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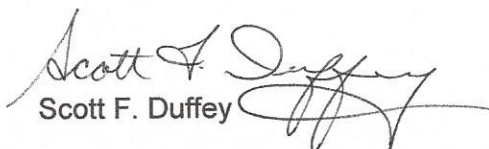
Effective Immediately, the Rockland Fire Department will no longer test low voltage hardwired smoke detector systems during residential smoke/carbon monoxide inspections. We are now requiring that a certified fire alarm technician/company be present to assist in conducting the compliance testing.

The NFPA 72 code states that low voltage systems are to be maintained in accordance with specific sections of the NFPA 72 code and that detectors shall be tested in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Annual inspection is required per 527 CMR 1, the Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code.

Typically, low voltage fire alarm systems are integrated with a home burglar alarm system and are centrally monitored. The Rockland Fire Department has no way of knowing if the low voltage system has been maintained properly and if annual testing of the devices and system has been completed. Therefore, we are requiring a certified alarm technician or alarm company be present with the Rockland Fire Department member conducting the inspection.

If the agent or homeowner refuses to comply with this requirement, we will not conduct the inspection.

If there are questions regarding these new requirements, please contact the Rockland Fire Department Fire Prevention officer at 781-878-2123 extension 106.


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