



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Fire Flow at Existing Schools		
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Questions:

1. In calculating the required fire flow for additions to an existing school site campus, is it the largest existing building or the largest new building that shall be applied to Table BB 501.1?

Answer: The Fire flow would be calculated based on the most demanding building.

2. If reconfiguring the interior of a larger existing building, would the fire flow be based upon the largest building that is being remodeled?

Answer: If the reconfiguration changed occupancy, use or character of building, or square footage it would be used to determine the fire flow.