

COLORADO SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Prevention Division

Administrative Ruling/Interpretation 2007-5

Subject: Sequence of Operations for Modular School Buildings

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Description of Problem:

With the expansion of the number of students, schools regularly find themselves adding modular classroom buildings to accommodate the growing number of classes. This leads to questions on how to handle building evacuations in the event of a fire emergency. With these being separate buildings, do they evacuate to the main building, to the nearest building, or remain in place? In light of these questions, CSFD has developed the following policy.

Decision:

Should any modular building enter a general fire alarm state, then a general alarm shall sound in all modular classroom buildings and evacuation shall occur. General alarm and complete evacuation of the main building may be required.

The master fire alarm control panel (FACP) in the main school building shall annunciate the alarm and send the appropriate signals to the monitoring station. The main FACP shall send the information on the actual building in alarm (which modular) and not just the address of the school to the remote/central monitoring station.

If the main school building enters a general alarm state, the all school buildings, including the modular classroom buildings shall enter a general alarm state.

Approved:

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Brett T. Lacey, Fire Marshal