

# The More You Know



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## Apprentices Learn to Stop The Hammer!

Last week, Milwaukee Valve attended the [AFSA44](#) Exhibit and sponsored the Apprentice Competition in Washington, DC. The American Fire Sprinkler Association (AFSA) is the voice of the merit shop fire sprinkler contractor through education and training, and promotes fire protection systems to save lives and property. AFSA44 is the largest fire sprinkler exhibition in the country consisting of designers, contractors, manufacturers, suppliers and Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJ).

Milwaukee Valve has sponsored the Apprentice Competition for many years. Over the past several months, apprentices took a multiple-choice exam, enabling them to compete in the Finals. The final competition at the Exhibit consists of a written exam and building out a sprinkler system. Building this sprinkler system consisted of cutting,



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threading and installing piping and components. A final pressure test was performed and participants were judged on accuracy, craftsmanship and safety.



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## **Competition**



## ***Stop The Hammer!***



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