



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

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To: Building / Property Owners
NCFM Licensed Fire Sprinkler System Contractors

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Re: Fire Sprinkler / Fire Pump / Standpipe System
Repairs / Replacements from Hurricane Sandy Super Storm

There have been many questions regarding the repair or replacement of damaged or destroyed Fire Sprinkler System components including fire pumps 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 sprinkler system equipment:

- All work shall be completed by a Nassau County Fire Marshal's Office licensed fire sprinkler contractor.
- All repair and or replacement work shall be limited to replacing '*like for like*' fire sprinkler equipment 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 equipment and components shall be in their original existing locations.
- A complete system test inspection and functionality test shall be required for all locations with destroyed or damaged fire pumps. There shall be an inspection fee of \$450.00.
- An official notarized letter from the Nassau County Fire Marshal's Office licensed fire sprinkler 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, etc.).
- The local fire department and the local building department shall be immediately notified in writing of impairments that may impede fire department operations; such as an inoperable standpipe or fire pump.

- A notarized letter on stationary from the Nassau County Fire Marshal's Office licensed fire sprinkler contractor ***and*** a notarized letter from the owner of the building or tenant where applicable and a copy of the fire pump qualification test 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 Fire Pump.
 5. A written certification that all fire sprinkler system components and equipment were tested in accordance with NFPA 13 – 2007 Edition and are presently being maintained in accordance with the inspection testing and maintenance requirements as outlined in NFPA 25 – 2008 Edition.
- Occupied locations that have no functional fire sprinkler system that are required to be fully functional in accordance with the Fire Code of New York State or Nassau County Fire Prevention Ordinance shall have a 24 hour NCFM approved Firewatch in place until such time the required fire sprinkler system is repaired and restored to normal operational condition.

The Nassau County Fire Marshal's Office does not advise occupying a building which does not have fully functional fire sprinkler system. The final determination of occupancy, shall as it was prior to Hurricane Sandy, be the responsibility of the local building department commissioner.

All ***Existing*** Fire Sprinkler Systems shall be monitored by an approved supervising central station as per the 2007 Building Code of New York State, Section 907.14 and the 2007 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 29th and November 7th 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.