



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Dedicated Function Fire Alarm Systems		
Code Section(s)	2013 CBC 3006.4.1		
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Question: In buildings not required to have a fire alarm system, will the code allow the smoke detectors mentioned in §3006.4.1 items 1 and 2 to be connected to a required “Dedicated Elevator Recall Control and Supervisory Control Unit” and upon activation of the smoke detector(s), actuate the alarm signaling device(s) connected to a required “Dedicated Fire Sprinkler Monitoring and Alarm Control Unit?”

Answer: Yes. The 2013 edition of NFPA 72 allows *Dedicated Function Fire Alarm Systems* for purposes such as elevator recall control and/or supervisory control or sprinkler system waterflow and supervisory functions. NFPA 72 §23.8.2.3 allows *Dedicated Function Fire Alarm Systems* to work independent of each other, but they can be interconnected. Buildings not required to have a fire alarm system, are allowed to have smoke detectors required by §3006.4.1 connected to a *Dedicated Function Fire Alarm Systems* for elevator recall control and supervisory control. These can then be connected to the “Dedicated Fire Sprinkler Monitoring and Alarm Control Unit.”