

Barns, Bars and more



Presenter



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Today's Objectives

Not Going to make you a Code Expert in
60 minutes!

Not even going to cover everything

*Just Giving an Overview, a Look at the
Issues and a Place to get Help*

*What should happen when a building
changes use?*

Role of State Fire Marshal

- **State Fire Marshal Division (SFMD)**
 - **Developing and overseeing the Fire Code**
 - **Provide interpretations on fire code and related issues**
 - **Perform inspections:**
 - Mandated by statutes
 - Investigations of incidents
 - By request of local AHJ

What's Already Being Inspected

- **SFMD Inspects**
 - **Public Schools – Charter Schools**
 - **Hotel/Motel/Resorts**
 - **Day Care/Foster Care**
 - **Health Care – Hospitals/Nursing Homes**
 - **Complaints & Requests**

**What is your role as a county
official?**

Think about this during the
presentation

Barn Conversions



Bars – Taprooms - Wineries



Places of Worship



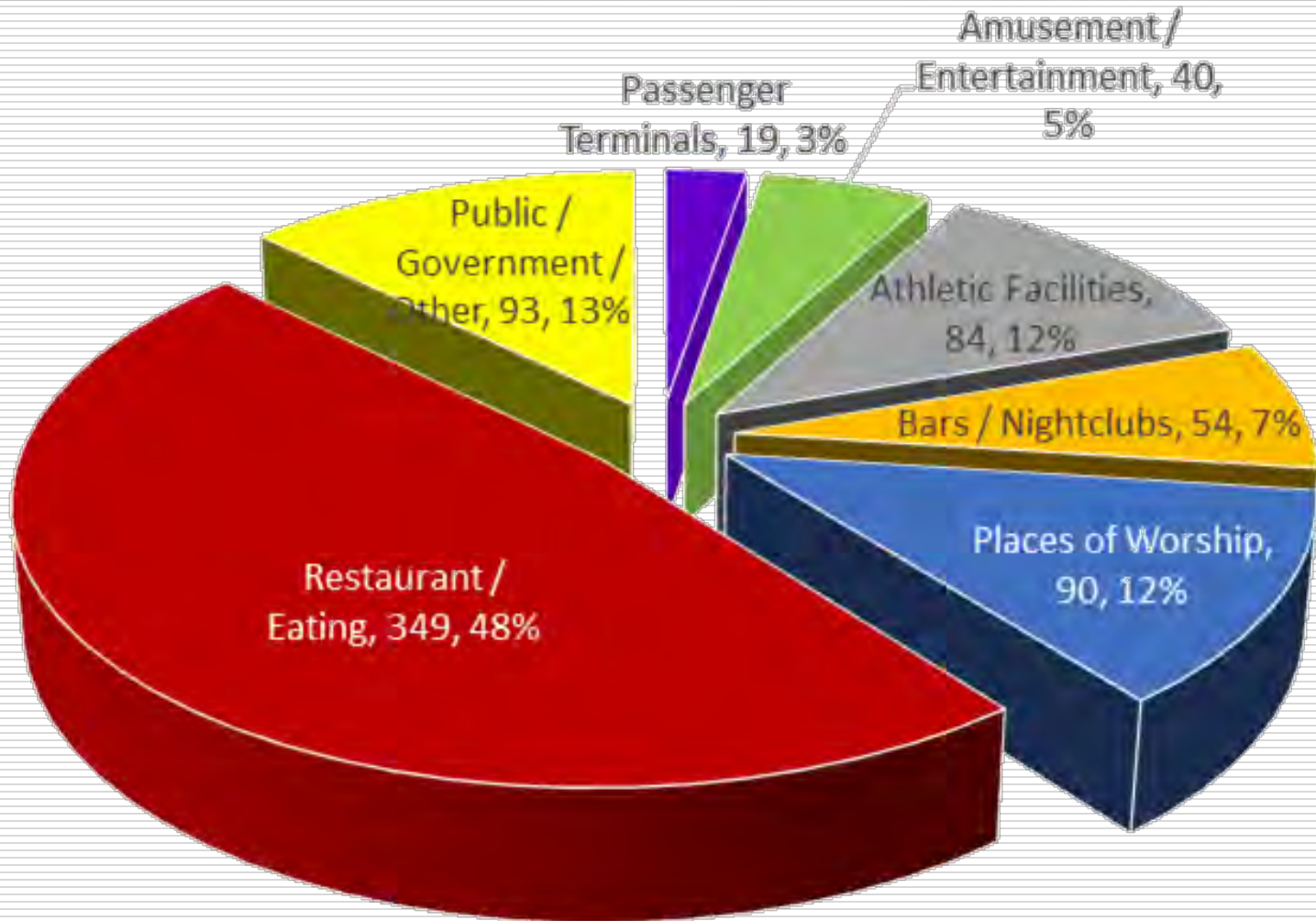
What is Group A

Simply put...Buildings or outdoor venues where 50 or more persons assemble to participate in or observe an activity

Assembly Occupancies

- Group A-2 includes occupancies in which people congregate in high densities for social entertainment
 - **Where drinking and/or food consumption takes place**
- Group A-3
 - **No consumption of food or drink**

Assembly Fires by Type of Occupancy 2013 - 2017



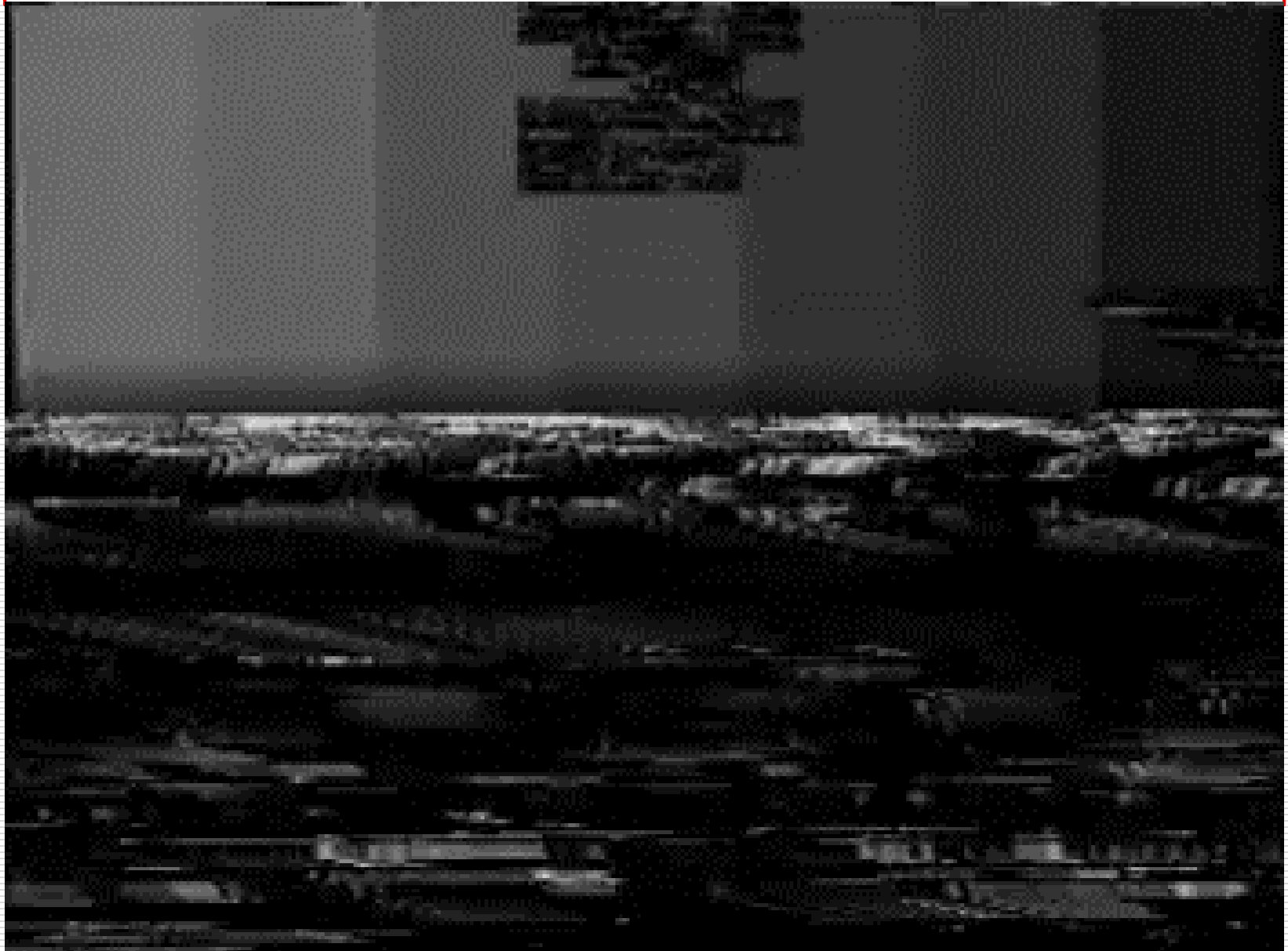
History of Group A-1 & A-2 Tragedies

- Iroquois Theater, 12.30.1903, 602+
- Rhythm Club, 4.23.1940, 209
- Cocoanut Grove Club, 11.28.1942, 492
- Republica Cromanon, 12.30.2004, 194
- Brazil Kiss nightclub 1.27.2013, 242
- Rouen France, 8.6.2016, 13

Unlucky 13 in USA

- Beverly Hills Supper Club 1977
 - **Kentucky 165 deaths -**
- Happy Land Social Club 1990
 - **New York 87 deaths - Arson**
- Station Night Club 2003
 - **Rhode Island 100 deaths**
- Ghost Ship 2016
 - **California 36 deaths**
- Where will the next one occur in 2029

Station Night Club



Wedding-Event Ctr Barn Fires

- Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, August 2017
 - **Coeur d'Alene Idaho August 2017**
- Arthur, ND, October 2017
 - **Arthur ND October 2017**
- Tamworth, NH, November 2017
 - **Tamworth NH November 2017**



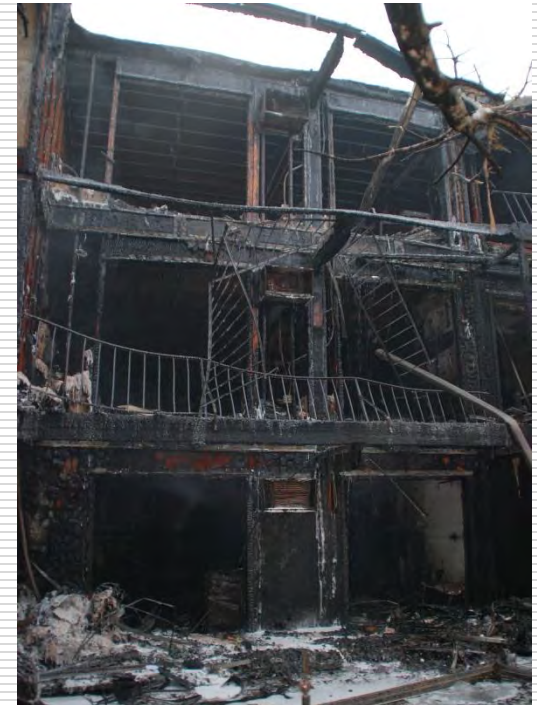




Lessons Learned ?

Same code issues throughout history

- **The “Big Six” in fire tragedies**
 - Interior finishes
 - Vertical openings
 - Fire suppression systems
 - Fire alarms
 - Exits
 - Storage



Statutes and Rules

Places of Public Accommodation

MS §326B.121

July 1, 2017

Occupant Load \geq 200

Fire Code Statute

299F.011 Subd. 4. Applicability; local authority.

The State Fire Code shall be applicable throughout the state and in all political subdivisions and municipalities therein.

Fire Code Official

- **State Fire Marshal**
 - **Authorized representatives**
- **Fire Chief**
 - **Authorized representatives**
- **Other authority**
 - **By ordinance or regulation**
- **Must be competent**
 - **Inspector certs, training, experience**

Design Professionals

- Architect is required
- Mn Statute 326.02 - 326.15
- Mn Rule 1800.5200

- MSBC Statewide in 2008

It's not just about sprinklers

- Exits
- Interior Finish
- Fire Alarms
- Fire Sprinkler Systems
- Ignition Sources
- Emergency plan, crowd managers
- Fire Department Access-Water Supply

Occupant Load

- Complicated in Group A
 - Sitting, standing, tables, chairs, booths, etc
- Determines the number of exits
- Determines exit width
- Sprinkler and fire alarm requirements

Number of Exits

- 50 or more occupants
 - At least 2 exits
 - Lighted exit signs
 - Emergency lighting
 - Panic Hardware
 - Door Swing



Interior Finishes

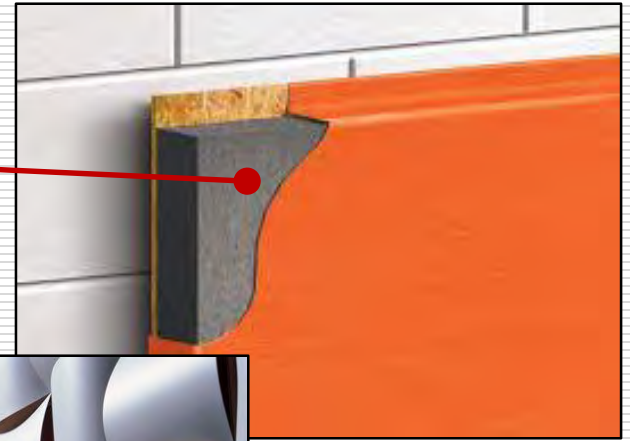
Foams – Plastics

Carpet

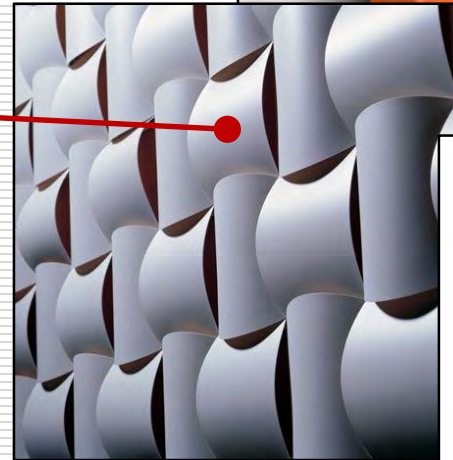


Plastics as Interior Finish

Foam plastics



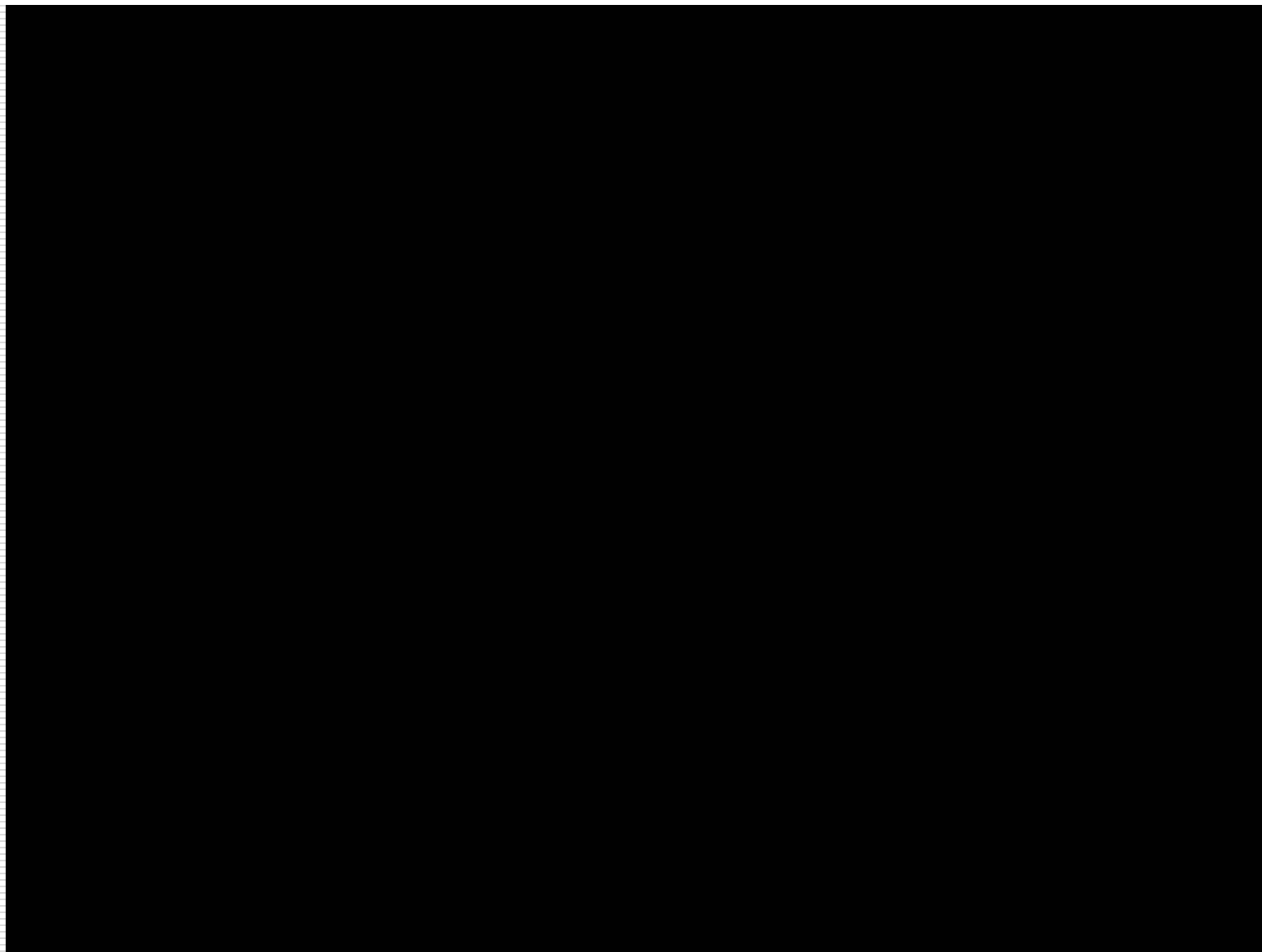
Polypropylene



High density polyethylene

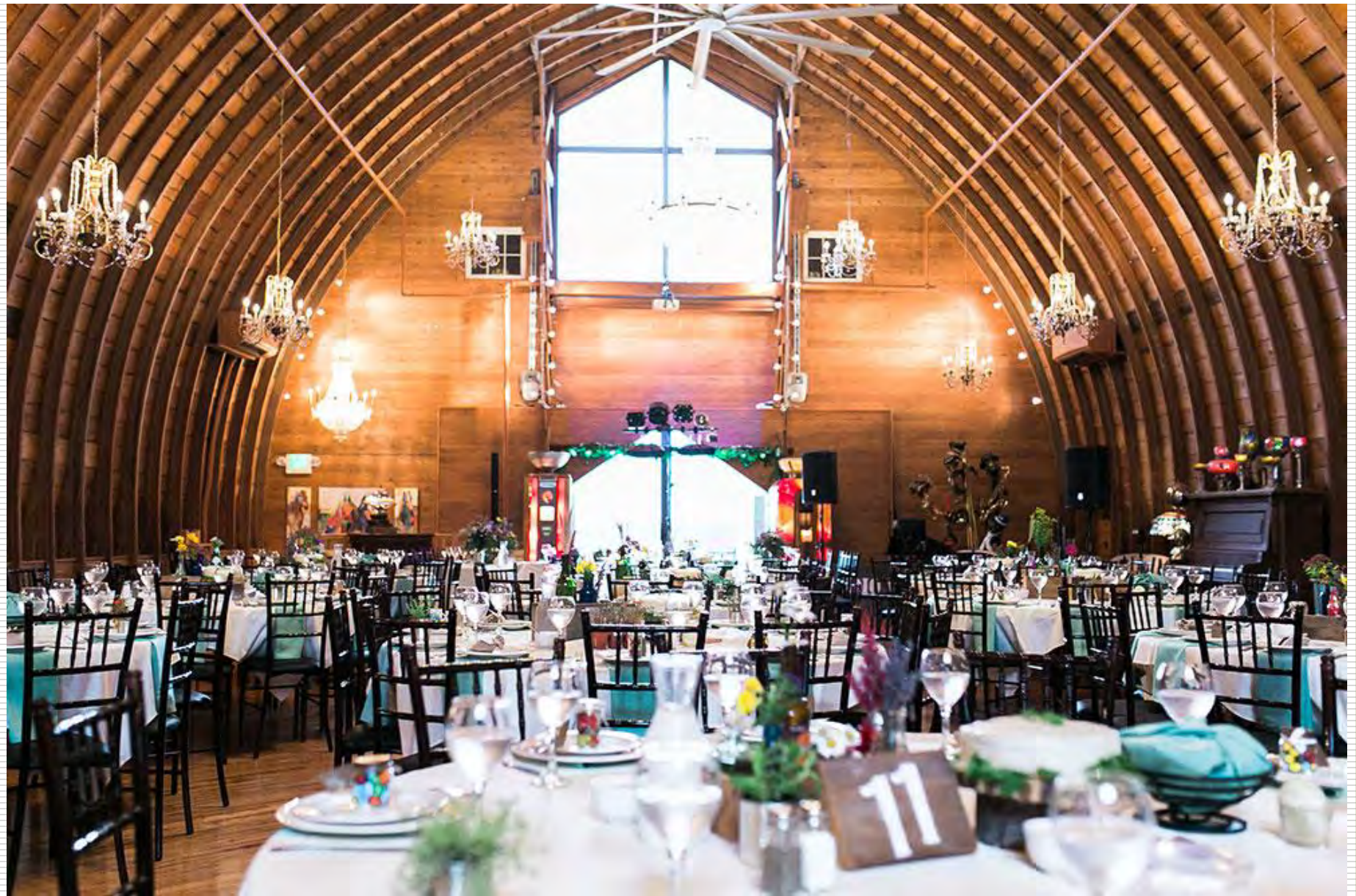


Foam Fire Test



Sprinkler Requirements - New

- **A-2 fire area**
 - **5,000 sf**
 - **100 people**
 - **Second story or basement**
- **A-3 fire area**
 - **12,000 sf**
 - **300 people**
 - **Second story or basement**



Do Sprinklers Work?

**Foam Plastics Fire
Station Night Club**

NIST-Station Night Club

**Room
Lower View
Non-Sprinklered**



NIST

NIST-Station Night Club

**Room
Lower View
Sprinklered**

NIST

Barn Conversions



Group U becomes Group A



What are the code concerns?



Barn Conversions



What Makes Us Unique

- Roughly 10,000 square feet of barn - TONS of space indoors as well as huge covered outdoor areas!
- 300 guests are welcome
- DJ/Band can play until 12am
- Choices! Ceremonies can be held in front of our massive maple tree, in the upper level of the barn, in a grassy field surrounded by trees with a lake view, in the pavillion, or in the courtyard
- Three options for where you'd like cocktail hour: 1) the remains of the granary provide an in-ground stone structure with an open roof and cascading vines 2) in the pavillion to remain outdoors but covered 3) The reclaimed beams of the lower level of the barn and the high top stanchion tables provide a fresh industrial vibe
- The scenery cannot be beat: lush fields, gorgeous mature trees, and Bloom's Lake
- We LOVE weddings and will strive to make your day just as you imagine!



Engineering Design

- Additions such as decks
- Stairways
- Roof wind and snow loads

Wind Loads



Decks



Bars – Taprooms - Wineries

- Existing
 - **Definition**
 - **Sprinklers - Basements**
 - **Exits and Signs**
 - **Panic Hardware**
 - **Emergency Lighting**
 - **Interior Finish**

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 - **Definition**
 - **Sprinklers**
 - **Exits Lighting**
 - **Interior Finish**
 - **FD Access**
 - **Water Supply**

Places of Worship



Places of Worship

New

Existing

Additions

Show Must Go On



SFMD, Barn Owners, Legislation

- Two owners seeking legislation
 - **Proposed no hearing**
- Stay tuned for the 2019 session
- Copy of letter to owners
 - **Inspection checklist**
- Complaints
 - **SFMD assisting with local fire chiefs**

What can you do?

- Land use permit
 - **Compliance with codes**
 - **Design professional required**
- Conditional use permit
- Coordinate with local fire department
 - **Contact the fire chief**
- Assistance from SFMD
- Local building official or CCLD

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STATE FIRE CODE

Minnesota State Fire and Building Code

Purchase a print copy of the 2015 State Fire Code

Visit the [International Code Council Website](#) to purchase a copy. You can also purchase them on the [Minnesota Bookstore website](#) or by [sending an email](#) to the Fire Instructors Association of Minnesota.

Electronic versions of the 2015 State Fire Code

The 2015 Minnesota State Fire Code was adopted on May 2. It is available on the [International Code Council's website](#). The new Minnesota code is based on the 2012 International Fire Code (IFC).

Supplemental 2015 State Fire Code information

[Minnesota Rule 7511](#) includes rules not published in the printed 2015 State Fire Code due to copywrite laws. The [Statement of Need and Reasonableness](#) (SONAR) is also available online. SONARs from 1988, 1991, 1997, 2003 and 2007 contain historical information you may find important. Here is a [model ordinance](#) for adopting the State Fire Code.

If you have questions on the new code, [email our Fire Code Team](#).

Electronic versions of the 2015 State Building Code

You have free access to [electronic editions](#) of the Minnesota State Building Code.

Contact the Fire Code Team

Fire code questions may be submitted by email to fire.code@state.mn.us. Code staff monitor this email address on a daily basis and will respond to your question, usually within 24 hours, but always within three working days.

Variances and Appeals to Fire Code Orders

2017
FIRE IN
MINNESOTA



STATE FIRE MARSHAL

WALLICK

2017 Fire in Minnesota

Latest Fire in Minnesota Report now available
64 pages of statistical data collected from 772 of 775 fire
depts

Learn more about fire in your community and in Minnesota.
The [2017 Fire in Minnesota report](#) is online.

A few interesting facts from the most recent report:

- The number of people over age 60 who died in house fires last year in Minnesota increased by 118 percent.
- More people (29) died in fires over the winter (November 2017-February 2018) than in any winter since 1998.

SFMD (58), MNOPS (20), MBFTE (2)



SFMD Staff

- Residential Care and Lodging Team - 8
- School Team - 5
- Health Care Team & Corrections - 9
- Sprinkler Team - 4
- Fire Investigation Team – 12
- Code Development Team – 5
- Fire and Life Safety Educators – 2
- Fire Service Specialists – 4
- Data Team – 3

Questions

