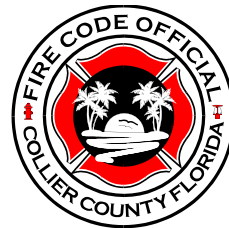




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ARTICLE NUMBER: FAL09-02

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 3, 2010

SUBJECT: Managed Facilities-based Voice Network (MFVN) Monitoring Attestation Criteria

OBJECTIVE: To provide clarification regarding the adequacy of documentation required to be submitted to the Fire Code Office to satisfy the attestation provision required by 69A-48.008(4), F.A.C.

BACKGROUND:

On 11/01/09 Florida's Division of State Fire Marshal recently amended Rule Number 69A-48.008, F.A.C., Monitoring section of the FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS FOR FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS and now recognizes Managed Facilities-based Voice Networks (MFVNs) as a viable means to monitor and transmit fire alarm signals to an offsite monitoring facility.

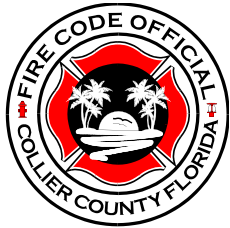
The amendment now incorporates the definition of a MFVN as seen in 69A-48.008(3), F.A.C., and provides further criteria, as seen in 69A-48.008(3)(a) through (f), F.A.C., that the network must meet in order to be considered an MFVN. Additionally, the amendment, as provided in 69A-48.008(4), F.A.C., also requires the provider of fire alarm monitoring services to demonstrate the validity of the MFVN by submitting an attestation to the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) that the company's network meets the criteria in 69A-48.008(3)(a) through (f), F.A.C.

Furthermore, for those in attendance at the General Session of the FFMIA conference on November 4, 2009, it was made known and expressed verbally by the State Fire Marshal Bureau Chief that it is within the purview of the local AHJ to require a Florida licensed engineer – either employed by the MFVN or who legally represents the MFVN – to certify the attestation required by 69A-48.008(4), F.A.C.

As a result, the fire districts of Collier County have determined that a policy is needed to clarify the type of documentation required when an “attestation” is provide to the AHJ and to designate additional criteria required at the time of permit submittal when utilizing an MFVN-type company.

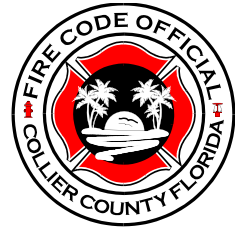
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It has been determined by the AHJ when an MFVN is identified to monitor and transmit fire alarm signals to an offsite monitoring facility, the provider shall comply with the criteria outlined in 69A-48.008(4), F.A.C., and provide an “attestation” demonstrating that the company's



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network does meet the criteria in paragraphs 69A-48.008(3)(a) through (f), F.A.C., and the “attestation” will be signed (with an original signature on at least one of the three required copies), sealed and certified as accurate by a current Florida Licensed engineer who is employed by the MFVN or who legally represents the MFVN. The attestation from the engineer shall also include the specificity of the equipment to be used, the job and the job location.

Furthermore, only fire alarm system equipment that is currently listed and specifically designed to interface with the MFVN-type equipment proposed shall be utilized when this type of transmission technology is pursued.

Additionally, all commercial fire alarm systems using this transmission technology and new IP DACTs shall employ an appropriate redundant means of transmission complying with the “transmission channels” requirements for DACTs, as called for in the currently adopted edition of NFPA 72. This will provide monitored fire alarm systems with two different paths of transmission.

Finally, the specifics of this Policy and Procedure shall, in no way, limit or lessen compliance with ANY and ALL other applicable sections for Supervising Station Fire Alarm Systems found in the currently adopted edition of NFPA 72.

CODE REFERENCES:

69A-48.008(3), F.A.C., 69A-48.008(3)(a) through (f), F.A.C., 69A-48.008(4), F.A.C., NFPA 72(2002 ed.) Chapter 8.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

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