



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Fire alarm systems definition		
Code Section(s)	2007 California Fire Code, Section 902.1		
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Section 902.1 Defines a fire alarm system as “A system or portion of a combination system consisting of components, and circuits arranged to monitor and annunciate the status of fire alarm or supervisory signal-initiating devices and initiate the appropriate response to those signals.”

1. Is a sprinkler monitoring panel considered a “Fire Alarm System”?

No.

2. Is a sprinkler monitoring panel required to comply with CFC section 907.10 and notify every occupied space within the building with an audible alarm (section 907.10.2), and notify visibly in all public and common areas (section 907.10.1)?

No. Section 907.10 of the California Fire Code (CFC) applies to building fire alarm systems where building occupant notification is required.

3. If this is not considered a “fire alarm system”, and not required to comply with CFC section 907.10, can the AHJ require notification throughout the building?

If the local AHJ has a specific ordinance requiring notification throughout the building a fire alarm system may be required per CFC 907.10.