



Summary/Background of Common Voices

In February of 2007, the National Fire Sprinkler Association brought a group together in Albuquerque, New Mexico for a focus group session of fire safety advocates. As a result of listening to the needs represented, Common Voices was formed. The Coalition has brainstormed ideas of how to be more effective in delivering the message that “Fire Sprinklers Save Lives.”

Common Voices Advocates include:

Amy Acton, Burn Survivor and Executive Director of The Phoenix Society
Vina Drennan, Lost Husband, FDNY Captain John Drennan, in an on-duty LODD
Donna Henson, Lost Son, Dominic, in Columbia, MO fire
Gail Minger, Lost Son, Michael, in Murray, KY fire
Justina Page, Lost Son, Amos, in Houston, TX fire
Bonnie Woodruff, Lost Son, Ben in Chapel Hill, NC fire

The Common Voices Advocates are now working hard to raise our nation’s awareness to the deadly impact of fire. Each of the advocates has first-hand experience with the effects of fire in that they have lost a family member in a fire, or they are a burn survivor themselves. Their stories are real and their message is one of hope for our nation. Future tragedies can be avoided if decisions are made to install fire sprinklers.

The Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act is an important piece of legislation that will provide an incentive for business owners to retrofit high-risk occupancies across our nation. Tragic fires like *The Station* nightclub in Rhode Island can be eliminated with the installation of fire sprinklers.

It is with much appreciation that the Common Voices Advocates welcome the organizations who join us for this historic day and support our efforts in lobbying FOR HR 1742 and S 582 in the 110th Congressional session of the United States of America.

Allied Organizations:

Congressional Fire Services Institute, International Association of Fire Chiefs, United States Fire Administration, Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition, Home Safety Council, National Fire Protection Association, National Fire Sprinkler Association, International Code Council, National Volunteer Fire Council, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, The Phoenix Society, International Association of Fire Fighters, Fire Sprinkler Fitters Local Leadership

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U.S Fire Administration	www.usfa.dhs.gov
Congressional Fire Services Institute	www.cfsi.org
International Association of Fire Chiefs	www.iafc.org
Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition	www.homefiresprinkler.org
Home Safety Council	www.homesafetycouncil.org
Fire Team USA	www.fireteamusa.com
International Code Council	www.iccsafe.org
National Fallen Firefighters Foundation	www.firehero.org
National Fire Protection Association	www.nfpa.org
National Fire Sprinkler Association	www.nfsa.org
The Phoenix Society	www.phoenix-society.org
International Association of Fire Fighters	www.iaff.org
National Volunteer Fire Council	www.nvfc.org