency Holder is an employee of a Fire Protection Sprinkler System Contractor. The Certificate allows the employee to work on the design of sprinkler systems falling under the purview of N.F.P.A. 13 – D, 13 – R, 13 and/or 24. [This means any kind of work on any kind of structure including the dedicated underground fire service main of such structures]. This level of design requires the Certificate of Competency Holder to have at least a N.I.C.E.T. Level 3 Certification in Water Based Sprinkler System Layout, or equivalency.

LEVEL U: A level U Certificate of Competency Holder is an employee of a Fire Protection Sprinkler System Contractor. The Certificate allows the employee to work on only the underground installation of the dedicated fire protection sprinkler system supply main falling under the purview of N.F.P.A. 24. [Any installation of underground work of any kind for any kind of structure] To qualify for this level, you will need to take the certification examination offered by the State Fire Marshal’s Office

LEVEL ITT: A level ITT Certificate of Competency Holder is an employee of a Fire Protection Sprinkler System Contractor. This certification allows the COC inspection and testing work of a wet and dry pipe fire protection sprinkler system under the purview of N.F.P.A. 25. Each and every individual who physically performs such inspection and testing work must be certified by this office as competent. This specialized level requires the Certificate of Competency Holder to have at least a N.I.C.E.T. Level II Certification in Inspection and Testing of Water Based Systems. Allows an individual to perform only inspection and testing of water based fire



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The State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) regulates fire protection sprinkler system contractors for statutory compliance. This includes any business entity licensed or not and any individual certified or not who engages in worked regulated by [RCW 18.160](#), [RCW 18.270](#), and [WAC 212-80](#).

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