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You need to know... Big change 1

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Because Fire Protection is everyone's business...

Introduction

My name is John MacDonald, I am the president at Mac 1 Industries, and I have been actively involved in the Fire Protection industry since 1979.

Starting January 2015 there have been some changes that effect the way we address fire protection. In the following article I plan to share one of the changes and explain how it effects you.

If you want to go through the code and see for yourself then take a look at our website and download a copy of the fire code including the last amendment O. Reg 275/14.

Shutdowns 6.3.1.3. When a fire alarm or voice communication system or any part thereof is shut down, the supervisory staff shall be notified in accordance with Section 2.8.

Note: On January 1, 2015, Article 6.3.1.3. is revoked and the following substituted: (See: O. Reg. 256/14, ss. 262, 440)

6.3.1.3. (1) If a fire alarm or voice communication system or any part thereof is shut down

(a) the fire department and **building occupants** shall be notified in accordance with Article 1.1.1.1., and

(b) the supervisory staff shall be notified.

When we think of it; this makes a lot of sense. If you lived in a building and the fire alarm or sprinkler was shut down you would want to

know so that you could react accordingly in an emergency.

Of course this change puts pressure on the owner to make sure that the repair is completed as soon as possible. More important, this change saves the owner some of the liability. If the system is not operational and residents are counting on it then there is a BIG liability for the owner. Part of this liability is mitigated when the owner discloses the condition to the residents.

So... the next time that you know something is shut down or not working then you must let the residents know.

When all is said and done the safety of residents is a shared responsibility. The residents can make proper decisions only if they are informed.

For other sources of Ontario laws you can lookup this and other codes at www.ontario.ca/laws

Our intension is to share other changes with you the manager so that together we can keep people safe and reduce the loss of life and property due to fire.

If you are a manager and you would like to know more then contact us at 905 212-9110. For other newsletters and useful information visit our website at www.mac1.ca.

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