



Florida Division of State Fire Marshal

The Florida Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association,
"Organization" (§633.026)

Informal Interpretation Request

Date: 12/13/22

NFPA Document Number: NFPA 90A

Paragraph Reference: 6.4.4.2

Explain how the Petitioner's substantial interests are being affected by the LFO's interpretation of the NFPA citation above:

My customer (the building owner) is being called by central station all day and night for a trouble on a duct detector that is a tenant's responsibility. They are also now responsible for paying the additional cost incurred for the annual NFPA 72 alarm inspection.

Enter the Petitioner's question concerning an interpretation of the FFPC:

Is it the intent of NFPA 90A 6.4.4.2 to require the connection of duct detection to a dedicated function Sprinkler Waterflow and Supervisory System?

Answer: Yes

The Board interprets the intent of NFPA 90A:6.4.4.2 to require the connection of duct detection to a dedicated function sprinkler waterflow and supervisory system. That section of the code states "where an approved fire alarm system is installed in a building . . ."

Regardless of the type of system, it would have to be an approved system, and thus should be connected. NFPA 72:17.7.4.4 also states that detectors placed in environmental ducts or plenums shall be permitted to be either supervisory or alarm initiating. They should not be coming in as a trouble unless there is a trouble condition. In addition to the requirements of 6.4.3, where an approved fire alarm system is installed in a building, the smoke detectors required by the provisions of Section 6.4 shall be connected to the fire alarm system in accordance with the requirements of NFPA 72.

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Committee Region Map



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