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Residential Fire Sprinkler Incentive Program

It is the policy of the Alaska State Fire Marshal to recognize levels of fixed fire protection installed in single family dwellings in the state. This recognition program shall be called the Residential Safety Star Program. To attain the appropriate level of recognition, the fixed protection system shall be installed by qualified installers, permitted by the SFMO under 13 AAC 50.035, or otherwise approved by the manufacturer with concurrence of the SFMO.

The levels of protection recognized under this program shall be as outlined below:

- **Platinum Star** – Complete automatic fire sprinkler system as per NFPA 13R.
- **Gold Star** – Complete automatic fire sprinkler system as per NFPA 13D.
- **Silver Star** – Partial automatic fire sprinkler system as per NFPA 13 R to cover major sources of fire hazard including attached garages, laundry rooms, furnace rooms and kitchens. (Per USFA initiative Residential Fire Sprinkler Initiative)
- **Bronze Star** – Partial automatic fire sprinkler system as per NFPA 13 D to cover major sources of fire hazard including attached garages, laundry rooms, furnace rooms and kitchens. (Per USFA Residential Fire Sprinkler Initiative)

Fine water mist systems installed in compliance with NFPA 750 may be considered an equal to the respective categories above, on a case by case basis.

Jurisdictions receiving a deferral under 13 AAC 50.075 may choose to participate in this program.

Upon installation of a system outlined above, the authorized and permitted installer shall notify the SFMO, who shall then issue the homeowner the appropriate certificate.

Whereas the installation of an automatic sprinkler system will reduce the fire loss in those dwellings, the insurance industry is strongly encouraged to use this rating system as a mechanism to offer insurance premium reductions to individual homeowners.

Whereas the installation of an automatic sprinkler system will reduce the burden on local fire departments, local fire service areas are encouraged to provide the homeowner a reduction in fire service assessments accordingly.