

Far Worse
than the
Pedophile Priests

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**MOST STATE FIRE MARSHALS
AND FIRE CHIEFS WITHIN THE
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS
HAVE HELPED SELL DEFECTIVE SMOKE DETECTORS
INTO AN ESTIMATED 80 MILLION U.S. HOMES**

The U.S. Appeals Court, Second Circuit Judges Declared
that the ionization type “smoke” detector is:
**“DEFECTIVELY DESIGNED”
“A LEGAL CAUSE OF FIRE DEATHS”**

**THOSE WHO PROMOTED AND HELPED SELL THIS DEADLY DEVICE
THAT HAS KILLED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN
ARE MORE EVIL THAN THE PEDOPHILE PRIESTS
THE PRIESTS NEVER CAUSED CHILDREN TO BE BURNED ALIVE
OR TO BE HORRIBLY MAIMED AND DISFIGURED**

**DESPITE THE LEGAL RULING
AND DESPITE OFFICIAL NOTIFICATIONS OF THE ENDANGERMENT
AND DESPITE ACTUAL FIRE TESTS IN REAL BUILDINGS
CONFIRMING THE DEVICE TO BE DEFECTIVE
AND A CAUSE OF CHILDREN BEING BURNED ALIVE
THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE FIRE OFFICIALS
WITHIN THE UNITED STATES
ARE STILL CONVINCING TRUSTING PARENTS
TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL THIS DEADLY DEVICE**

**THEREFORE ALL FIRE OFFICIALS
WHO PROMOTE IONIZATION TYPE “SMOKE” DETECTORS
SHOULD BE CHARGED AS CO-CONSPIRATORS
IN THE FRAUDULENT MARKETING OF THE DEADLY DEVICES
AND FIRST DEGREE MURDER OF INNOCENT CHILDREN**

This Report Explains Why...

“The U.S. fire problem, on a per capita basis, is one of the worst in the industrial world. To put this in context, the annual losses from floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes and other natural disasters combined in the United States average just a fraction of those from fires.”

‘Fire in the US’, Federal Emergency Management Agency 13th Edition, Page 1, Oct 2004

PART 1: WHY THE SMOKE DETECTOR FRAUD IS WORSE THAN THE PEDOPHILE PRIESTS SCANDAL

The situation with the defective so called smoke detector is very similar to the pedophile priest situation in the U.S. For more than four decades, possibly much longer, some priests molested children, but **the crimes were kept as “in-house” secrets**. The Catholic Church kept it quiet and transferred the molesters to different parishes when there were discoveries. The church paid off the victims when necessary but kept everything quiet. The pedophiles would then go to a new location and repeat their crimes. Finally the truth about the crimes and the cover-ups surfaced. Many victims came forth to testify. The situation evolved into a long running media event. The Catholic Church paid out (I believe) more than a billion dollars in settlements. Many church properties had to be sold.

Some of the priests were put on trial and received jail sentences. They are still hunting for at least one pedophile priest who fled to Mexico. Cardinal Law of Boston, one of the most prominent Catholic icons in America, had know of the crimes and had transferred priests to new locations rather than inform the law and have them arrested. He fled to Rome where the Pope is hiding him. But, he is now a reviled person and a hiding criminal. This story has received prominent time on all the major news outlets. It still gets air time. Note that in both the cases of the Catholic Priests and Fire Safety Professionals, a very high regard for the profession probably helped in sustaining the cover-up. People in general and the media specifically found it difficult to believe that “good” people would commit such terrible crimes. In both cases the crimes and the cover-ups continued for at least four decades. In both cases children suffered greatly. When the pedophile priest story finally broke the outrage was enormous.

The smoke detector fraud and cover-up are felonies that are far worse than the crimes of the pedophile priests. The priests molested, which is horrible enough, but they did not kill or maim. The phony smoke detector fraud not only has caused tens of thousands of wrongful deaths, it has injured into the hundreds of thousands. Many of the burned children suffered unbearable pain, long hospital stays, and multiple restorative operations. Often the deformed bodies and faces could never be fully repaired. Those we trusted to protect us betrayed us and the horrors inflicted on the people are beyond calculating. When the public finally realizes an entire nation was sold a defective device based on performance lies and rigged fire testing the revulsion will be at least as profound as the pedophile priests experienced?

To know of these terrible crimes committed by corrupt organizations; crimes that especially kill and horribly maim very small children, and do nothing about it is even worse than the crimes of John Couey. John Couey, child molester, kidnapped and raped ten year old Jessica Lunsford and

then buried her alive in plastic garbage bags. Many reporters revealed their emotional stress even in the reporting of this story. Yet, this horrible crime destroyed but one life whereas the smoke detector fraud destroyed thousands. The horrors created by marketing a phony smoke detector into millions of homes beyond comprehension. Any deaths during the commission of a felony can result in a charge of first degree murder.

PART 2: THE SMOKE DETECTOR FRAUD

Within the United States the failure modes of the ionization type so called smoke detector has been concealed from the public for decades. The cover-up began with inadequate fire tests by Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) allowing the UL Logo to help the fraudulent marketing of a defective safety device. It continued with advertisements that falsely claimed the device would respond instantaneously to incipient fires (smoldering or flaming ignition) **"before either smoke or flames appeared"**. These deliberate performance lies ran for 12 years (1965 to 1982) within the "*Fire Journal*" of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Because the NFPA and UL were essentially endorsing the device, fire department officials throughout America (as represented by the International Association of Fire Chiefs - IAFC) began to promote the device and petition legislatures to mandate its installation in homes.

However, because of false alarming and failures-to-warn when real fires occurred, fire officials began questioning the honesty of the device. As a result, a major federally funded fire research program was initiated called the Dunes Tests. The federal agency conducting the Dunes Tests was the National Bureau of Standards (NBS) which later was renamed the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The program ran from 1974 to 1976 and involved 76 live fire tests conducted in real homes. **The ionization device, so called smoke detector, had 666 chances to perform during the test program in accordance with the NFPA "*Fire Journal*" advertised performance claims. The number of times the device responded as per the advertisements was . . . ZERO. The Dunes Tests confirmed that the device not only could not perform as advertised, but in addition was so defective and unreliable that the fire establishment should have, then and there, declared the device unfit for protecting life in homes. If those who conducted the testing had any semblance of honesty and decency a recall of the defective devices would have been promptly initiated.**

Unfortunately, the test engineer in charge, Richard Bukowski, was an employee of Underwriters' Laboratories. Since UL had been "certifying" the device for about ten years by then, the lives that had been already lost (due to failures to warn) probably were already into the thousands. Further, fire engineers and bureaucrats within the federal agencies and the NFPA were also closely tied into the detector promotions, sales and legislation. If the Dunes Tests engineering report told the true story of the inadequacies of that fraudulent device, there would have been major repercussions. So, Richard Bukowski as the field engineer and Richard Bright, the government engineer and monitor in Washington, produced a report that was nothing short of a complete whitewash. Bukowski flat out lied about the performances of the ionization device, thus continuing the usage of an often deadly device within most homes in America.

Perhaps the most damaging result of this scientific fraud was that it directly involved the NBS (which became National Institute of Standards and Technology - NIST) in a very deadly science

based felony. Thereafter, federal power was thereafter used to discourage anyone from disputing the false information being disseminated. Soon thereafter, Richard Bukowski was hired by NIST and became the federal engineer seemingly assigned to officially rebut any person who questioned the integrity of the ionization device. NIST officials apparently considered human life less important than its own reputation. Those involved in the fraud and the cover-up undoubtedly are committing felony murder.

Two extremely influential fire protection organizations, the NFPA and UL were deeply involved in an operation that can best be described as a felony that was causing thousands of deaths and injuries. So, when the rigging and falsifying of the federally funded Dunes Tests was added to the inadequate UL laboratory testing of the device, and with the NFPA also deeply involved in the crimes; there were three very powerful and regulatory organizations determined to hide their crimes from public exposure. All of the following had cooperated in the marketing of a device: NFPA, UL and NBS/NIST. Of course the dozen or so manufacturers of the device were selling millions of the flawed detectors and had money to protect their market. All of these organizations had considerable influence on the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC). However, during the late 1970s, some concerned fire safety officials (representing both private and government interests) began to warn of the dangers associated with the device. Direct quotes from these people and organizations and agencies are included in the Crusade report, *“Phony Smoke Detectors Continue To Kill”*. The reason why the ionization type so called “smoke” detector can be properly labeled as “phony” is explained in detail within the Crusade report, *“The Smoke Detector That Doesn't Detect Smoke”*. (Both reports are available upon request) These concerns by the fire chiefs led to new fire testing.

During 1978 the Cal-Chiefs (a California fire chiefs’ organization) ran their own tests with support from the IAFC. These tests proved the device so unreliable that the man in charge of the test program, **Chief John Gerard of Los Angeles, predicted the device would have a 50 to 80 percent failure rate in the field.** The fire chiefs tried to publish and make public the report. However, Richard Bukowski of the Dunes Tests infamy had left UL by then and was employed by NBS/NIST. Other federal agencies, not limited to NIST, supported the falsified Dunes Research Report because it was, after all, a federal program. Bukowski was able to get the U.S. Department of Commerce to help block publication of the Cal-Chiefs Test Report. The Cal-Chiefs Test report was “buried”, never to see the light of day again. The Chief in charge of the Cal-Chiefs test program, John Gerard, was hired by the NFPA and (apparently) gave up on any further efforts to warn the public of the endangerment.

Mr. Bukowski now seems to have become the official guardian of the “smoke detector performance lies” He seems to be the “front man” for NIST and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) when media investigations are beginning to reveal unsavory issues relative the device. He continually claims that the will perform properly and as advertised. It is important to realize that after the failures of the ionization device were concealed from the public, the manufacturers (with help from the NFPA/UL/NIST combine) were able to convince the fire officials nationally that the device worked just fine. The official story (relative the on-going fire deaths within homes when the device failed to warn) became: “Deaths due to smoke detector failures are caused by dead or missing batteries, not any inherent defect of the device”. The cover-up has been able to prevail for more than four decade because the fire officials were maneuvered into the role of justifying the device. As with the pedophile priests,

the public and the media could not believe that the device was a fraud because, after all, good people would not be involved in anything so terrible.

It is important to realize that probably 99.9 percent of the fire department personnel in the United States believed what they were being advised via NFPA/UL and the federal agencies. The firefighters also were victims of the fraud because thousands of them have been injured and killed fighting fires that were out of control when they arrived. Far too often they entered fully involved buildings trying to save lives because the delayed alarm was due to a phony smoke detector. This deadly fraud killed many firefighters as well as innocent occupants of homes. It also must be realized that a substantial number of fire officials who rose to influential positions (by protecting the regulatory system most of all) knew full well that the devices were seriously defective. But they went where the NFPA/UL team led them. A relatively small number of high ranking fire officials betrayed their own comrades as well as the public by hiding the corruption from the honest firefighters - who were risking their own lives to save others.

At long last, largely due to the work of the World Fire Safety Foundation (WFSF) in Australia, new and honest tests of the ionization device have been conducted. Since the NFPA/UL/ NIST combine could not squelch independent studies in Australia, belatedly the truth is emerging. Following the honest fire tests in Australia (two different organizations), new and honest test programs have been conducted in Tennessee, Vermont, and Indiana. All of the testing dramatically revealed that the ionization device is a “smoke” detector that doesn’t detect real (visible) smoke. This device is now installed in 80 to 90 million homes in the U.S. alone. A fire official in Boston, Jay Fleming, has become a very influential advocate for ending the smoke detector cover-up. These new tests and scientific studies have put all fire officials nationally in a position where they too must report the truth to the public or suffer the consequences. **With the testing and the investigations and the reports that are now on the internet, it is rapidly becoming impossible for fire official to NOT be aware of the fraudulent nature of this very deadly business operation.** Knowing that the device is a fraud and is causing deaths, all fire officials now have a “duty of care” obligation to warn the public.

There is only one combination of fire detectors for home usage at this time that offers adequate protection relative both fire (smoke/heat) conditions. Only a photoelectric type smoke detector will adequately warn of a smoldering fire condition. Only a heat detector will offer a reliable and early warning of a clean burning, fast growing, and flaming fire. The ionization type phony smoke detector is not reliable for either fire condition.

The evidence proving the ionization device is a phony smoke detector is now so solid and so prominently available that any official who continues to hide the truth from the public is, without a doubt, a co-conspirator in a felony. Those who continue to hide the facts from the public must be charged with criminal negligence - second degree murder at the very least. As of now, the safest course of action for a fire official is to report that he/she was **not previously aware** of the unreliable nature of the device. The official should then issue advisories and warnings and recommends a recall and a replacement with honest and reliable fire detectors. Those who continue to hide the truth (and in doing so condemn more children to needlessly burn) will pay a heavy price in the long run. The fate of the pedophile priests following the exposures should be a partial indication of the fates of those who continue to hide the danger of an often deadly device from the public.

Listed below are web sites revealing the full story of the smoke detector fraud.

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