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New Requirements for Markings of Portable Fire Extinguisher Service Vehicles

As of March 17, 2012, the following sections have taken effect in Title 19 California Code of Regulations, concerning the marking of vehicles used to service portable fire extinguishers in California. The Office of the State Fire Marshal's Fire Extinguisher Laws & Regulations Study Guide has been updated to reflect recent revisions to California's fire extinguisher regulations that became effective on the above date. These Laws & Regulations are available electronically on our website at:
<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/fireextinguisher.html>

557.19. "S" Definitions.

- (a) Sell. Offer or expose for sale, barter, trade, deliver, give away, rent, consign, lease, market, distribute or possess with the intent to sell.
- (b) Servicing. Includes one or more of the following:
 - (1) Maintenance
 - (2) Recharging
 - (3) Hydrostatic testing.
- (c) Service Pressure. The normal operating pressures as indicated on the gauge or nameplate.
- (d) Service Vehicle. A vehicle used for the inspection, maintenance, service, or test of portable fire extinguishers.
- (e) Signature. The written signature of a person as it appears on the Application for Certificate of Registration. A rubber stamp of name or signature is not acceptable.
- (f) S.I. Units Metric units of measure in accordance with the International System of Units.

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- (g) Shall Indicates a mandatory requirement.
- (h) Should Indicates a recommendation or that which is advised but not required.
- (i) Stored Pressure Fire Extinguisher. A fire extinguisher in which both the extinguishing material and expellant gas are kept in a single container and that includes a pressure indicator or gauge.

560.4. Vehicle Marking.

Every concern licensed under this chapter shall display the business name, concern license number, and business phone number on each side of each service vehicle. All letters and numerals shall be affixed to the vehicle, be in contrasting colors from the background, clearly visible and at least 1 1/2 inches high and 3/4 inch wide.

EXCEPTION:

- (1) Display is not required during the first 90 days after the first time vehicle registration fees have been paid.
- (2) Display is not required for companies possessing a Type L (Limited) License as specified in Section 595.5.

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