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NICET ISSUES 20,000 CERTIFICATIONS TO FIRE PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

The number of certifications for fire protection professionals passed 20,000 in February 2007. NICET attributes this milestone to the fire protection industry's commitment to public safety.

NICET joins all those who care about fire protection in congratulating each of these knowledgeable and experienced technicians for their professionalism and dedication to life safety. Attaining certification in Fire Alarm Systems, Automatic Sprinkler System Layout, Inspection and Testing of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems, or Special Hazards Suppression Systems requires knowledge, experience, and initiative, and NICET salutes every one of these dedicated men and women.

The devastating consequences of uncontrolled fire to life and property make fire protection a great and serious responsibility. Fires that destroy buildings, businesses, even cities, are much less frequent now than they have been through history; modern fire protection systems have played an important part in achieving this result. Those people who have worked to gain the know-how to apply and install these systems deserve to be recognized.

Just one of the ways the fire protection industry uses to increase reliability is supporting, encouraging, and using certification through NICET. Certification provides a way to measure the workforce's skills and knowledge against a national standard. NICET offers certification to engineering technicians and technologists in Fire Alarm Systems, Automatic Sprinkler System Layout, Special Hazards Suppression Systems, and Inspection and Testing of Water Based Systems. Fire protection industry experts developed the NICET Fire Protection programs with up to four levels based on work experience, written examination, and third-party evaluations. Additional information on NICET Fire Protection certification is available at www.nicet.org.

Since its founding in 1961, more than 120,000 technicians and technologists have met NICET's rigorous certification criteria. That number is growing as more employers and local and state governments rely on NICET certification to measure the qualifications of their workforce. Technicians and technologists, seeking to advance their profession, can validate their knowledge and experience. Employers and governments can provide their customers higher quality goods and services. This ultimately provides end-users with a higher degree of satisfaction and the public enjoys a higher degree of safety and protection.

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