

**Colorado Springs Fire Department
Office of the Fire Marshal**

**Supplemental Rule/Regulation
2006-2**

Subject: Fire Hydrant and Water Supply Impairment Notification

International Fire Code Reference: 508.5.2, 2003 Edition

Date of Decision: November 3, 2006

Description of Problem:

Due to planned maintenance, distribution systems upgrades, emergency impairments, or equipment breaks, there are times when fire hydrants and/or water service mains are out of service. Because water is the primary fire suppression medium used by the Fire Department, it is imperative we are notified whenever water supply to fire hydrants or water-based fire suppression systems are out of service for four hours or more.

Decision:

The Fire Department shall be immediately notified when any of the following conditions occur:

- 1) More than one fire hydrant is out of service in a specific geographical area.
- 2) Any service main that supplies a water-based fire protection system is out of service.
- 3) Any private fire service loop is out of service.

The Fire Department shall be immediately notified of out of service hydrants or systems. During normal business hours, this will be accomplished through the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) (385-5978). After-hours notification shall be made through Police/Fire Dispatch (444-7000). Dispatch will then forward the reports to the on-call OFM representative. The OFM representative will meet with the property owner and/or Colorado Springs Utilities to determine the need for alternative/temporary fire protection measures during the duration of the impairment.

To advise emergency responders of the condition, the Office of the Fire Marshal shall notify Dispatch that a BOLO is needed in CAD.

Once the affected hydrant or water main is restored to normal operational condition, the Fire Department must be notified through the same methods detailed above. The OFM shall notify Dispatch that the BOLO is no longer necessary.

Approved by:



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