SCOPE

Fire alarm system emergency repairs.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the Department’s requirements related to fire alarm system emergency repairs.

BACKGROUND

As noted in National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard 72, the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) is to be notified “prior to installation or alteration of equipment or wiring” of a fire alarm system. This section does not make an exception for “repair” work; however emergency repairs are required from time to time for various reasons.

In any case, when the system has been altered from its original, approved configuration the following requirements apply.

REQUIREMENTS

When emergency repairs are made, it is the responsibility of the servicing contractor, to consult the City of Fresno Fire Department prior to (or immediately thereafter) completing any alterations in accordance with NFPA 72.

In most cases, repairs will require a full fire alarm submittal package. However, other, smaller repairs or alterations (i.e. those defined in City of Fresno Fire Department policies 407.8 and 407.9) will require a significantly smaller package.

In every case where it is practical, the City of Fresno Fire Department shall be consulted prior to the alteration or modification of a fire alarm system. Complete documentation shall be provided in accordance with NFPA 72, the California Fire Code and any local requirements.
NOTE

These requirements apply to both required and voluntary systems.