

C. D. 2, H.C.
file PYP



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS
INSPECTION AND LICENSING
RECEIVED



Public Safety Services

NOV 20 1997

V. J. BELLA
STATE FIRE MARSHAL

M. J. "MIKE" FOSTER, JR.
GOVERNOR

Date: November 19, 1997

To: Pat Slaughter, Administrator Director
Steve Gogreve, Supervisor II
All District Supervisors

From: Boyd Petty, Supervisor
Licensing and Fire Information Section

Re: Tagging Policy Update
Electrical Contractors

It has come to my attention that there is some confusion in the field about the tagging of fire protection equipment and the limitations of electrical contractors to perform work on fire alarm systems. In May of this year I sent out a new policy regarding the tagging of fire protection systems/equipment. In that policy, contractors were to begin using a three-color tagging system and place an installation tag on the panels/cylinders of fire protection systems. Unfortunately, this policy was premature in its implementation because such a change requires official promulgation through the administrative rules process. This is currently being undertaken and the new rule changes should be completed in the first quarter of 1998. Therefore, please advise your inspectors not to require contractors to conform to the new policy but continue to follow the current rules.

The other issue that seems to be causing confusion is what an electrical contractor can do with regards to fire alarm systems. Per R.S. 40:1656 an electrical contractor is exempted from being licensed by this office. Although not specially detailed in the law or rules, the position of this office is that these contractors can only run wire & conduit and hang devices. All design, planning, servicing and certifying must be done by a licensed fire alarm contractor. Please note this exemption is for electrical contractors only who have passed a written examination based upon NFPA 70 given either by a recognized political subdivision or the State Licensing Board of Contractors. Burglar alarm contractors or any other person must possess a fire alarm license and work for a certified firm to do any work on fire alarm systems including prewiring.

cc: Jerry Jones, Deputy Assistant Secretary

5673

"Is Yours Working" ??
Smoke Detectors Save Lives !!