



## FireNetOnline Update

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FNO Members,

**Welcome** to this edition of FNO Update, brought to you by **Security Central** and **National Training Center**. The following news reflects recent forum additions and programs related to FNO operations. It is our desire to serve your needs in the best way possible, so if you should have any questions, please send them along to [firenetonline@tpromo2.com](mailto:firenetonline@tpromo2.com).

### I. FirePro Finder

## FirePro Finders Chart

A ready source for fire professionals and local, state, and federal officials



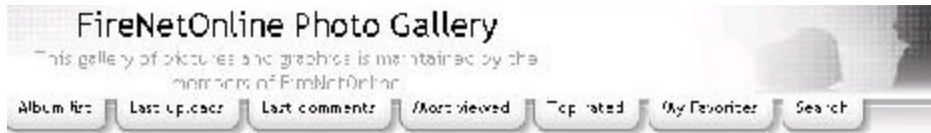
Photograph by Nick Markowitz of Verona, Pa.

For the benefit of our newer members, FirePro Finder is a chart with select FNO member information. The purpose of this chart is to provide an additional point of contact on the Internet where people can find professionals in the fire protection industry.

If you're on the FirePro Finder chart ([www.firepros.tpromo.com](http://www.firepros.tpromo.com)), I need you to send us your biographical information. I'll be adding a link in the chart that will lead people to your portion of that new biographical page. Please send your bio to me at

firenetonline@tpromo2.com. Those of you that are interested in appearing in the FirePro Finder chart, send me all pertinent information, including your bio.

## II. FireNetOnline Photo Gallery



We're working on a new photo gallery for our members and moderators benefit. There are going to be four main categories to start with:

### **Code Violations**

FNO members involved in the fire protection business use this category to post photographs and captions involving code infractions of any kind mentionable.

### **Fire Museum**

If it's an old photo and it involves fire protection, a FNO member put it here.

### **Member Photography**

This section is for general photography. Do you have an unusual application? Show and tell about it in this section.

### **What Not To Do**

Pictures of what not to do, taken and posted by FNO members

We may add to the list, but for now this will give us a good start. When we get closer to the release date you will be notified by FireNetOnline e-mail.

## III. Sean Sokoly: New Security Systems Moderator



Please welcome **Sean Sokoly** from *Sokoly Alarms* in New Jersey as the new Moderator of the Security Systems Forum. Sean is a great installer, troubleshooter, very knowledgeable in Code Compliance and MANY Security System Manufacturers. He's a fire equipment buff and he's well versed in Fire Alarm technology.

Yes, Sean is Mike Sokoly's brother!

## IV. Poll Forum Sees Action

### The Poll Forum

Moderators: None

Users browsing this forum: None

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Topics	
	<a href="#">[ Poll ] Would You Forego the Permit Process for MONEY?</a>

There are several new polls in the public access section for your voting enjoyment. Come and take a look, cast your vote and tell us why you voted the way you did. Here are several recent poll questions for your review:

*Would You Forego the Permit Process For Money?*

*What do you do when the client refuses to pay to fix it?*

*What is the number one cause of fire deaths in the home?*

## V. Aging Smoke Alarms

### Electrical Safety

Moderators: [nick](#), [secure15](#)

Users browsing this forum: None

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Topics		Rep
	<a href="#">UL Issues Warning about GFCI Safety</a>	0
	<a href="#">Police Ask for Help to Catch Copper Thieves</a>	0
	<a href="#">You think YOUR job is Tough?????</a>	0

Do you know the difference between a smoke alarm and a smoke detector? Did you know there's a specified life cycle connected with the former? In the NFPA 72 section Mike Sokoly, Secure15, explains what each term means and why smoke alarms are suppose to be replaced every 10 years. Mike is FNO Moderator of the Electrical Safety, Fire Alarm Systems, and Business Administration forums on FNO BBS.

## **VI. Fire Safety Section on FNO BBS**

Every day or to you will find new stories in the Fire Safety section. Al Colombo, moderator, will typically provide several paragraphs and a link. Here's a few examples:

“The occurrence of fire could be prevented if people know the proper prevention techniques. This is the reason why the whole month of March, the City Fire Department will go to the different barangays, establishments and occupancies of Tacloban City in order to give seminar on Fire Prevention,” (Everyday should be fire prevention day, Fire Safety section, FNO BBS).

“With the time change this past weekend, Canadians are finally getting the message to change their smoke alarm batteries, as well, but there may be an underlying problem,” (Fire Safety: Canadians are lacking in knowledge about smoke alarms, Fire Safety section, FNO BBS)

## **VII. Ansul Offers Interactive Presentation**

FNO member cintorino, Dan Cintorino, offers an interesting link on an interactive presentation on the Web:

*Ansul's web site has a great interactive presentation that explains how the Ansul system works. You can see details of every part of the system.*

To view Dan's suggested link, go to the Special Hazards forum and look for *Ansul interactive presentation*.

## **VIII. UL Issues Warning about GFCI Safety**

Mike Sokoly offers a weblink to Mike Holt's website:

“Recent testing by Underwriters Laboratories (UL) of samples obtained from both the marketplace and several manufacturers indicates that some GFCI units do not meet all current UL requirements and, under rare conditions, may not trip when a fault is present, resulting in a loss of protection from electric shock.”

To take advantage of this information, go to the Electrical Safety section on FNO BBS and look for *UL Issues Warning about GFCI Safety*.

## IX. Buy-Sell-Trade Forum



### Buy-Sell-Trade

Moderator: [ken](#)

Users browsing this forum: None



One of the best kept secrets on FNO BBS is the Buy-Sell-Trade forum, listed in the public access section of the BBS. Spring is coming and if you have something to sell or trade, or if you're in the market for something specific and you think someone on FNO may have it, this is a good way to get the word out. Also, because the Buy-Sell-Trade forum is in the public access section, the general public will be able to respond to your ads as well.

To take advantage of FNO's Buy-Sell-Trade forum, you must be logged in. If you are a nonmember, register and become a FNO member. Membership is free and it entitles you to full access to the discussion board, including the Buy-Sell-Trade forum.

## X. In Closing

In closing, it is our desire to assist you in any way possible. In order to do that, we need to hear from our members, and that includes you. If you have a suggestion or a specific need, the moderators and I would encourage you to contact us.

If it's a specific need, you can either post it in the appropriate forum or look for the moderator in our membership list where links are made available for private mail (PM) or E-Mail (EM).

If you need to contact me, please do so by sending an e-mail to [firenetonline@tpromo2.com](mailto:firenetonline@tpromo2.com). Above all, we would encourage you to maximize your FNO experience by visiting the BBS on a regular basis. Foremost, get involved by posting questions and helping others who specifically ask for help.

We realize there are times when it's appropriate to merely read and not post, but this BBS will only grow with your help. Isn't it great to have such a tool at your disposal 24 hours a day? Where else can you gain access to other fire protection professionals from across the world? Make the most of it—get involved.

See you on the BBS!

Regards,  
Al Colombo