

COLORADO SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Prevention Division

Administrative Ruling/Interpretation 2008- 1

Subject: Fire Department Access on Construction Sites

Effective: January 9, 2008

Code Reference: 2003 IFC 1410 as amended

Description of Problem:

The fire department has concerns that construction sites have not been meeting Section 1410 of the 2003 IFC as amended, in providing adequate fire department access for emergency responses. Limited inspection resources to verify the adequacy of construction sites around the city and the construction community expressing a desire to better define expectations from the fire department resulted in a committee comprising of CSFD and HBA members that developed a document designed for construction sites to self-police the adequacy of emergency service access to the site.

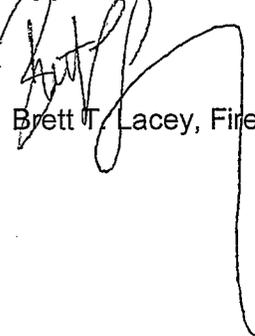
Decision:

Since access to construction sites may be medical as well as fire response, the title for Section 1410 shall be revised to state "Access for Emergency Response"

To clarify construction site conditions deemed acceptable for access, and provide an additional item of concern for responding vehicles, Section 1410.1.1 *Minimum specifications for temporary roads shall be revised to read as follows:*

"Temporary access roads shall be an all weather surface comprised of the first lift of asphalt, concrete, compacted gravel or stable compacted sub-grade capable of supporting the imposed loads of fire department apparatus and providing adequate traction. A 20-ft minimum width shall be maintained unless the permanent road is designed less than 20-ft, in which case the temporary road shall be the intended width of the permanent road. Adequate street signs and fire lane signs shall be installed where applicable. Temporary access roads must be maintained in accord with this section. Temporary roads serving as fire lanes shall not be in place more than 6 months without special approval from the fire department."

Approved:



Brett T. Lacey, Fire Marshal