



THE
NextGen **NEXTGEN**
Chapter
Welcome Kit

2025

Interested in **NextGen?**

We're excited to welcome your chapter to the Next Generation Initiative — a collection of dedicated individuals within the American Fire Sprinkler Association created specifically to support and connect AFSA chapters as they engage the next generation of fire protection professionals

NextGen Mission Statement:

To contribute to the success of early career and forward-thinking fire sprinkler industry individuals through education, networking, and professional development opportunities, while maintaining a collaborative work environment focusing on building and nurturing industry relationships.



<https://www.firesprinkler.org/nextgen/>

What is in it for **me (or my employees)?**



- NextGen Initiative Network: Connect with like-minded young professionals and up-and-coming leaders from in the industry at networking opportunities designed to help members develop their professional network.
- ADVANCE: With its educational resources such as seminars, NextGen equips its members with the essential knowledge to bring back to the office and improve their work.
- MENTOR: Connect and network with seasoned business professionals who have walked the path and are eager to share valuable insights and lessons learned from their experiences
- LEARN: Enhance professional development at various young professional-focused events and programs, both at the national and chapter level.
- GIVE BACK: This program inspires members to continually consider how they can leverage their skills to make a meaningful impact in their community.
- GROW: By participating in AFSA events, members have the opportunity to be a part of the association as they move forward in their careers.

🔥 Getting Started

01 **Subscribe to the AFSA Emails!**

Let us know you would like to receive Next Generation information by sending us an email at membership@firesprinkler.org. Include your, or your employees, contact information (name, phone number, email).



02 **Personalized Learning Approach**

Reach out to your local AFSA chapter Executive Director to see if you have a local NextGen Chapter. If you don't know who your chapter contact is go to www.firesprinkler.org/chapterlist/

03 **Experienced and Passionate Educators**

Get involved with a local NextGen event and connect with driven, like-minded peers. It's a great way to grow your network and make an impact in a cause that matters to you.

04 **Diverse and Inclusive Environment**

Help us grow the NextGen Initiative by spreading the word! Share the mission and opportunities of NextGen with your friends, colleagues, and peers, and invite them to get involved. Whether they are new to the industry or looking for ways to connect, lead, and make a difference, your personal invitation can help them take the first step toward a rewarding experience with a passionate, forward-thinking community.

Chapter Involvement

Tips for Getting Started

- Identify and engage local potential NextGen Members
- Identify any “mentors” who will serve as valuable ambassadors throughout the integration of NextGen opportunities at the chapter level.
- Have at least one NextGen representative at every chapter meeting.
- Establish a person in each chapter to serve as the NextGen chair at the chapter level.
- Organize local events and learning opportunities to engage the NextGen Initiative within your chapter.

Ideas for NextGen Chapter Engagement

- Career Fairs: Deploy NextGen representatives to participate in career fairs and engage in relevant student meetings at primary and secondary schools, as well as universities, technical colleges, and workforce departments.
- Meetup: Hosting a networking event before or after a chapter meeting offers a great opportunity to enjoy refreshments and connect with fellow AFSA NextGen members in a relaxed, informal setting.
- Testimonials: Hear from mentors or other industry leaders as they share their stories of how they made their mark and how others can do the same.
- Night Out: Connect with fellow young professionals during an evening out exploring local events — such as sporting games, winery tours, and more — or come together in service by volunteering at a charitable event like Habitat for Humanity or Homes for Our Troops.
- Level Up: Professional development events focused on growing members as an individual both personally and professionally, while providing opportunities to build skill sets to help them advance to the next level.

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