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PSC 5673 – Fire Alarm System

# Fire Alarm Testing, Maintenance & Repair

- Fire Alarm panels require programming and updates that are proprietary to the manufacturer and must be performed by manufacturer-authorized technicians
- Many DPH Facilities contain legacy systems that require specialized technical knowledge not commonly available
- Knowledge of system integration at complex campuses like ZSFGH and LHH is critical for troubleshooting and maintaining compliance
- Licensed hospitals are subject to stringent life safety and fire alarm regulations, which require timely and expert maintenance to ensure patient safety
- Applicable Standards:
  - NFPA 72- National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code
  - NFPA 101 – Life Safety Code
  - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) – Conditions of Participation for Hospitals
  - The Joint Commission (TJC) – Life Safety Standards
  - Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) – Facility safety compliance for healthcare buildings
- The scope and urgency of fire alarm work is unpredictable and must be addressed on an as-needed basis across multiple DPH facilities
- Quick response is essential to maintain continuous compliance with hospital licensing and safety standards