



California State Fire Marshal Information Bulletin

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NEW LICENSE CLASSIFICATION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE AND TESTING

The purpose of this Information Bulletin is to inform stakeholders that the Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM) has established a new Limited License category (Type L) for the Automatic Extinguishing Program. This Type L License allows the building owner or lessee who has trained and experienced employees to conduct inspection, annual testing, and maintenance of wet pipe sprinkler systems, standpipe systems or private fire service mains in structures or properties they own or lease. It should be noted that this license does not include five-year certification.

In addition, individuals who possess the newly established SFM Weekly Fire Pump Test Certificate in accordance with Title 19, California Code of Regulations, Section 905, and are employed by a Type L licensed company may perform weekly fire pump tests. These regulations will become effective December 7, 2009.

All the information on the State Fire Marshal's Automatic Extinguishing System Program is located on our website listed below. There you will find information regarding:

- Application for the Type L license
- Application for Weekly Fire Pump Test Certification
- Local Authority Endorsement
- Type L License Checklist
- Laws and Regulation
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for NFPA 25 California edition

http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/strucfireengineer/strucfireengineer_aes.php.

If you have any other questions or concerns regarding the SFM Automatic Extinguishing Systems Program and the new Type L License, please contact Supervising Deputy James Parsegian at: james.parsegian@fire.ca.gov