



## **BUILDING INDUSTRY BULLETIN**

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** *October 6, 2014*

**TO:** *FIRE SPRINKLER INSTALLATION COMPANIES, GENERAL CONTRACTORS, and ASSOCIATIONS*

**SUBJECT:** **TRANSITION OF RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER FIELD INSPECTIONS FROM THE FRESNO FIRE DEPARTMENT (FFD) TO DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (DARM) BUILDING AND SAFETY SERVICES**

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### **SCOPE**

The transition of single-family/duplex residential sprinkler system (NFPA 13D) inspections from FFD to DARM Building and Safety Services.

This bulletin is applicable to all fire sprinkler system installation companies.

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this bulletin is to clarify the procedures that will take place as a result of NFPA 13D fire sprinkler system inspections being transitioned from FFD to DARM.

### **BACKGROUND**

In August 2014, the Fresno City Council directed FFD and DARM to transition the responsibility for completing inspections on NFPA 13D fire sprinkler system installations from FFD to DARM.

On October 6, 2014, DARM Building and Safety Services will become the responsible agency for completing inspections on NFPA 13D fire sprinkler system installations.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

FFD will continue to be responsible for completing plan review and approval for all NFPA 13D fire sprinkler systems. Design firms and contractors will continue to submit plans and receive approval from FFD for all NFPA 13D fire sprinkler systems. The installing

contractor will take a set of the FFD approved plans to DARM. DARM will then issue a NFPA 13D Residential Fire Sprinkler System installation permit.

DARM will be responsible for all field inspections and permit card sign-offs once the building permit has been issued.

Beginning October 6, 2014, FFD will no longer issue NFPA 13D Residential Fire Sprinkler System installation permits for NFPA 13D fire sprinkler system installations. Contractors are required to contact DARM for issuance of the required permit. The phone number for questions regarding issuing of permits is 559-621-8116, ext. 0.

Beginning October 6, 2014, FFD will no longer schedule appointments for field inspections of NFPA 13D residential fire sprinkler system installations. Contractors are required to contact DARM Building and Safety Services to schedule appointments for field inspections. The phone number to schedule appointments is 559-621-8116, ext. 0.

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