

# Fire Alarm Fundamentals & Generator's

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# OBJECTIVES

## Course Objectives

- Identify components of fire alarm systems
- Review applicable requirements for fire alarm system installation
- Determine appropriate spacing for initiating devices
- Assess operational readiness of a fire alarm system
- Generator weekly, monthly, and load testing



# APPLICABLE CODES AND STANDARDS

- State Fire Code 2020
- State Building Code 2020
- NFPA 72 – National Fire Alarm Code 2010
- NFPA 70 – National Electrical Code 2011
- Americans With Disabilities Act Accessibility Guideline (ADAAG)
- NFPA 110-2010 Standard for Emergency and Standby Power Systems

**K341 INSTALLATION**

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# **FIRE ALARM AND DETECTION SYSTEMS**

## **Purpose of fire alarm and detection systems**

- Notification of Occupants (life safety)
- Control of Fire Safety Systems & Equipment
- Supervision of Systems & Equipment
- Summon Appropriate Aid

# SYSTEM COMPONENTS

- Fire Alarm Control Unit (FACU):
  - **Also called Fire Alarm Control Panel (FACP)**
- Initiating Devices
- Notification Appliances
- Supervisory Circuits
- Alarm Transmission & Monitoring

# FIRE ALARM CONTROL PANEL (FACP)

- Provides power to system
- Controls detection devices
- Activates notification appliances
- Electrically supervises circuits
- Transmits signal to other locations

\*Also called Fire Alarm Control Unit (FACU)



# Fire Alarm Control Panels



# MAIN POWER SUPPLY

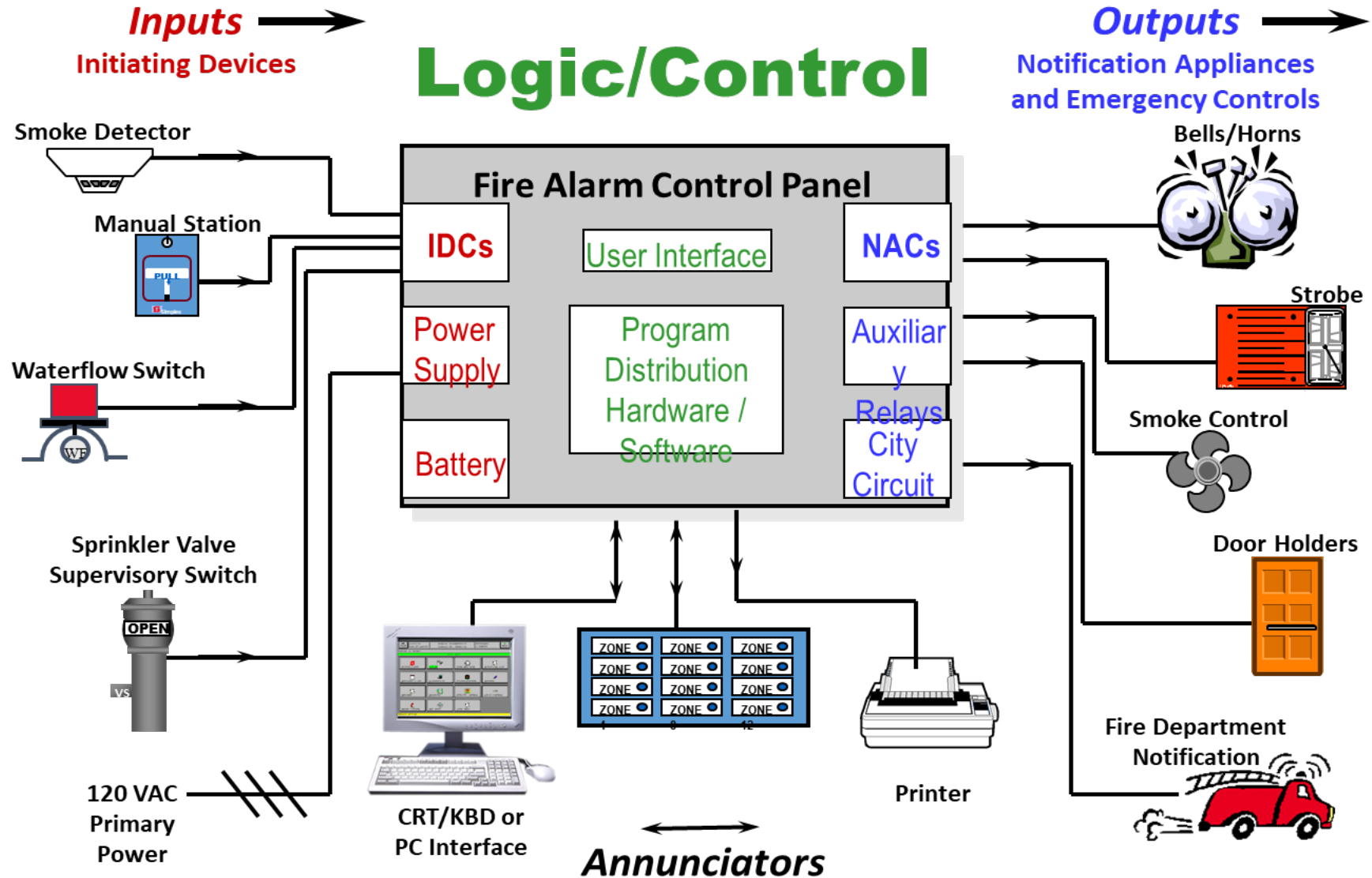
- Two separate power supplies required:
  - **Primary:**
    - Usually normal building power
    - Can also be a generator
  - **Secondary:**
    - Usually storage batteries
    - Can also be a generator (auto start)
- Both power supplies must be reliable

# SECONDARY POWER SUPPLY

- Must be capable of operating the fire alarm system:
  - **24 hours in “normal” (non-alarm) condition**
  - **Then for 5 minutes in alarm condition**
- Additional power supply requirements for voice evacuation and monitoring stations



# CONTROL PANEL PROCESS



# SIGNAL TYPES

**Alarm** – warning of fire danger

- Activated by an initiating device
- Activates the notification appliances
- Distinctive annunciation
- Silencing accessible to authorized personnel only
- Zones to be individually annunciated

## Types

- Manual pull stations
- Heat and smoke detectors
- Water flow

# ALARM ACTIVATION

## Door Release & Lighting Control



# SIGNAL TYPES

- Supervisory** – action needed for a fire protection system:
- Activated by a supervisory device (tamper, low air, low temperature, etc.)
  - Audible and visual signal at fire alarm control unit, annunciators, & monitoring station
  - Indicates a problem with a system monitored by the fire alarm system
  - Distinctive annunciation
  - Silencing accessible to authorized personnel only

# SIGNAL TYPES

## **Supervisory signal examples:**

- Sprinkler system valve supervisory switch
- Fire pump running, phase reversal, etc.
- Duct smoke detectors
- Elevator recall detectors
- Stand-alone door hold-opens

# Ancillary Functions

## Smoke Damper Control



# SIGNAL TYPES

**Trouble** – fault or abnormal condition that could impair the fire alarm system:

- Must be audibly and visually distinct from supervisory signals
- Notification at the fire alarm control unit, annunciators, and monitoring station
- In location where it is likely to be heard

# SIGNAL TYPES

## Trouble Signals

- Indicates a problem with the fire alarm system itself
- Silencing accessible to authorized personnel only
- Signal must resound every 24 hours if not repaired



# SIGNAL TYPES

## Trouble signal examples:

- Broken wire
- Detector missing
- Blown fuse
- Dirty smoke detector
- Power supply problems, low battery or no AC

# TYPES OF CONTROL PANELS AND SYSTEMS

## **Conventional (i.e. “*hard-wired*”)**

- Annunciation by circuit
- Smaller systems
- Older existing systems

## **Addressable:**

- Individually identifiable
- Most newer systems, even smaller ones
- Expanded to addressable notification appliances

# INITIATING DEVICES

- Manual Pull Stations
- Fire Detectors:
  - **Heat**
  - **Smoke**
  - **Flame**
  - **Spark**
- Water Flow (sprinkler system)
- Other Fire Protection Systems

# Manual Pull Stations

Where required by 2015 MSFC pull stations must be installed conspicuously, unobstructed and and securely .

- The operable part of the manual pull station has to be between 42 and 48” above floor level.
- Manual pull stations must be located within 60” of each exit opening.
- Manual pull stations must be mounted on both sides of exits wider than 40 ft.
- Additional stations must be added if the travel distance to the exit is more than 200 ft.



# HEAT DETECTION

- Fixed Temperature Detector
- Rate of Rise Detector
- Protectowire



# HEAT DETECTORS



# HEAT DETECTORS

## Protectowire



# SMOKE DETECTORS

- Ionization Detector
- Photoelectric Detector
- Linear Beam Detector
- Air Sampling
- HVAC Ducts
- Video Image (newer technology)



# Single – Multiple Station Smoke Alarms

## Single – Multiple Station Smoke/CO Alarms

- Required in dwelling units & sleeping rooms



# Terminology

- The term “**alarm**” refers to a single station device:
  - **Not part of a system,**
  - **Intended to alert the occupant,**
  - **Examples: smoke alarms, CO alarms,**
- The term “detector” refers to a device connected to a fire alarm system.
  - **A detector does not alert the occupant (horn/strobes do that)**

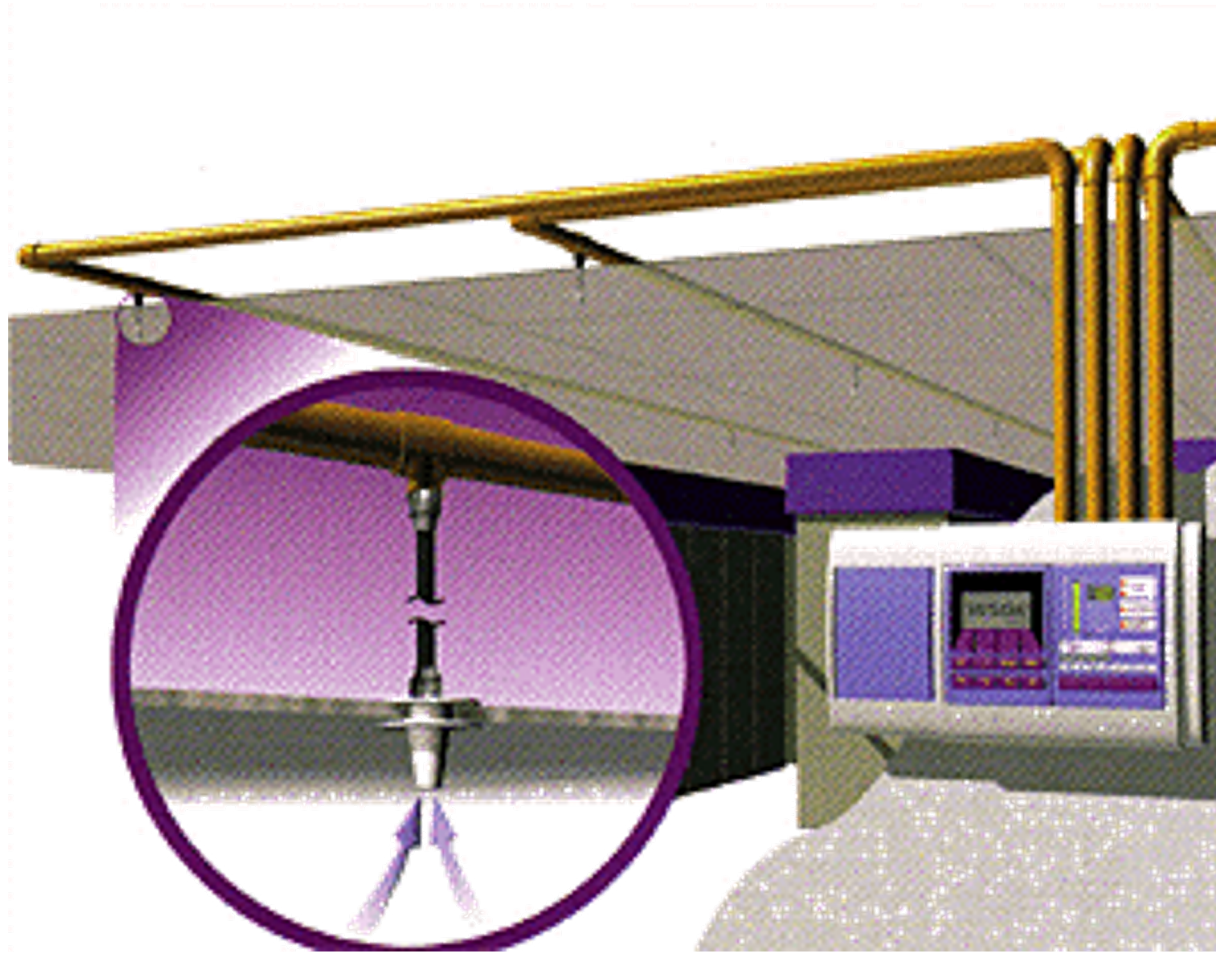


# LINEAR BEAM DETECTION

- Project beam across large open areas
- Used in atriums and large bay spaces



# AIR SAMPLING SMOKE DETECTION



# VIDEO IMAGE DETECTION

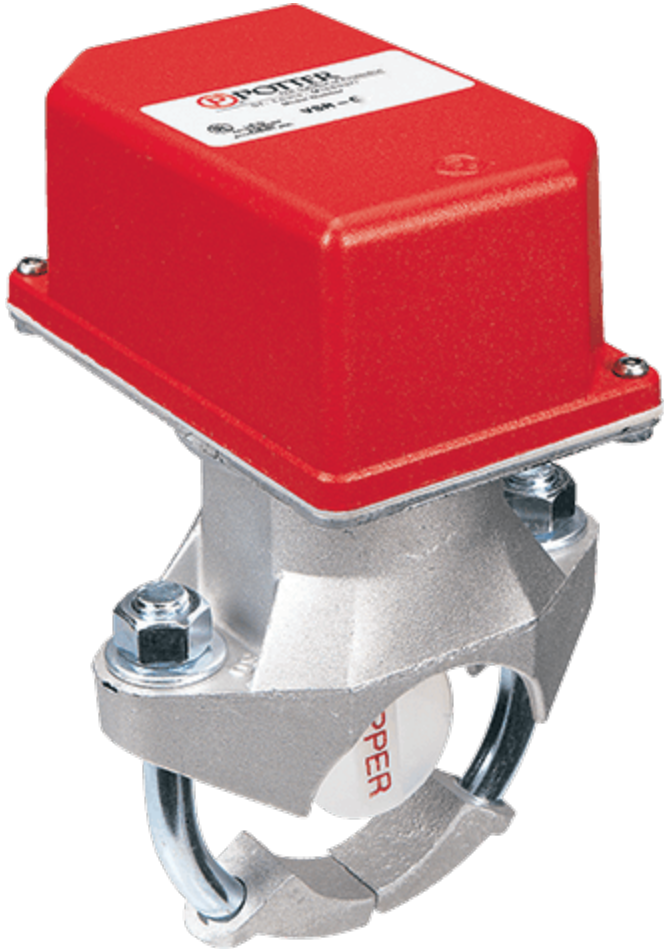


# VIDEO IMAGE DETECTION





# WATERFLOW



Wet System Waterflow Switch



Dry System Waterflow Switch

# NOTIFICATION APPLIANCES

Audible appliances  
Visual appliances





# NOTIFICATION APPLIANCES

## Horn Strobe (Very Common)

- Used primarily for full general evacuation.
- Can be set for different patterns, but the sound is standard.



## Strobe Only

- Used in Bathrooms, Meeting Rooms, and other small spaces where there is significant outside sound penetration.
- Also used to fulfill ADA requirements in hospitality rooms where typically only a sounder would be placed.



# NOTIFICATION APPLIANCES

## **Speakers and Speaker Strobes**

Used primarily on voice evacuation systems. These devices are quickly becoming the standard because they provide clear and concise directions to building occupants in the event of an emergency.



# NOTIFICATION SIGNALS

- Public Mode:
  - General evacuation signal (default)
- Private Mode:
  - Attendant signal:
    - No evacuation signal (no notification appliances throughout)
    - Usually a coded voice message or chimes

# NOTIFICATION SIGNALS

- Notification appliances used for other purposes than fire cannot say “FIRE” on them



# SOUND PRESSURE LEVELS

- 15 dBA above average ambient sound levels
- 5 dBA above the maximum sound level
- Cannot Exceed 110 dBA
- Where ambient noise is greater than 95 dBa a visual appliance must be used.

MSFC 907.5.2.1.1 & 907.5.2.1.2



# SOUND PRESSURE LEVELS

- 5 dBA above maximum sound level,
- 110 dBA is maximum allowed (NFPA 72 – 7.4.1.2 or 18.4.1.2 - 2010)



# SOUND PRESSURE LEVELS

• Institutional	50
• Business	55
• Assembly	55
• Industrial	80
• Mechanical Rm.	85
• Storage	30
• Residential	35
• Mercantile	40
• Underground / windowless	40
• Educational	45

# LOW FREQUENCY-NFPA 72

- Where audible appliances are provided in sleeping areas, they shall produce a low frequency signal that meets the following:
  - Alarm signal shall be square wave
  - Must have a frequency of 520 Hz





# Fire Alarm Replacements

- All Notification Locations must meet the requirements of NFPA 101 18.3.4 New or 19.3.4 Existing
- Existing notification appliances may remain in service provided
  - Compatible with the new fire alarm system
  - Meet require sound pressure levels
  - Provide the same notification signal or there is a pronounced and defined audible separation between areas where existing and new notification appliance signals meet.



# Occupancy Classification

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## SELECTED MINNESOTA FIRE PREVENTION STATUTES

## EFFECTIVE DATES OF MINNESOTA BUILDING AND FIRE CODES

## OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATIONS MN STATE FIRE CODE – 2020

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## PART IV—SPECIAL OCCUPANCIES AND OPERATIONS

## OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATIONS MN State Fire Code – 2020

### Group A – Assembly (50 or more persons):

- A-1 – Theaters (performing arts, fixed seats)
- A-2 – Dining and drinking (bars, restaurants, clubs)
- A-3 – Auditoriums, gymnasiums, museums, worship, libraries, recreation, amusement, etc.
- A-4 – Arenas, swimming pools, tennis courts (indoor spectator seating)
- A-5 – Stadiums, grandstands (outdoor seating)

### Group B – Business:

- Professional services
- College/university classrooms
- Offices
- Clinics (including outpatient)
- Motor vehicle showrooms
- Electronic data processing
- Assembly – less than 50 persons

### Group E – Educational (through 12th grade):

- Pre-school
- K-12
- Adult Day Care (occupants capable of escape)
- Day Care – older children (see I-4 for younger)

### Group F – Factory/Industrial:

- Group F-1 – Moderate Hazard (combustible materials):
  - Aircraft
  - Automobiles
  - Boats
  - Metals
  - Rugs
  - Woodworking
- Group F-2 – Low Hazard – Not a significant fire risk (mostly non-combustible materials):
  - Non-alcoholic beverages
  - Brick & Masonry
  - Ceramic products
  - Glass
  - Gypsum
  - Ice
  - Metal Products (fabrication & assembly)

### Group H – Hazardous Occupancies:

- Group H-1: detonation hazard (explosive materials)
- Group H-2: deflagration/accelerated burning (flammable/combustible liquids in use, dusts)
- Group H-3: readily support combustion or pose physical hazard (flammable/combustible liquids in storage, flammable solids, Class 2 or 3 oxidizers)
- Group H-4: health hazards (corrosives, toxic and highly toxic materials)
- Group H-5: semiconductor fabrication

### Group I – Institutional:

- Group I-1 (more than 16 persons):
  - Supervised custodial care (assisted living, group homes, congregate care, half-way houses, board & care, Supervised living facilities – Class A-2)
- Group I-2:
  - Hospitals
  - Nursing homes
  - Detox centers
  - Supervised living facilities – Class B-3
- Group I-3: jails, prisons, detention centers
- Group I-4: Adult day services and child day care facilities for 6 or more persons receiving custodial care

### Group M – Mercantile:

- Stores
- Retail/wholesale stores
- Sales rooms
- Motor vehicle fuel dispensing (no repairs)

### Group R – Residential:

- Group R-1 (transient in nature < 30 days):
  - Hotels/Motels
  - Boarding houses – Congregate living (> 10)
  - Lodging house ≥ 6 guest rooms or > 10 occupants
- Group R-2 (Nontransient > 30 days):
  - Apartments – Condominiums
  - Dormitories
  - Congregate living facilities – (> 16)
  - Fraternities and sororities (> 16)
  - Convents/Monasteries
- Group R-3:
  - One- & two-family homes
  - Lodging house < 6 rooms or < 10 occupants
  - Boarding houses/Congregate living (< 6)
  - Day care (family & group family) (< 6)
  - Housing w/services/Assisted Living (< 6)
  - Supervised living facilities (A-1 and B-1)
- Group R-4:
  - Supervised residential care (6 – 16 people)
  - Housing w/services/Assisted living
  - Treatment facilities
  - Supervised living facilities (A-2 and B-2)

### Group S – Storage:

- Group S-1: moderate hazard (combustible):
  - Combustible materials
  - Vehicle repair garages
- Group S-2: low hazard (non-combustible):
  - Metal items
  - Glass, ceramic, food products
  - Parking garages

### Group U – Miscellaneous:

- Private garages/Carports
- Agricultural buildings/Barns/Greenhouses
- Fences/Retaining Walls
- Towers/Tanks
- Sheds

## MSFC Chapter 9 B Occupancies

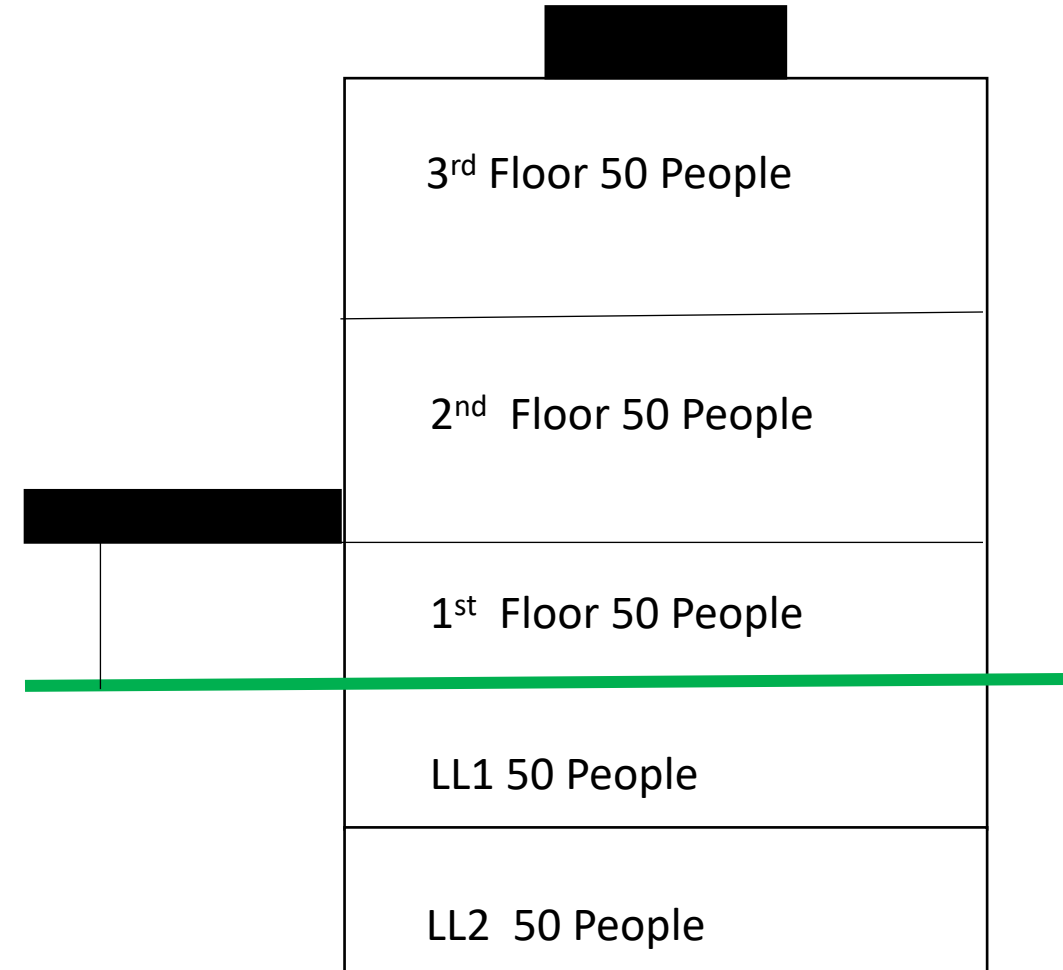
A fire alarm system shall be installed in Group B occupancies when the building has an occupant load of 500 or more persons



**MSFC 907.2.1**

## MSFC Chapter 9 B Occupancies

The building has an occupant load of more than 100 persons above or below the lowest level of exit discharge





## MSFC Chapter 9 B Occupancies

Fire alarm is required in a building that contains an ambulatory care facility

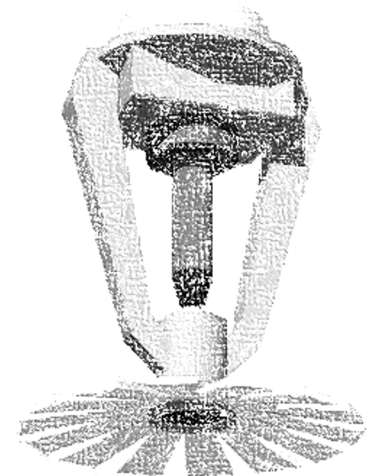
- Smoke detection is required in:
  - Corridors
  - Rooms
  - Areas open to corridors
- When automatic sprinkler systems or smoke detection is installed in ambulatory care facilities they must be tied into the buildings alarm system



# MSFC Chapter 9 B Occupancies

## EXCEPTION

In other than ambulatory care facilities, a fire alarm system is not required when an approved automatic fire-extinguishing system is installed throughout the building.



# MSFC Chapter 9 B Occupancies -Initiation

Initiation of the fire alarm system must be done automatically

**Fire detectors must be installed in:**

- Boiler Rooms
- Furnace Rooms
- Mechanical Rooms
- Electrical Rooms
- Shops
- Kitchens
- Trash Collection Rooms
- Storage Rooms
- Similar Areas



**MSFC 907.2.2.1**



## MSFC Chapter 9 B Occupancies -Initiation

Manual pull stations are not required in Group B occupancies



**Pull stations are still required  
in Ambulatory Care Facilities**

## MSFC Chapter 9 B Occupancies -Initiation

Activation of the fire alarm system must initiate a general evacuation signal



**GENERAL EVACUATION**

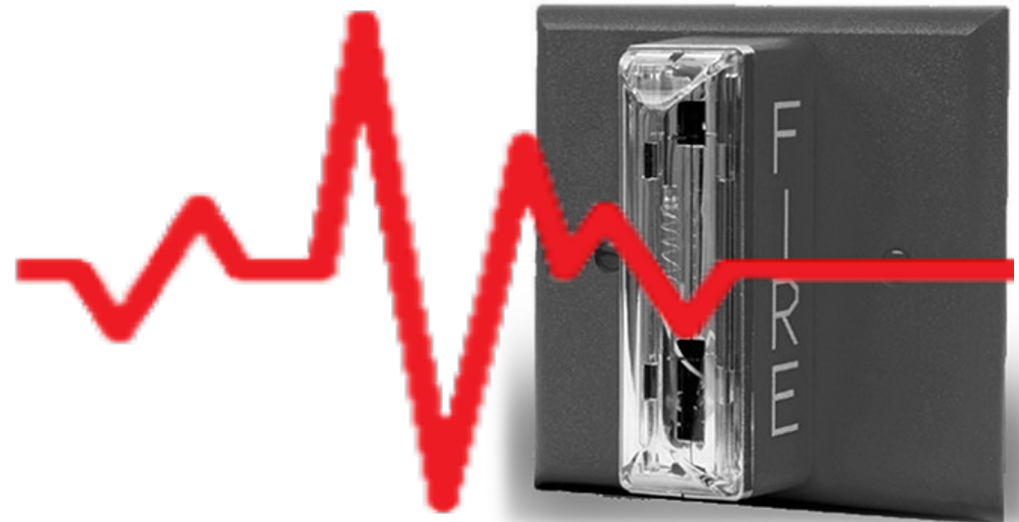


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## MSFC Chapter 9 B Occupancies -Initiation

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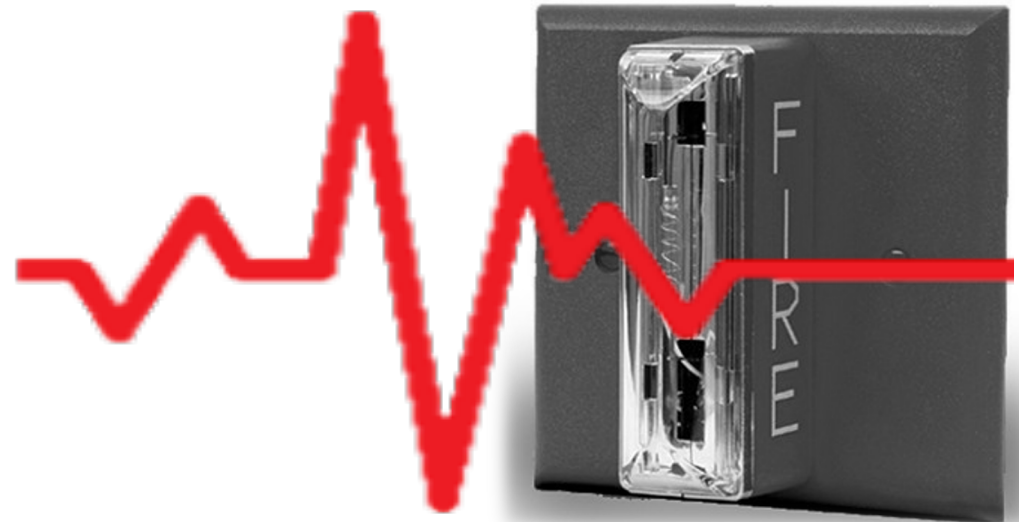
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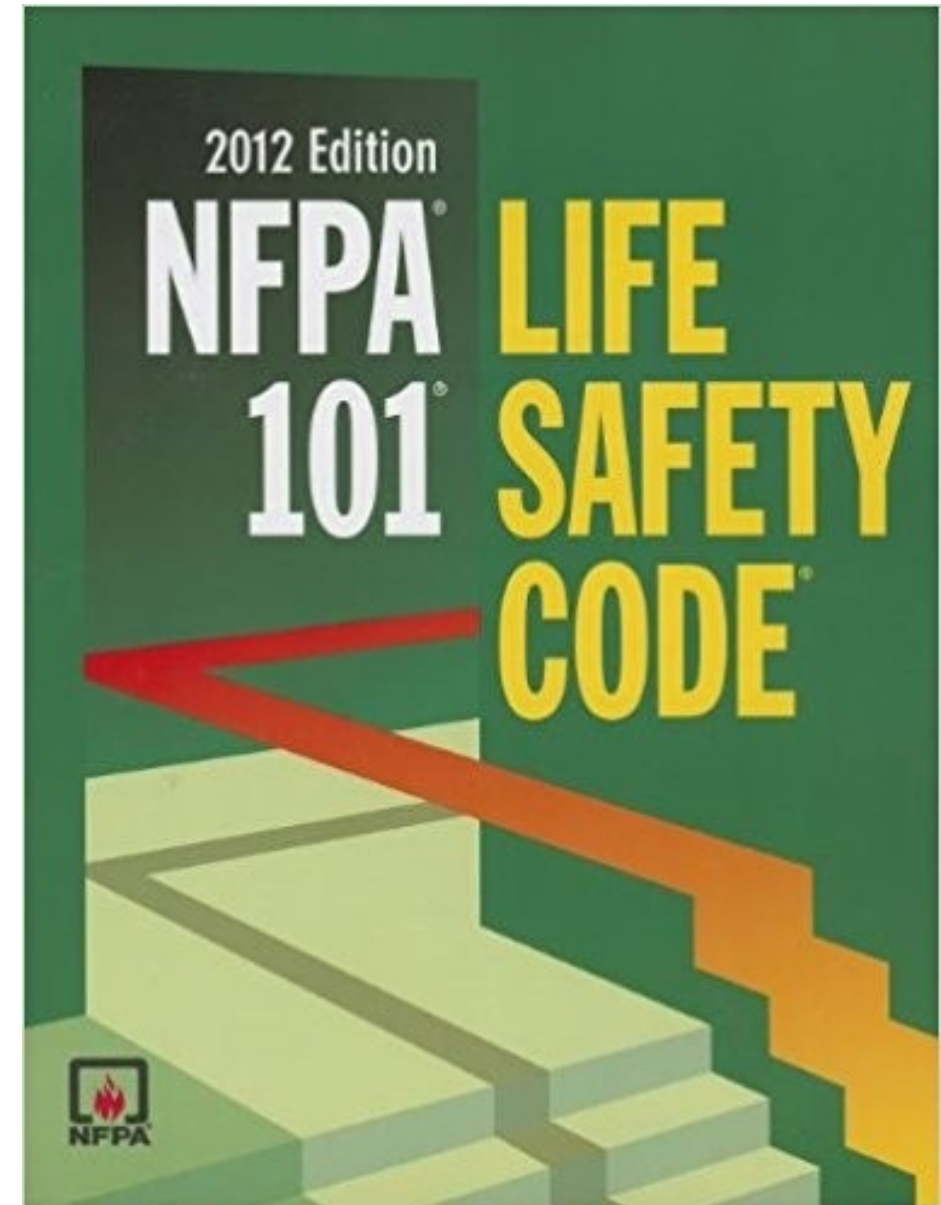
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# I Occupancies -Initiation

- **18.3.4.1 General.** Health care occupancies shall be provided
- with a fire alarm system in accordance with Section 9.6.
- **9.6 Fire Detection, Alarm, and Communications Systems.**



# NFPA 101 | Occupancies -Initiation

## Fire detectors must be installed in:

- Boiler Rooms
- Furnace Rooms
- Mechanical Rooms
- Electrical Rooms
- Shops
- Kitchens
- Trash Collection Rooms
- Storage Rooms(is it a resident or storage room)
- Hallways
- NOT in Patient or resident rooms (They have nurse call systems)



**101-18.3.4.1 & 9.6**

# NFPA 101 | Occupancies -Initiation

Activation of the fire alarm system must initiate a general evacuation signal



**GENERAL EVACUATION**



**101-9.6.3**



## NFPA 101 I Occupancies -Initiation

Manual pull stations are not required in Group I occupancies



**Pull stations are still required in all nurse's stations or other continuously attended areas.**



# K345 FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

**ALARM SYSTEM NEEDS TO BE TESTED SEMI-ANNUALLY**

- **YOU NEED A COPY OF THE MOST CURRENT FIRE ALARM TEST REPORT.**
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**YOUR GUESS - HOW MANY TIMES CITED ?**

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**CITED 48 TIMES ...**

# QUESTION . . .

CAN YOU DISPOSE OF TESTING / INSPECTION DOCUMENTS  
OLDER THAN 3 YEARS?

**“BEST PRACTICE” - RETAIN FOR  
LIFE OF THE SYSTEM.**

**... CONSIDER ARCHIVING > 3 YRS., BUT STILL HAVE READILY  
AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AS NECESSARY / REQUESTED ...**



# K918 ESSENTIAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS



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## LIGHTING FOR EMERGENCY GENERATORS

### **QUESTION:**

**IS IT ACCEPTABLE TO USE A FLASHLIGHT  
AS THE EMERGENCY LIGHT?**

Light for Emergency Generators





# K918 ESSENTIAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

## LIGHTING FOR EMERGENCY GENERATORS

### QUESTION:

IS IT ACCEPTABLE TO USE A FLASHLIGHT AS THE EMERGENCY LIGHT?

### ANSWER:

**NFPA 110-13 7.3.3\***

THE INTENSITY OF ILLUMINATION IN THE SEPARATE BUILDING OR ROOM HOUSING THE EPS EQUIPMENT FOR LEVEL 1 SYSTEM SHALL BE 32 LUX ( 30 FT. CANDLES ), UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BY THE AHJ



# K918 ESSENTIAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

## LIGHTING FOR EMERGENCY GENERATORS

### QUESTION - CONT.

A MAG LIGHT WITH 2AA BATTERIES HAS 15.2 LUMEN AND 2952 PEAK CANDLE POWER  
( WEB SITE INFO )

**ANSWER:** Emergency Generators

**THE AHJ IS CMS**

- **CMS IS REQUIRING BATTERY OPERATED LIGHTING**

***THE EXCEPTION TO THE SECTION - DOES NOT REQUIRE EMERGENCY LIGHTING OF THE GENSET IF IT IS OUTSIDE AND NON-OCCUPIABLE. (NFPA 110-12 7.3.1)***



# K918 ESSENTIAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

## LIGHTING FOR EMERGENCY GENERATORS

### **QUESTION:**

**IS THE FACILITY'S TRANSFER SWITCH  
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### QUESTION:

IS THE FACILITY'S TRANSFER SWITCH  
REQUIRED TO BE LIGHTED BY BATTERY  
OPERATED EMERGENCY LIGHTING?

### ANSWER:

THE TRANSFER SWITCH IS CONSIDERED EPSS.

THE EPS IS REQUIRED TO HAVE LIGHTING -  
NOT THE EPSS.



# K918 ESSENTIAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

## **NFPA 110**

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONAL TESTING SHALL BE BASED ON:

- **MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDED INSTRUCTIONS**
- **INSTRUCTION MANUALS**
- **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF NFPA 110 CHAPTER 8**
- **THE AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION**

**CONSIDERATION SHALL BE GIVEN TO TEMPORARILY PROVIDING AN ALTERNATE SOURCE  
WHEN THE EMERGENCY GENERATOR IS OUT OF SERVICE**

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## GENERATOR TESTING

- **A SCHEDULED TEST UNDER LOAD AT LEAST MONTHLY**
- **SHALL INCLUDE A COMPLETE SIMULATED COLD START AND AUTOMATIC AND MANUAL TRANSFER OF EES**
- **THE TESTS SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY COMPETENT PERSONNEL**
- **THE TESTS ARE NEEDED TO KEEP THE MACHINES READY TO FUNCTION AND, IN ADDITION, SERVE TO DETECT CAUSES OF MALFUNCTION AND TO TRAIN PERSONNEL IN OPERATING PROCEDURES**

# K918 ESSENTIAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

## **WRITTEN RECORD SHALL INCLUDE:**

- **DATE OF SERVICE**
- **NAME OF THE SERVICING TECHNICIAN**
- **SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS NOTED**
- **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ANY CONDITIONS REQUIRING CORRECTION AND WHAT CORRECTIVE ACTION WAS TAKEN**
- **TESTING OF ANY REPAIR AS RECOMMENDED BY MANUFACTURER**
- **RECORDS SHALL BE KEPT ON THE PREMISES**
- **BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY THE FIRE CODE OFFICIAL**

# K918 ESSENTIAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS EMERGENCY

## **GENERATOR INSPECTIONS ( CODE APPENDIX )**

- **PRIME MOVER (ENGINE)**
- **GENERAL INSPECTION**
- **FUEL & FUEL TANK LEVEL**
- **INSPECT FOR AND REMOVE WATER IN FUEL**
- **INSPECT FLOAT SWITCH**
- **INSPECT TRANSFER PUMP OPERATION**
- **INSPECT SOLENOID VALVE OPERATION**
- **INSPECT FLEXIBLE HOSES AND CONNECTIONS**

# K918 ESSENTIAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

## **EMERGENCY GENERATOR INSPECTIONS**

- **LUBRICATION OIL**
- **CHECK OIL LEVEL & OIL HEATER**
- **CHECK COOLING SYSTEM & COOLANT LEVEL**
- **CHECK ADEQUATE COOLING WATER TO HEAT EXCHANGER**
- **CHECK ADEQUATE FRESH AIR THROUGH RADIATOR**
- **INSPECT WATER PUMP**
- **INSPECT FLEXIBLE HOSES AND CONNECTIONS**
- **INSPECT EXHAUST**
- **INSPECT AND CHECK FOR LEAKAGE**
- **CHECK DRAIN CONDENSATION ( TRAP )**

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## **EMERGENCY GENERATOR INSPECTIONS**

- **CHECK BATTERIES**
- **CHECK ELECTROLYTE LEVEL ( IF NOT MAINTENANCE FREE )**
- **CHECK ELECTRICAL SYSTEM**
- **CONDUCT GENERAL INSPECTION**
- **INSPECT AND CLEAN GENERAL CONDITION OF EPSS**
- **CHECK FOR VIBRATION, LEAKAGE, NOISE, TEMPERATURE OR DETERIORATION**
- **INSPECT AND CLEAN SERVICE ROOM**
- **CHECK THAT SYSTEM IS IN AUTOMATIC CONDITION**

# K918 ESSENTIAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

## **EMERGENCY GENERATOR INSPECTIONS**

- **MONTHLY IN ADDITION TO WEEKLY**
  - **INSPECT FAN BELT**
  - **INSPECT AND CLEAN BATTERY CASE**
  - **INSPECT CHARGE AND RATE**
  - **INSPECT EQUALIZE CHARGER**
  - **INSPECT ALTERNATOR BELT**
  - **INSPECT GOVERNOR OIL LEVEL AND LINKAGE**



# K918 ESSENTIAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

## EMERGENCY GENERATOR TESTING - PER NFPA 110 8.4

### **MONTHLY**

- **RUN AT LEAST 30 MINUTES UNDER LOAD**

# K918 ESSENTIAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

## EMERGENCY GENERATOR TESTING - PER NFPA 110 8.4

### **MONTHLY**

- **RUN AT LEAST 30 MINUTES UNDER LOAD**
- **UNDER OPERATING TEMPERATURE CONDITIONS AND NOT LESS THAN 30% OF THE EPS NAMEPLATE RATING OR (DIESEL)**

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- **LOADING THAT MAINTAINS THE MINIMUM EXHAUST TEMP. RECOMMENDED BY THE MANUFACTURER (DIESEL)**

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- LOADING THAT MAINTAINS THE MINIMUM EXHAUST TEMP. RECOMMENDED BY THE MANUFACTURER (DIESEL)
- **DIESEL-POWERED EPS THAT CANNOT ACHIEVE 30% LOADS MONTHLY CAN CONDUCT AN ANNUAL LOAD TEST WHERE THEY MUST ACHIEVE 50% LOAD FOR 30 CONTINUOUS MINUTES AND 75% FOR 60 CONTINUOUS MINUTES, WITH NO LESS THAN 90 CONTINUOUS MINUTES.**

# K918 ESSENTIAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

## EMERGENCY GENERATOR TESTING

### **DOCUMENT**

- **DATE**
- **NAME OF STAFF CONDUCTING TEST**
- **START TIME**
- **TIME TO TAKE OVER LOAD (10 SECONDS MAX)**
- **GAUGE READINGS INCLUDING**
- **ENGINE TEMP, OIL PRESSURE, AMPS**
- **STOP TIME**
- **TOTAL ELAPSED TIME**
- **PERCENT OF GENERATOR LOAD CAPACITY DURING OPERATION**
  - ( THIS IS NOT THE PERCENTAGE OF BUILDING POWERED BY GENERATOR )

# K918 ESSENTIAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

## EMERGENCY GENERATOR TESTING

QUESTION . . .

**IS THERE A STANDARD THAT SAYS WE NEED TO WRITE THE START AND STOP TIME ON OUR MONTHLY GENERATOR LOAD TEST FOR 30 MINUTES?**

**ANSWER:**

**“ YES “**

**NFPA 110-2012**

**8.4.2\*** Diesel generator sets in service shall be exercised at least once monthly, for a minimum of 30 minutes, using one of the following methods:

- (1) Loading that maintains the minimum exhaust gas temperatures as recommended by the manufacturer
- (2) Under operating temperature conditions and at not less than 30 percent of the EPS nameplate kW rating

# K918 ESSENTIAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

## SPECIAL TOOLS AND SPARE PARTS - PER NFPA 110 8.2

- **SPECIAL TOOLS AND TESTING DEVICES FOR ROUTINE MAINTENANCE SHALL BE AVAILABLE**
- **REPLACEMENT PARTS IDENTIFIED BY EXPERIENCE AS HIGH MORTALITY ITEMS SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN A SECURE LOCATION(S) ON THE PREMISES**
- **CONSIDERATION SHALL BE GIVEN TO STOCKING SPARE PARTS, RECOMMENDED BY THE MANUFACTURER**

# K918 ESSENTIAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

## TRANSFER SWITCHES

- **TRANSFER SWITCHES SHALL BE INSPECTED, TESTED, AND HAVE A MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE**
- **TRANSFER SWITCHES SHALL BE MAINTAINED FREE FROM ACCUMULATED DUST AND DIRT**
- **INSPECTION SHALL INCLUDE EXAMINATION OF THE TRANSFER SWITCH CONTACTS FOR EVIDENCE OF DETERIORATION**





# TRANSFER SWITCHES - INSPECTIONS

## NFPA 110 8.3.5

### SHALL INCLUDE:

- CHECKING OF CONNECTIONS
- INSPECTION FOR EVIDENCE OF OVERHEATING
- INSPECTION FOR EVIDENCE OF EXCESSIVE CONTACT EROSION
- REMOVAL OF DUST AND DIRT
- REPLACEMENT OF CONTACTS WHEN REQUIRED

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## TRANSFER SWITCHES - TESTING

- **TRANSFER SWITCHES SHALL BE OPERATED MONTHLY**
- **SWITCHES ELECTRICALLY OPERATED FROM AUTO TO ON AND BACK TO AUTO POSITIONS**
- **MAIN BREAKERS AND FEEDER BREAKERS TESTED ANNUALLY WITH EPS OFF**

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## MANUALS - PER NFPA 110 8.2

### **TWO SETS OF INSTRUCTION MANUALS SHALL BE SUPPLIED AND SHALL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING:**

- A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE EPSS'S OPERATION
- INSTRUCTIONS FOR ROUTINE MAINTENANCE
- INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPAIR OF THE EPS AND THE EPSS
- AN ILLUSTRATED PARTS LIST AND PART NUMBERS
- ILLUSTRATED AND SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS OF ELECTRICAL WIRING INCLUDING OPERATING AND SAFETY DEVICES, CONTROL PANELS, INSTRUMENTATION, AND ANNUNCIATORS

# MANUALS

## FOR LEVEL 1 SYSTEMS:

- INSTRUCTION MANUALS SHALL BE KEPT IN A SECURE, CONVENIENT LOCATION
- ONE SET NEAR THE EQUIPMENT
- THE OTHER IN A SEPARATE LOCATION

# K918 EMERGENCY SHUT DOWN BUTTON PER NFPA 110 5.6.5.6

***“OBSERVATION DURING THE INSPECTION REVEALED THERE IS NO EMERGENCY STOP BUTTON LOCATED REMOTELY FROM THE PRIME MOVER”.***

## **NFPA 110 5.6.5.6**

- **ALL INSTALLATIONS SHALL HAVE A REMOTE MANUAL STOP STATION**
  - TO PREVENT INADVERTENT OR UNINTENTIONAL OPERATION LOCATED
  - OUTSIDE THE ROOM HOUSING THE PRIME MOVER, WHERE SO INSTALLED -OR-
  - ELSEWHERE ON THE PREMISES WHERE THE PRIME MOVER IS LOCATED OUTSIDE THE BUILDING.

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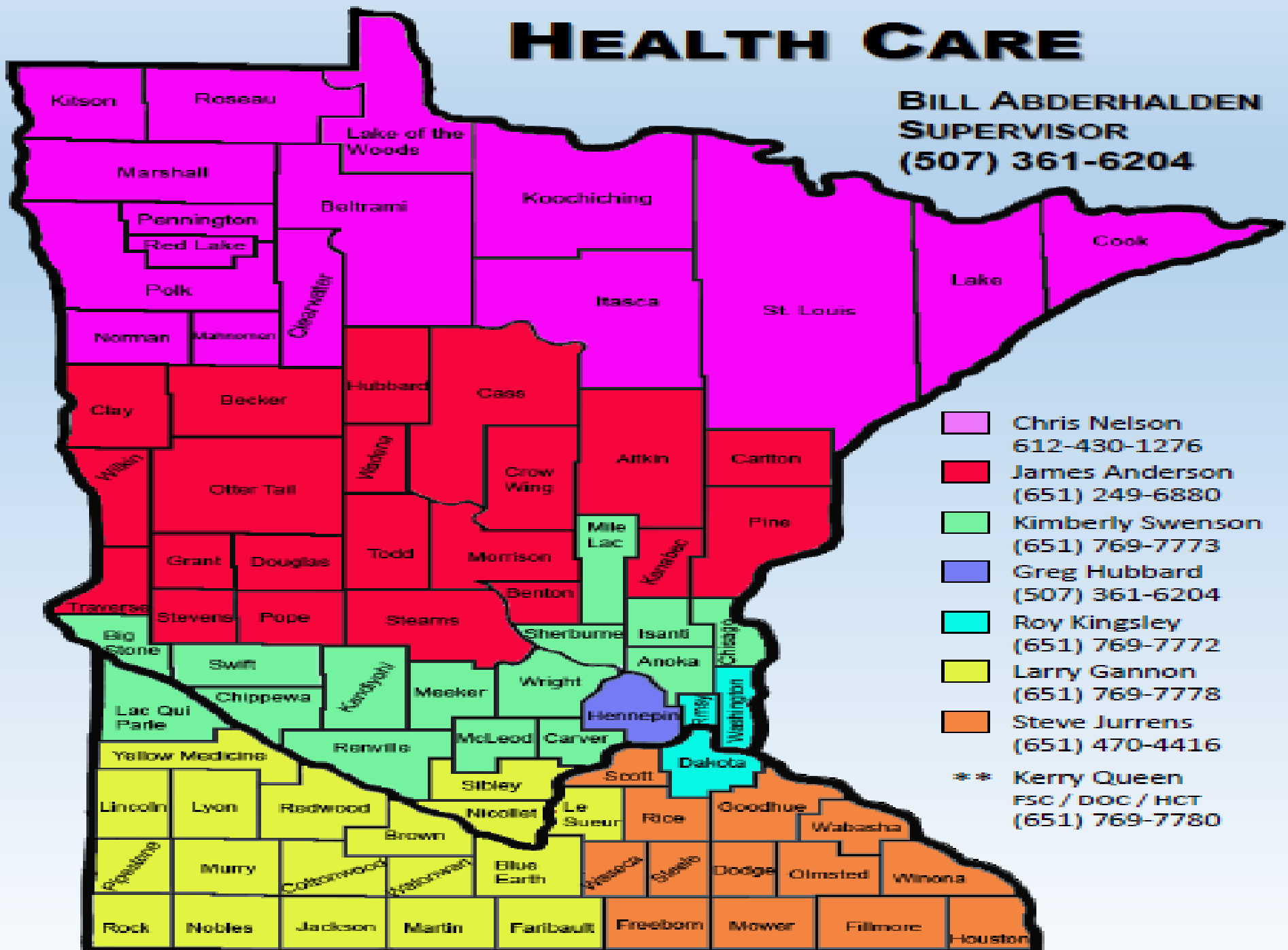
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