

**LAW REVIEW**

**NEW JERSEY** - A fireman was injured while fighting a fire at the NAES Lakehurst Naval Air Station. A welder had started a fire that got out of control. Under the “fireman’s rule”, he could not sue for injuries that occurred as part of his employment. In 1994 the New Jersey Legislature passed *N.J. Stat. Ann. 2A:62A-21* that abolished the “fireman’s rule”. Therefore the lawsuit could proceed on the basis that his injury was the result of a fire call caused by a careless welder.



⇒ **EDITOR’S NOTE:** Does this mean the building owner and the architect could be liable if a first responder is injured? Something to consider when designing and operating buildings.

*Source: Roma and Roma v. U. S. Department of the Navy, et. al., No. 02-3820, U. S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2003).* Also See: *Gore v. Hepworth, 720 A.2d 350 (1998).*

**FLAMING FOOD CAFES A PROBLEM**

Teppanyaki  
(鉄板焼き)

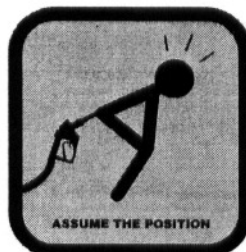


HOW ABOUT A restaurant that serves an “onion volcano” at your table? So is the incident of a child who was burned over 20% of her body as she sat at a table where the chef cooked in front of her. It appears that the chef poured alcohol on the finished food to make it flame like a volcano. Other restaurants (teppanyaki-type) surveyed use water for an effect of steam and boiling water, not alcohol for flame. The problem is there are no provisions in the Fire Code

to prohibit this practice. The table could have an extinguishing system installed overhead, but that is for controlling a grease laden surface and grease duct fire. Again, new processes and technology are practiced before the codes address the problems.

**UPCOMING 2006 FALL SEMINARS**

MY UPDATED AND revised one-day seminar “*Principles of the International Building Code - 2003 to 2006*” will explain the changes between the two code additions along with new material and updated Life Safety Matrix. Dates are still being scheduled, but the locations will be: Paramus, NJ; Cherry Hill, NJ; Philadelphia, PA; Kansas City, MO; Denver, CO; Minneapolis, MN; Chicago, IL; Bethesda, MD; Manchester, NH; Phoenix, AZ and Las Vegas, NV. Watch for the announcement and pre-registration brochure in the near future. **CODES & STANDARDS** subscribers will receive a discount fee and priority registration.



⇒ This is self-explanatory.

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