

**FIRE PROTECTION HISTORY-PART 106: 1925
(BUILDING INSPECTION)**

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The twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the National Fire Protection Association was held in Gold Room of the Congress Hotel in Chicago in mid-May 1925. As was custom, the President of the Association addressed the meeting. The following is an excerpt of the remarks made by the President of the Association, Rudolph Miller, at the Annual Meeting:

*“We like to run along with the fire engines, to admire the labor and skill with which the crew handles the apparatus and subdues the fire, and to applaud as hero, as we should, the fellow who risks his life and mayhap sacrifices it, that another life might be spared. **But what interest do we show in the work, or what credit do we give to the inspector who through his daily, quiet, unobtrusive actions, insisting on this safe construction or that elimination of potential hazard, is saving lives and property that cannot be numbered or measured?**”*

The work of preventing building fires or minimizing the effects of a building fire isn't glamorous work, but, from the standpoint of saving lives and preventing injuries caused by fire, it's, by far, the most efficient means of protecting the public from fire.

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