the capital stock fire insurance companies It maintains a staff to study conditions and suggest fire prevention and protection methods and to assist municipalities in the improvement of their fire defenses

The NBFU has trained investigators who work with fire marshals and other state and municipal officials on arson cases

The NBFU publishes a number of booklets on industrial fire hazards and also has available inspection blanks for checking fire hazards in different occupancies

Typical of the publications issued by the NBFU are the following standards and recommended practices

FIRE EXTINGUISHER APPLIANCES
Portable Fire Extinguishers
Standpipe and Hose Systems

FIRE EXTINGUISHING AUXILIARIES
Private Fire Brigades
Water Tanks for Private Fire Protection

FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS
Flammable Liquids
Spray Finishing

COMBUSTIBLE SOLIDS
Combustible Fibers

HAZARDOUS GASES
Gas Appliances and Gas Piping
Liquefied Petroleum Gases

EXPLOSIVE DUST
Pulverized Fuel Systems

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT
Electronic Computer Systems

CONSTRUCTION
Incinerators
Fire Doors and Windows
Blower and Exhaust Systems

RESEARCH REPORTS
Fire Hazards of Plastics Industry

SPECIAL TECHNICAL REPORTS
Texas City Disaster

The above list covers only a few of the categories and titles available through the NBFU The board also has 300 special-interest bulletins, covering subjects like salamanders, fire flow tests, small hose, and other items that do not require the full treatment given a standard Also obtainable are pamphlets on home, farm, and other fire subjects suitable for a safety engineer to use in off-the-job fire prevention campaigns

The board encourages and distributes national codes on building and fire prevention

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
60 Batterymarch St, Boston, Mass 02110

The National Fire Protection Association is the clearinghouse for information on the subject of fire protection and fire prevention It is a nonprofit organization with more than 20,000 individual and company memberships

The technical standards issued as a result of NFPA committee work are widely accepted by state and municipal governments as the basis of legislation The following important standards have been adopted by this association

"National Fire Codes"
Volume 1—*Flammable Liquids*
Volume 2—*Gases*
Volume 3—*Combustible Solids, Dusts, and Explosives*
Volume 4—*Building Construction and Facilities*
Volume 5—*Electrical*
Volume 6—*Sprinklers, Fire Pumps, and Water Tanks*
Volume 7—*Alarms and Special Extinguishing Systems*
Volume 8—*Portable and Manual Fire Control Equipment*
Volume 9—*Occupancy Standards and Process Hazards*
Volume 10—*Transportation*

The NFPA also publishes numerous standards and special committee reports important to the safety engineer Some of them are

Building Exits Code
Dust Explosions in Industrial Plants
Flameproofed Textiles
Operation of Marine Terminals
Care and Maintenance of Sprinkler Systems
Static Electricity

In some cases NFPA committees have developed special reports on such particularly hazardous industries as lacquer manufacturing

Other booklets of interest, such as the manual on industrial fire brigades, are available to safety men through the association

The *Fire Protection Handbook* is also published by the NFPA An authoritative encyclopedia on fire and its control, the handbook is divided into 21 sections and 130 chapters