



## Session 1D

### 123 Years of Fire Sprinkler Standards: What to Expect in the Next NFPA 13

NFPA 13 has evolved and grown significantly since its first incarnation in 1896. The 2019 edition will include, in addition to the usual technical updates and refinements, a complete reorganization of the document on a scale not seen in 25 years. This presentation will briefly review the development of the document and highlight some of the changes that can be expected in the next edition.



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