



Fire Marshal's Notice

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State Fire Marshal Announces Changes to the Texas Fire Extinguisher Rules

The following is a synopsis of some of the substantive changes to the Fire Extinguisher Rules. The Commissioner of Insurance, through the State Fire Marshal, has amended the Fire Extinguisher 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 §§ 34.500 the Fire Extinguisher Rules (effective 2/14/2013)

- §34.506.(19) **Definitions** Definition of "direct supervision" is changed so that the definition agrees with language in §34.517(e). Replaced "work" with "installation"
- §34.516. **Tests** added requirement that non-NICET tests must have been completed within 1 year prior to application. To conform with similar testing requirements in alarm rules.
- §34.519. **Installation Labels for Fixed Extinguisher Systems** amended to no longer require copy of installation certificate to the State Fire Marshal's Office.
- §34.521.(a) **Red Tags** amended to requiring red tags when impairments "exist" (old wording "if found")

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