

Codes and Standards Administration
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Greetings:

The National Fireworks Association represents hundreds of members doing business in the Fireworks Industry. Our members are committed to providing quality fireworks and safe fireworks to the general public whether it be Consumer Fireworks or Display Fireworks. We are proud as an Association to have a representative on the NFPA Technical Committee on Pyrotechnics. Our Association works diligently along with all our members to educate the public and promote safety. We support the work of the Technical Committee to continue to strive toward safety.

We vehemently oppose any motion to remove Chapter 7 from NFPA 1124. The addition of Chapter 7 has greatly enhanced the safety measures taken in fireworks establishments, and the bottom line is, Chapter 7 is working.

To consider elimination of Chapter 7 now would be unwise. "The Technical Committee is the most qualified to work on these issues and removing their expertise would result in a big step backward.

The NFPA was formed to help reduce and prevent fire injury and other injury hazards. The Technical Committees were formed to allow industry experts a method to inject their experiences and knowledge toward that goal. This proposal would totally eliminate all avenues for consistent technical expertise and industry input and thereby undermine the very public safety we hope to ensure.

We feel this political posturing has no place when it deals with public safety. Eliminating Chapter 7 jeopardizes all the progress that has been made over the years with no salient reason given.

Fine tune Chapter 7 if need be. We are eager and willing to assist, but do not eliminate it. Continue with open communications, and continue to rely on those whose very livelihoods depend upon the consistent and reasonable regulation that Chapter 7 now provides.

We urge you to reject this motion.

Sincerely,