








CAL FIRE – Office of the State Fire Marshal Information Bulletin 18-014

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2019 FIRE SPRINKLER FITTER CERTIFICATION

As part of the implementation of the new Fire Sprinkler Fitter Certification Program, effective January 1, 2019 any person who installs, alters, or repairs water-based fire protection systems in a multi-family or commercial building is required to possess a certification card from CAL FIRE-Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). All Apprentices and Trainees shall possess a registration card as shown below.

Sample Certification Card

	AUTOMATIC EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS			Type: Sprinkler Fitter	Expires: June 30th
	A5477			License Number: A5477	
	BEAR, SMOKEY			SAMPLE	
	D.O.B. 08/09/1944			This card issued by CAL FIRE Office of the State Fire Marshal is for identification purposes only and shall not be used for advertising. State Fire Marshal recommendation is NOT given or implied.	
Eyes: BROWN	Weight: 400				
Hair: BROWN	Height: 8' 2"				
The bearer, whose photo and signature appears hereon is authorized to perform as a Sprinkler Fitter within the limits set forth on the reverse.				IF FOUND, RETURN TO: CAL FIRE Office of the State Fire Marshal Attn: Fire Engineering/AES 2251 Harvard Street, Suite 400 Sacramento, CA, 95815	

Sample Sprinkler Fitter card.

Sample back of card.

Additionally, the back of the certification card will have a reflective sticker indicating the year and certification type. The 2018-2019 Multi-Family Residential Certification card holder will receive a white sticker and the 2018-2019 Commercial Certification and Apprentices/Trainee card holders will receive a yellow sticker.

Sample Certification Stickers



Sample Commercial Sticker



Sample Multi-Family Residential Sticker

Over 5,000 Fire Sprinkler Fitter Certification and registration cards have been issued. In addition, some fitters have been issued a letter from the OSFM acting as a temporary certificate. These temporary letters are issued in lieu of cards, and can be verified at any time by contacting the OSFM.

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Enforcement

In California Code of Regulations Title 19, Chapter 5.5, Article 4 details the enforcement of the Fire Sprinkler Fitter Certification Program. The State Fire Marshal, their designee, and the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) are authorized to inspect project worksites where work on fire protection systems is being performed to ensure that persons performing the work possess valid certifications or registrations as required by this Chapter. All workers are required to provide proof of applicable certification or registration card. Sections 928 through 933 lay out the penalties and corrective actions for violating these regulations.

Resources

For all regulatory requirements for Fire Sprinkler Fitter Certification, please go to the following link:

[http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/strucfireengineer/pdf/aes/aeslawsregs\(rev2017\).pdf](http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/strucfireengineer/pdf/aes/aeslawsregs(rev2017).pdf)

Additional information about the Program can be found in the 2017 Information Bulletin:

http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/informationbulletin/pdf/2017/IB_AESCert_final_05_25_17.pdf

2018 Information Bulletin: <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/informationbulletin/pdf/2018/2018-001%20-%20IB%20%20AES%20SF%20Implementation%20Period.pdf>

Any further questions, please contact us via email at AES@fire.ca.gov.