

September 15, 2024

RE: FIRE ALARM AND VOICE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM TESTING AND ASSOCIATED REGISTRY IN THE CITY OF LETHBRIDGE

Scope

The Fire Prevention Bureau is responsible for enforcing the current NFC(AE) and applicable standards within the City of Lethbridge. This includes fire alarm and voice communication systems and the applicable standards that correspond with such a service. It has been noted that alarm testing companies have been using a variety of editions of the CAN/ULC-536 standard.

In an effort to ensure all systems are being tested consistently by the various vendors, the Lethbridge Fire Prevention Bureau will be implementing a registry system with an effective date of January 1, 2025 for those wishing to work on fire alarm and voice communication systems in the City of Lethbridge. There is currently no fee associated with the registry, but LFES reserves the right to implement a fee at a later date.

Records

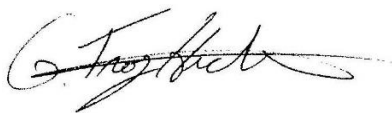
The NFC(AE):2023 requires inspection and testing of fire alarm systems to be conducted and documented in conformance with the requirements of CAN/ULC-S536:2019. Required forms are included in CAN/ULC-S536, "Inspection and Testing of Fire Alarm Systems".

Obligations of the Service Provider

Effective January 1, 2025, the Lethbridge Fire Prevention Bureau will only be accepting testing completed in accordance with CAN/ULC-S536:2019 (or newer). A reviewed fire alarm system inspection report that does not comply with the requirements of the NFC(AE) and CAN/ULC-S536:2019 (or newer) can result in a failed inspection for the business owner.

For more information, contact the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Sincerely,



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