



Fire Marshal's Notice

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State Fire Marshal Announces Changes to the Texas Fire Alarm Rules

The following is a synopsis of some of the substantive changes to the Fire Alarm Rules. The Commissioner of Insurance, through the State Fire Marshal, has amended the Fire Alarm Rules in order to resolve inconsistencies within the rules, update obsolete statutory references, and clarify the intent of the rules to better reflect statutory purpose. The new rules took effect February 14, 2013 - Commissioner's Order No. 2237.

28 TAC §§ 34.600 the Fire Alarm Rules (effective 2/14/2013)

- §34.607. **Adopted Standards** updated to 2010 edition for NFPA 11, 13, 13D & 13R
- §34.611.(a)(5) **Licenses and Approvals** added language so residential fire alarm superintendent may act as a fire alarm technician.
- §34.619.(b) **Fire Alarm and Detection System Plans and Drawings** amended to allow local authorities to waive the original signature on submitted plans (allows electronic signatures on plans submitted electronically)
- §34.623.(a) **Yellow Labels** added language to require yellow labels when required inspection, testing and maintenance services are not being performed

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