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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS

### Public Safety Service



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To: All Fire Protection Firms

From: Boyd Petty, Manager  
Licensing Section

Re: New Fire Protection Rules  
**Licensing Section Memo 3-2007**

After a cooperative effort between the Louisiana Automatic Fire Alarm Association, the Louisiana Life Safety and Security Systems Association and this office, a new set of Administrative Rules have been promulgated. These rules coincide with the changes to the licensing law (R.S. 40:1664 et seq.) which became effective January 1, 2007 and apply only to portable fire extinguisher/fire hose, fire suppression, and fire alarm contractors.

The majority of the rules are the same as those promulgated in 2000; however, there are some new areas. In particular, you should take note of the rewording of some definitions, a slightly different service tag design, and the requirement to have the year noted on tamper seals and fusible links. These rules are on our web site at <http://www.dps.louisiana.gov/sfm/index.html>.

Because your firm may have a stock of current tags, the office will not enforce the new tag design requirement until after June 30, 2008. Should you need additional time beyond this date to exhaust your supply of tags, the office will consider such on a case by case basis if submitted in writing.

Since each firm and employee is being assigned a new license number, you may hand write the new number on your tags until new ones are printed. If you have not been assigned a new license number yet, then you may use of your old license number until you receive the new one. Additionally, the marking of your vehicles with your new number shall not be enforced until after June 30, 2008. You will not have to remove your old license number unless you choose to do so.

New rules are currently being considered for fire sprinkler, security, locksmiths and closed circuit television contractors. I want to thank all of you who contributed to these rules being created. Should you have any questions about the rules please contact me at 1-800-256-5452 or 225-925-7047.

CC: SFM Inspection Section  
SFM Plan Review Section  
The Louisiana Automatic Fire Alarm Association  
The Louisiana Life Safety and Security Systems Association

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