



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Monitoring Stations and Standby Power		
Code Section(s)	2007 CA Fire Code 903.4.1 Signals 2007 CA Fire Code 907.15 Monitoring		
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1. What is intended when the Fire Code requires monitoring as defined by NFPA 72?

The 2007 California Fire Code requires that the fire alarm off premise monitoring to be one of the following types: Central Station Service, Remote Supervising Station or Proprietary Supervising Station as defined by Chapter 8, NFPA 72 (2002 edition).

2. If the supervising monitoring station is UL Listed must the AHJ accept Remote Supervising Station when Remote Supervising Station requested?

Yes, except where there is a local ordinance prohibiting a UL listed remote supervising stations and requires central station service. However, the local AHJ cannot be more restrictive for public Group E's, Group I1's, Group R3.1's, R4's, and state occupied buildings.

Under Central Station Service, section 8.2.7.1.2.(2) states that the central station shall dispatch a runner or technician to the protected premises to arrive within 2 hours after receipt of a signal if equipment needs to be manually reset by the prime contractor.

3. Can the AHJ require more than the 24 hours standby power required under NFPA 72 section 4.4.1.5.3? Is so, under what circumstances?

No, except where the AHJ has adopted a local ordinance requiring more than 24 hours standby power; However, the local AHJ cannot be more restrictive for public Group E's, Group I1's, Group R3.1's, R4's, and state occupied buildings.