



**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
MANAGEMENT SERVICES BRANCH
PERMITS AND REVIEW DIVISION**

**FIRE PROTECTION BULLETIN
F05-01**

April 1, 2005

SUBJECT: Establish policy and clear guidelines for permitting and plan review related to **fire alarms** and related signaling systems, via a fire alarm walk-thru process.

PURPOSE: To expedite the County's review process of fire alarm systems that contain ten (10) or less notification devices.

AUTHORITY: This Fire Protection Bulletin is issued by authority granted to the Fire Code Official in Section 4-109 (Duties and Powers of Code Official; Fire Safety Provisions) of the Prince George's County Code. Orders of the State Fire Marshal are by authority of Article 38A, Section 8(a)(3), of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

NOTIFICATION: The applicant must be either a Technician III certified by the National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET) or a Professional Engineer with three years of associated knowledge and experience to be eligible to walk-thru fire alarm applications containing ten (10) or less notification devices. Applications may be walked-thru Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

The applicant must assure that the building/architectural plans have been approved and that the case number/permit number is accompanied with the walk-thru application. In addition, the shop drawings must be accompanied by the battery calculations and the referenced cut-sheets for review. A minimum of three sets of plans must be submitted during the walk-thru.

Fire alarm system walk-thrus will be subject for acceptance by the Fire Protection Engineer working at the counter. The fire alarm system shall be limited to small structures, additions and relocations of audible and visual devices. More complex systems will be required to be submitted at the request of the reviewing Fire Protection Engineer.

RESPONSIBILITIES: All Fire Protection Engineers shall review fire alarm plans for code compliance in accordance with the current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 72, as referenced by the NFPA 101, Life Safety Code adopted by the State Fire Marshal.

APPROVED AND ISSUED: Effective this date, April 1, 2005.

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