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Origin and Development of NFPA 1141

Work on this standard was begun in 1972 by the former Technical Committee on Suburban and Rural Fire Prevention and Promotion in response to needs expressed by several members. However, due to some technical issues and a reorganization of the committee, the first edition was not issued until 1985. That edition was revised in 1990.

In preparing the 1998 edition, the Committee resolved several issues in clarity and consistency by bringing the document in concert with NFPA 1 and NFPA 101[®], but specific circumstances listed in the scope and purpose of the document continued to require that some elements remain more restrictive than comparable elements referenced in other NFPA documents.

In the 2003 edition, the Technical Committee has recognized the rapid development of structures into areas that present unusual characteristics to responding fire agencies and has worked extensively on making NFPA 1141 current with other documents and more usable by adopting jurisdictions. The Committee is particularly interested in keeping the flexibility in the application of the standard by jurisdictions so that it works with existing codes and standards that may or may not adequately cover planned building groups.

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Information on referenced publications can be found in Chapter 2 and Annex B.

Chapter 1 Administration

1.1 Scope.

1.1.1 This standard applies to planned building groups in suburban and rural areas that the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) determines would be impacted by one or more of the following during a fire: limited water supply, limited fire department resources, extended fire department response time, delayed alarms, limited access, hazardous vegetation, unusual terrain, or unusual characteristics.

1.1.2* This standard applies to new planned building groups. If the authority having jurisdiction determines that additions to existing structures or new structures negatively impact the fire hazard of the overall building group, the necessary requirements of this standard shall be imposed. This standard does not apply to farms or to mobile home or recreational vehicle parks.

1.2 Purpose.

1.2.1* The purpose of this standard is to reduce the impact of a fire in a planned building group in suburban and rural areas where there might be limited water supply, limited fire department resources, extended fire department response time, delayed alarms, limited access, hazardous vegetation, unusual terrain, or unusual characteristics.

1.2.2 This standard shall not be construed as prohibiting better construction or planning features that will materially improve fire protection.

1.2.3 It is anticipated that the authority having jurisdiction shall use recognized fire protection measures to meet local conditions since this standard does not set forth general fire protection features or procedures addressed in other codes or standards.

1.2.4 When unusual local conditions exist, the authority having jurisdiction shall determine equivalent requirements that provide a level of protection no less than would be afforded by full compliance with this standard.

1.2.5 Where a provision of any other standard, code, law, or regulation recognized by the authority having jurisdiction is in conflict with this standard, the more restrictive provision shall apply.

Chapter 2 Referenced Publications

2.1 General. The documents or portions thereof listed in this chapter are referenced within this standard and shall be considered part of the requirements of this document.

2.2 NFPA Publications. National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy, MA 02269-9101.

NFPA 10, *Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers*, 2002 edition.

NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems*, 2002 edition.

NFPA 13D, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One- and Two-Family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes*, 2002 edition.

NFPA 13R, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Residential Occupancies up to and Including Four Stories in Height*, 2002 edition.

NFPA 14, *Standard for the Installation of Standpipe and Hose Systems*, 2003 edition.

NFPA 24, *Standard for the Installation of Private Fire Service Mains and Their Appurtenances*, 2002 edition.

NFPA 30, *Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code*, 2003 edition.

NFPA 51B, *Standard for Fire Prevention During Welding, Cutting, and Other Hot Work*, 2003 edition.

NFPA 54, *National Fuel Gas Code*, 2002 edition.

NFPA 58, *Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code*, 2001 edition.

NFPA 72®, *National Fire Alarm Code*®, 2002 edition.

NFPA 1142, *Standard on Water Supplies for Suburban and Rural Fire Fighting*, 2001 edition.

NFPA 1144, *Standard for Protection of Life and Property from Wildfire*, 2002 edition.

2.3 Other Publications.

2.3.1 *Webster's Third New International Dictionary, Unabridged*, January 2002.

Chapter 3 Definitions

3.1 General. The definitions contained in this chapter shall apply to the terms used in this standard. Where terms are not included, common usage of the terms shall apply. Common usage of words and terms shall be as set forth in *Webster's Third New International Dictionary, Unabridged*.

3.2 NFPA Official Definitions.

3.2.1* Approved. Acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

3.2.2* Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). An organization, office, or individual responsible for enforcing the requirements of a code or standard, or for approving equipment, materials, an installation, or a procedure.

3.2.3 Labeled. Equipment or materials to which has been attached a label, symbol, or other identifying mark of an organization that is acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction and concerned with product evaluation, that maintains periodic inspection of production of labeled equipment or materials, and by whose labeling the manufacturer indicates compliance with appropriate standards or performance in a specified manner.