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Are YOUR Smoke Alarms Safe?

The World Fire Safety Foundation has been campaigning to reveal the truth to firefighters and the public about the ionization *type* of smoke alarms in almost every Australian home. Please check out this article then complete and and post your 'Disclosure Letters' - today!

Thank you.

Peter Cannon
President, V.F.F.A.



David Isaac
Standards Australia Fire
Protection Committee

“Australian Government scientific testing allows ionization smoke alarms to pass approvals at smoke levels that are **dangerously high and totally unacceptable.”**

Stated after flawed Australian Standards testing was discovered in Feb 2006



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Fire-fighter's Speak Out...

"Fire-fighters haven't been told the truth. Watch the 'Smoke Alarm Recall' film and see the facts about ionization alarms for yourself."

Peter Cannon, President, Volunteer Fire-fighters Association, after watching 'Smoke Alarm Recall'. NSW, Australia. August 2008



Peter Cannon
Pres. VFFA, NSW Australia

“Nationally the percentage of people dying when the [ionization] smoke detector works, but works too late is 40%.”

Chief Jay Fleming, Boston Fire Department, WBX TV, Boston, USA. Dec 2007

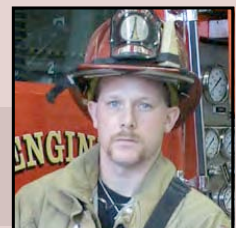
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DC Jay Fleming
Boston FD, Massachusetts

“This is information that no-one in this fire station had until a few days ago.”

Deputy Chief Russell Ashe, Barre City Fire Department, Vermont, USA after viewing the Aquarium Test™. June 2006



DC Russell Ashe
Barre City FD, Vermont

“This may well be the most important life-safety issue of our time.”

Roger Johnson, Indiana State Fire Chiefs Convention, Marriot Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA. Sept 2007



SFM Roger Johnson
State Fire Marshal, Indiana

“The sooner we are alerted to a fire the less probability there is that we'll get injured.”

Matt Vinci, President, Professional Fire-fighters Association. Vermont USA. May 2008



Matt Vinci (left)
Pres. PFFA, Vermont

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How could this be possible?

For over thirty years the truth about ionization smoke alarms has been hidden from firefighters and the public. Many firefighters ask, "What's the official Fire Brigade position?" The Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council is the peak representative body of all Australian and New Zealand Fire Brigades. Their *official* position is:

"That all residential accommodation be fitted with photoelectric smoke alarms."

The truth about ionization smoke alarms is NOT getting to most firefighters - yet alone the public. The Foundation believes ionization smoke alarms are NOT safe and firefighters and the public's lives are at needless risk because they have not been made fully aware of the facts. Please fill in the 'Disclosure Letters' and discover the truth for yourself.



AFAC's Official Position on Smoke Alarms
01 June, 2006

From Aquarium Test™ to new smoke detector legislation in 22 months!

YOU Can Make a Difference!

1980 report Exposes Defective Ionization Detectors

In September 1980 the International Association of Fire Chief's (IAFC) 'Residential Smoke Alarm Report' warned Fire Chiefs about ionization detectors saying the IAFC could, "...take no other course but to recommend photoelectric smoke detectors." They report explained how to conduct a full-scale test so Fire Chiefs could find out the facts for themselves.

By 1980 Fire Chiefs had been promoting ionization detectors for almost a decade. To find out what happened since 1980 which will help you understand why the truth has been buried, check out [smoke detector history](#).



July 2006, Vermont, USA
Barre City Fire Department Aquarium Test™



Jan 2007, Vermont, USA
Barre City Fire Department Full-Scale Test

America's First Aquarium Test™

Because of the decades of misinformation the World Fire Safety Foundation developed the Aquarium Test™. This simple test costs nothing and enables any fire-fighter anywhere in the world to see and experience the truth about ionization alarms for themselves.

The Aquarium Test's purpose is to inspire fire-fighters to conduct a full-scale test as recommended by the IAFC back in 1980. The first US Aquarium Test™ (see above) was conducted by the Barre City Fire Department in July 2006. Since then countless fire-fighters across America have conducted their own Aquarium and full-scale tests.

Fire-fighters Inspire New Legislation

Six months after their Aquarium Test™, Barre City Fire-fighters conducted a full-scale test in an abandoned house. What they discovered shocked them - they realized people were dying because they were not being protected by their existing ionization detectors.

Since FF Matt Cetin and DC Russell Ashe's Aquarium Test™, they have worked tirelessly to educate US fire-fighters about ionization detectors. See their Barre City story in the films below and check out their website: www.BarreCityFire.org

Then... find an aquarium, some old foam and a low powered soldering iron and [go do your own Aquarium Test™...](#)



May 2008, Barre City Vermont, USA
Russ Ashe and Matt Cetin (3rd & 4th from left) at official signing of new legislation at Barre City FD

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“It is truly alarming ... It is so stunning and so horrifying and it’s so hard to believe that it’s something that people just don’t know...”

Courteney Stuart, Senior Editor, The Hook

“We are talking about people who are dying and don’t need to be dying”

Coy Barefoot - Charlottesville Podcasting Network

MOST SMOKE DETECTORS DON'T DETECT DEADLY SMOKE

It almost sounds like a joke, that the most popular type of smoke detector doesn't detect smoke, but it's no laughing matter to the people who die or suffer serious injuries every year because they relied on an **ionization smoke detector**.



Read how Boston Fire Chief Jay Fleming's 'real world' smoldering fire tests inspired one of the most accurate, well researched media exposes on ionization detectors ever published.



Firefighters amazed - Fleming's tests show ionization detectors failing to activate in toxic smoldering fire for over one hour! (see Fleming's 'real world' test below)

Fleming says he frequently hears firefighters say,

“We’ve given these things out for **twenty years** and the Chief is embarrassed.”

More evidence is at: www.TheWorldFireSafetyFoundation.org/TheEvidence.html

Smoke Alarm Disclosure Letters



CSIRO Disclosure Letter

- ① → Date: _____ / _____ / 2009
- ② → From: _____
(your name and mailing address)
- To: **CSIRO** Attention: Mr David Whittaker, Executive Officer, ActivFire Scheme, PO Box 56, Highett, Victoria, Australia 3190
- ③ → Re: My Smoke Alarms: _____
(Manufacturer/Supplier's Name & Model # on back of alarm. More at: www.ActivFire.gov.au)

Dear Mr Whittaker

I have been advised that my ionisation smoke alarm/s listed above may not be 'safe' or 'fit for purpose'. Please disclose, in writing, within 14 days to my address above:

Q.1. Will my smoke alarm/s **safely** warn/activate in a smouldering fire? (based on the specific scientific obscuration response data recorded by SSL/CSIRO when my ionisation alarm/s were subjected to the AS2362.17 smouldering fire, smoke sensitivity testing.)

Q.2. What level of smoke* did my ionisation smoke alarm/s activate under clauses 7 (e) and (f) of AS2362.17?

Thank you

*i.e. light obscuration per metre

④ → *Sign Here*

Note: A full explanation of this letter is at: www.TheWorldFireSafetyFoundation.org



Manufacturer/Supplier Disclosure Letter

- ① → Date: _____ / _____ / 2009
- ② → From: _____
(your name and mailing address)
- ③ → To: _____
(your Manufacturer's/Supplier's name & mailing address - on back of alarm. More at: www.ActivFire.gov.au)
- ④ → Re: My Smoke Alarms: _____
(Manufacturer/Supplier's name & model # on the back of alarm. More at: www.ActivFire.gov.au)

Good Morning

I have been advised that my ionisation smoke alarm/s listed above may not be 'safe' or 'fit for purpose'. Please disclose, in writing, within 14 days to my address above:

Q.1. Will my smoke alarm/s **safely** warn/activate in a slow smouldering fire?

(based on the specific scientific data recorded by SSL/CSIRO and supplied to your company when my ionisation alarm/s were subjected to the Australian Standards 2362.17 smouldering fire, smoke sensitivity testing.)

Q.2. What level of smoke* did my ionisation smoke alarm/s activate under clauses 7 (e) and (f) of AS2362.17?

Thank you

*i.e. light obscuration per metre

⑤ → *Sign Here*

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