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Electronic Monitoring of Fire Extinguishers - Rescinded

Purpose: On May 31, 2018, the Board of Fire Control voted to rescind the requirement for electronic monitoring of fire extinguishers per Saf-C 6008.03(d) and NFPA 1 13.6.9.1.5.

Background: The requirement for the electronic monitoring of fire extinguishers was implemented on December 23, 2011 as follows:

Saf-C 6000 STATE FIRE CODE, Saf-C 6008.03(d), Section 13.6.2 of NFPA 1 amended to read as follows:

“13.6.2 Where Required. Fire extinguishers shall be provided where required by this code as specified in Table 13.6.2 and the referenced codes and standards listed in Chapter 2. In new construction, the required fire extinguishers shall be electronically monitored in accordance with 13.6.9.1.5. Exception: The electronic monitoring of the fire extinguishers shall not apply in occupancies that do not require a fire alarm system”.

Explanation/Guidance:

1. Effective immediately, electronic monitoring of fire extinguishers is not required by the State Fire Code for new construction.
2. Property owners may voluntarily install electronically monitored fire extinguishers in accordance with NFPA 1, NFPA 10 & NFPA 72.
3. Buildings currently under construction may omit the electronic monitoring prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy.
4. Existing installations may continue to remain in service. Property owners shall be responsible for the proper testing and maintenance of the existing equipment and system.
5. Property owners may elect to remove existing electronically monitored fire extinguisher systems after consultation with their local Fire Department.

Reminder: Existing life safety features obvious to the public, if not required by the Code, shall be either maintained or removed. (NFPA 101 – 4.6.12.3)