



BENSALEM TOWNSHIP

Department Of Public Safety

FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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FIRE ALARM TESTING / CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Fire alarm / detection systems shall be tested/ certified in accordance with NFPA 72, International Fire Code, International Building Code and the requirements listed below:

Testing Information (Certification Test):

1. Bensalem Fire Rescue shall be on site to witness the Fire Alarm Function Test.
 - a. Contact the Bensalem Township Building & Plan Dept. to schedule a Fire Alarm and 24 hr Battery Test.
 - b. Fire Alarm Function Tests are only scheduled Monday – Thursday.
 - c. Battery Tests are only scheduled Tuesday – Friday.
 - d. If you need a test during after hours or on weekends it must be approved by the Bensalem Fire Rescue Dept and an overtime fee will be charged.
2. A copy of the approved plans and permit shall be on-site at all times.
3. All devices will be tested for proper operation. Smoke detectors, heat detectors, pull stations, water flow switches, duct detectors, etc.
4. All sprinkler control valves shall be tested. (The fire pump will also be tested if present).
5. Confirm the Bensalem Fire Rescue approved addressable locations / point identifications for each device.
6. All horns and strobes will be tested. The decibel level and light intensity shall be set correctly and synchronized.
7. A key for the building, a manual pull station key, a FACP key and the code for the fire alarm shall be locked in the Knox Box.
8. The primary and secondary phone lines will be tested.
9. All magnetic door devices release, doors close and latch on activation of any device will be tested.
10. All ventilation systems shall shutdown upon activation of duct smoke detectors.
11. All smoke / fire dampers shall close upon activation. The dampers do not have to be interconnected.
12. Contact the alarm monitoring company and Bucks County Fire Radio / Dispatch Center (215-547-5222) to verify that the correct signals and addresses were received.
13. 24-Hour Battery Test is required; the AC power will be secured for the battery test. (Bensalem Fire Rescue will be on site for the battery test).
14. Completed copy of the NFPA 72 Record of Completion Form is required at the completion of the 24 hours battery test. Bensalem Fire Rescue shall receive a copy at the completion of the Certification Test.