



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	California Building Code 2001 - Section 904.3.1 Fixed Fire Suppression Systems and Sprinkler Monitoring Systems.		
Code Section(s)	California Building Code (CBC-2001) - Section 904.3.1		
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Is an automatic fixed suppression system (i.e., National Fire Protection Association 17, 17A, 2001, etc.) required to be connected to the (sprinkler system) monitoring unit in a building where a fire alarm system is not provided.

No. Where monitoring of the fire sprinkler system is provided in a building where a fire alarm system (with occupant notification) is neither required nor installed, automatic fixed suppression systems would not be required to be connected to the "sprinkler off-premises monitoring control unit".

Where an automatic fixed suppression system such as a FM-200 or CO₂ system is installed as an alternate to fire sprinklers, and where the sprinkler system is required to be monitored, then the automatic suppression system would be required to be monitored.

The Authority Having Jurisdiction may have a local ordinance requiring monitoring of all fire protection or suppression systems and shall be consulted.

NOTE: The monitoring of any automatic suppression system by an approved supervising station which would include the status of the fire suppression system and initiating circuits is sound fire protection practice and recommended.