



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Fire Alarm “Runner Service”		
Code Section(s)	§ 4-2.2.2, §4-2.6.1, NFPA 72 (1996) §1003.3.1, California Fire Code (1998)		
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Section 1003.3.1 of the California Fire Code requires that fire sprinkler system alarms be “automatically transmitted to an approved central station, remote station or proprietary monitoring station”. Section 4-2.2.2 of NFPA 72 defines “runner service” as one of the requirements for central station service. Section 4-2.6.1.1(b) also states that the central station must “dispatch a runner or technician to the protected premises ...where equipment needs to be manually reset....” If the equipment is automatically reset, is there still a requirement for “runner service”?

Yes. The runner service is a specified requirement for central station monitoring. It is not negated by whether or not the alarm equipment automatically resets.