



**NASSAU COUNTY FIRE COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF FIRE MARSHAL**

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To: NCFM – Licensed Fire Alarm and Smoke Detection System Contractors, Installers and Central Station Monitoring Services

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Re: Fire Alarm Repairs / Replacements from Hurricane Sandy Super Storm

There have been many questions regarding the repair or replacement of damaged or destroyed Fire Alarm and Smoke Detection Systems due to the events of Hurricane Sandy / Nor'easter / Super Storm. In an effort to assist commercial locations (exception of one and two family residential dwellings) with restoring their fire protection systems for life safety, the following will be the Nassau County Fire Marshal procedure for the repair and or replacement of existing fire alarm and smoke detecting systems:

- All work shall be completed by a New York State licensed fire alarm contractor.
- All repair and or replacement work shall be limited to replacing 'like for like' fire alarm equipment devices and components.
- Where there is no 'like for like' equipment available; an equivalent equipment model or an upgraded equipment model shall be permitted for use.
- Location of all replacement detection, alarm and notification devices shall be in their original existing locations.
- A complete system test inspection and functionality test shall be required for all locations with fifty (50) or more detection devices. There shall be an inspection fee of \$450.00.
- An official notarized letter from the New York State licensed fire alarm contractor shall be submitted to the Nassau County Fire Marshal's Office prior to the commencement of repair work, outlining the scope of the work (i.e. repair, replacement, upgrade, new communicator, etc.).
- An official notarized letter from the New York State licensed fire alarm contractor **and** an official notarized letter from the owner of the building (tenant where applicable) shall be submitted to the Nassau County Fire Marshal's Office at the completion of repairs and or replacement. The letter shall include:
  1. The work completion date.
  2. Company and technician name.

3. The final scope of the work performed.
4. The make and model number of the FACP (fire alarm control panel).
5. The type of fire alarm communication equipment.
6. A written certification that all fire alarm detection and notification devices were tested in accordance with NFPA 72 – 2007 Edition (identical to the required annual system inspection and maintenance).

- Occupied locations that have no functional fire alarm and smoke detecting system that are required to be in normal operations in accordance with NYS or Nassau County Fire Prevention Ordinance shall have a 24 hour NCFM approved Firewatch in place until such time the required fire alarm system is repaired and restored to normal operational condition.

All **Existing** Fire Alarm and Smoke Detection Systems shall be monitored by an approved supervising central station as per the 2010 Building Code of New York State, Section 907.14 and the 2010 Fire Code of New York State, Section 907.15. These shall be monitored by an approved supervising station in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 72 - National Fire Alarm Code 2007 Edition.

This policy shall apply to locations / buildings / structures / occupancies directly affected by the Hurricane / Noreaster / Super Storm events of October 29<sup>th</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup> 2012 only! The policy shall not be extended to any other weather related or 'act of God' occurrence without approval from the Nassau County Fire Marshal's Office.

Please contact the Nassau County Fire Marshal's office for further information and inquiries.