

State Fire Marshal Questions

LA-AFAA Quarterly Meeting September 19, 2008

1. An existing 4 level building in an Industrial Plant is upgrading cargo elevators. These elevators open to an outdoor stairwell and no existing fire alarm covers this building. Does the LASFM treat elevator recall differently for industrial elevators in process areas of plants such as this, than in an office building? If so, in what way?

This office does not review or inspect open processing areas of an industrial plant.

2. Residential BRD/CARE-Small: If systems smoke detectors are arranged in accordance with NFPA-72 and they function in the same manner as single station alarms are type acceptable? Also each bedroom (Sleeping) will have the sounder/strobe equipment.

This arrangement is allowed per 101:9.6.2.9.1.

3. Under the request for exemption form - Just to provide a pair of contacts off the Fire Panel to release mag locks to the security panel – Do we have to be present when the Fire Marshal performs his final since all the original paper work goes to the owner?

This office requires that the contractor be at the final inspection to be able to demonstrate to the inspector that the system installed by the contractor complies with the code requirements. Most building owners are unable to perform this task.

4. When a UL Listing is not available for a device, would it be permissible to submit for your consideration a copy of the CSFM “Building Materials Listing” with the device cut sheet?

No. The California State Fire Marshal is not a recognized third party listing provider. Currently the office will accept listings from the following: Underwriter's Laboratories, ETL, Warnock Hersey or Factory Mutual.

5. Can you review in more detail your memo of September 8, 2008 concerning emergency procedures for Fire System repairs due to Hurricane Gustav?

Lets discuss.