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Origin and Development of NFPA 1194

The earliest activity of NFPA in the development of standards for recreational vehicle parks was in 1937, and the first NFPA standard on the topic, officially adopted in 1940, was entitled *Standard for Trailer Coaches and Trailer Coach Camps*. A revision of the 1940 standard was adopted by NFPA in 1952 (post-World War II), entitled NFPA 501, *Standards for Fire Prevention and Fire Protection in Trailer Coaches and Trailer Coach Courts*. In 1960, NFPA acted to approve a revised version that divided the earlier text into two parts — one designated NFPA 501A, adopted that year as *Standard for Fire Protection in Trailer Courts*, and the other designated NFPA 501B, adopted in 1971 as *Standard for Fire Prevention and Fire Protection in Mobile Homes and Travel Trailers*. NFPA 501B was further amended in 1963, and in 1964, a revision of NFPA 501A was approved.

During the years 1962–1964, the standards activities of the Mobile Homes Manufacturers Association and the Trailer Coach Association were consolidated. They produced standards under the American Standards Association (now known as ANSI) entitled *American Standard Installations of Plumbing, Heating and Electrical Systems in Travel Trailers* (A119.2-1963) and a similar *Standard on Mobile Homes* (A119.1-1963). These interorganizational arrangements were completed in 1964, and in 1969, the newly formed Recreational Vehicle Institute was added as a fourth cosponsor.

The first standard covering any aspect of recreational vehicle parks completed by the current ANSI-sponsored committee was the *Electrical Standard for Recreational Vehicle Parks* (NFPA 501D-1971/ANSI A177.2-1972, subsequently redesignated as ANSI A119.4-1972). This edition of NFPA 1194 was prepared and published to update the previous material covering electrical safety in the 1964 edition of NFPA 501A, *Standard for Fire Prevention and Fire Protection in Trailer Courts*. In the 1971 edition of NFPA 70, *National Electrical Code*, electrical requirements for trailer courts first appeared, based largely on NFPA 501D-1971. Since it obviously was necessary to maintain coordination between NFPA 501D and NFPA 70, the sponsoring committees established liaison procedures so that the intent of Chapter 6 of the 1977 edition of NFPA 501D was identical to that of Part B of Article 551 of NFPA 70. Companion NFPA documents to NFPA 501D, besides NFPA 70, were NFPA 1192, *Standard on Recreational Vehicles*, and NFPA 501A, *Standard for Fire Safety Criteria for Manufactured Home Installations, Sites, and Communities*.

Sponsorship for the 1977 edition of NFPA 501D was held jointly by the NFPA and the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA). The standard was developed by the Sectional Committee on Recreational Vehicle Parks and Campgrounds, which operated under the Correlating Committee on Mobile Homes and Recreational Vehicles. The 1977 edition included substantive revisions to the previous edition in Chapter 6, Electrical Systems.

The 1982 edition, renamed *Standard for Fire Safety Criteria for Recreational Vehicle Parks and Campgrounds*, was produced by the Committee on Fire Safety for Recreational Vehicles, formed on June 20, 1979. The committee was responsible for developing a standard for fire safety for recreational vehicles and recreational vehicle parks, and, therefore, the 1982 edition excluded all sections of the previous editions not considered within the committee scope. Sections dealing with environmental health and sanitation were notably excluded, as were requirements for park electrical