

## FYI – FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM INSPECTIONS AND TESTING

DSSI would like to notify you about the requirements of the inspections and testing of your fire protection systems under the new 2008 fire code and NFPA standards. DSSI has been in contact with FDNY High Rise Unit regarding these inspections. We have attached the [inspection/testing guides](#) for Standpipe Systems, Sprinkler Systems and Fire Alarm Systems for your reference. You should follow these guides to see what devices in your Buildings system may have to be inspected more than the previous monthly and semi-annual inspections.

### STANDPIPE AND SPRINKLER SYSTEMS:

Most inspections and testing can be done by building engineers. They will need to have a Q01 or Q99 C of Q (Refrigeration Operating Engineer) and a S12 (sprinkler system inspections), S13 (standpipe system inspections), or S14 (multi-zone standpipe system inspections) C of F's.

There are certain devices that need to be tested annually and every 5 years in your systems that most likely will have to be done by a licensed Master Fire Suppression Piping Contractor (MFSPC) or a licensed Master Plumber. This person should also have a S12 or S13 C of F to do the testing. You should keep a copy of their license and a copy of their C of F at your building.

Note: If you have a Fire, Booster or Special Service Pump, certain testing may have to be done weekly by a Refrigeration Operating Engineer with a S12 or a licensed MFSPC or a licensed Master Plumber with a S12. The High Rise Unit has advised DSSI they may accept C of F holders (F96, F97, F98, F99) if they are current (not expired) instead of S12 or S13 C of F's to do the visual inspections. When they expire they will need to obtain an S12 and S13. They will not accept the old W12 C of F.

### FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS

Most inspections of the fire alarm system can be conducted by a S95 C of F holder. The high rise unit is also accepting the inspections to be done by a F25 / F58 (FSD). There is certain testing that will need to be done semi-annually and annually by an authorized technician. Such as the cleaning and testing of your smoke detectors, and testing of your dedicated and non-dedicated smoke management systems. The person cleaning the smoke detectors should also be a W26 or F57 (until 1/1/13) C of F holder.

The dedicated systems such as stairwell pressurization and smoke purge systems need to be done semi-annually by an authorized technician. Non dedicated systems such as HVAC need to be tested annually by the authorized technician.

Documentation of this authorized technician should be maintained at the building. This documentation should show that the authorized technician possesses certification from the manufacturer of the system installed at your building or such personnel should have a **NICET Level II**, certificate.

Any questions please contact Tom Calkins at 212-240-9500 ext 101.