

# NOT all FIRE WALLS are CREATED EQUAL!

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The new statewide Building Codes are now being enforced. Have you thought about the safety of the residents in your municipality? Protect your community by increasing the minimum level of fire safe construction provided in the Code.

In the event of a fire, masonry and concrete walls and floors *compartmentalize* the smoke and flames with 2 to 4 hours of protection for residents and fire fighters. Smoke detectors alert residents to evacuate and sprinklers are a *suppression* device. Both are mechanical and/or electrical forms of protection from fire that may in some circumstances fail.

Insist on *balanced design* using a three fold approach: compartmentation, detection and suppression for fire safe construction in your municipality.

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Compartmentation with concrete based products that will NEVER BURN and will maintain their structural integrity!

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