



FIRE ALARM SIGNAL VERIFICATION

ACTION: Fire alarm signal verification is required for emergency response due to fire alarm notification after the Effective Date below.

AFFECTED PROPERTIES: All properties within the City of Lake Oswego, and the areas of the Lake Grove Rural Fire District, Riverdale / Dunthorpe Fire District, and the Alto Park Water District.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2021

EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY: Pursuant to the 2019 Oregon Fire Code, as adopted by LOC 15.06.610 or by ORS 476.030 / OAR 837-040-0010, Section 907.6 and 907.6.6, and by incorporation of the 2016 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 72, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code, Section 26.2.2 and 29.7.8.2, fire alarm supervising station personnel are required, after the Effective Date above, to attempt to verify alarm signals prior to reporting fire alarms to the 9-1-1 Communications Center for dispatch of Fire Department personnel and equipment to the premises to respond to a fire alarm.

REQUIRED VERIFICATION PROCEDURE: Supervising stations that receive a fire alarm signal from a Protected Premises within the response area of the Lake Oswego Fire Department shall first attempt to verify the fire alarm signal before retransmitting to the 9-1-1 center. If the Protected Premises is contacted and onsite personnel can confirm that no fire or emergency condition exists, then the alarm signal shall not be retransmitted. In all other situations, the alarm signal shall be immediately retransmitted.

EXPLANATION: The requirement for Alarm Signal Verification under NFPA 72 allows 90 seconds to initiate contact with the premises to verify the validity of a fire alarm signal. Verification of alarm signals allows fire departments to ensure maximum public safety by reducing nuisance alarms as well as ensuring faster and larger responses on confirmed structure fires.

ISSUED:

DATE:

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