

Interpretive Policy Memorandum 2001-5

To: All Class B, C and D Licensed Fire Protection Firms

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Approved By: V.J. Bella
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RE: Licenses required for suppression and fire detection systems (L.A.C. 55:V:3037 B)

In the past this office has permitted a Class B or C licensed firm to install automatic fire detection devices (i.e. smoke or heat detectors) in relation to its Class B or C license when such devices were within a stand-alone, fixed fire suppression system. The firm could not do fire alarm and detection systems nor could it connect fixed fire suppression systems to building fire alarm systems without a Class D license. This was based on the phrase “unless it is just the section device associated with the actuation of an engineered or pre-engineered system, in which case the fire detection and alarm firm is not needed” found in L.A.C. 55:V:3037 B-1.

After discussions with the Louisiana Automatic Fire Alarm Association and additional research into this matter, the Office of the State Fire Marshal has determined the previous interpretation of L.A.C. 55:V:3037 B-1 was in error. **Therefore, effective immediately, a Class B or C and D license shall be required to install fire detection and alarm devices within a pre-engineered fixed fire suppression system and a Class C and D license shall be required to install fire detection and alarm devices within an engineered fixed fire suppression systems.**

Should you have any questions regarding this matter please call me at 1-800-256-5454 or 225-925-6766.

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