BUILDING INDUSTRY BULLETIN

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2017

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

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

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SCOPE

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

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 field inspections being transitioned from DARM to FFD.

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

On October 1, 2017, DARM will no longer issue NFPA 13D Residential Fire Sprinkler System installation permits for NFPA 13D fire sprinkler system installations. Contractors are required to contact FFD for issuance of the required permit. The phone number for questions regarding issuing of permits is 559-621-4181.
DARM will no longer schedule appointments for field inspections of NFPA 13D residential fire sprinkler system installations to be conducted after September 29, 2017. Contractors are required to contact FFD Prevention Division to schedule appointments for field inspections taking place after September 29, 2017. The phone number to schedule appointments is 559-621-4181.

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