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Auxiliary Service Providers (ASP) and NFPA 72, 2025 Edition, Section 26.2.11.3

OVERVIEW:

The 2025 California Building Standards Code, California Code of Regulations (Title 24), was published on July 1, 2025, and became effective on January 1, 2026. In accordance with Section 907.2 of the California Fire Code (CFC), fire alarm systems are required to be installed in accordance with NFPA 72 (2025 Edition). The 2025 edition of NFPA 72 introduced a new section 26.2.11 addressing Auxiliary Service Providers (ASP).

DEFINITIONS:

Auxiliary Service Providers (ASP): An entity or service that receives signals from a protected premises fire alarm system, modifies or manipulates the signals, and directs the signals to the supervising station, and is positioned in the network topology such that signals cannot reach the supervising station without the entity or service.

INFORMATION:

Section 26.2.11.3 (2025 Edition) is currently not enforceable because the construction, performance, and listing requirements for an Auxiliary Service Provider have not yet been established in UL 827, Central-Station Alarm Services, or any other applicable product listing standard. As a result, an ASP cannot be listed by a Nationally Recognized Test Laboratory (NRTL) as required to demonstrate compliance with Section 26.2.11.3. Until applicable listing criteria are developed, adopted, enforcement of section 26.2.11.1 is not feasible. All other subsections of 26.2.11, excluding 26.2.11.3, are enforceable and should be used to improve the reliability of communication between a fire alarm system and the supervising station.

RECOMMENDATION:

Since the scope of UL 827 does not currently include Auxiliary Service Providers, and because Section 26.2.11.3 of NFPA 72 (2025 Edition) is not enforceable at this time, Authority Having Jurisdictions (AHJs) should evaluate fire alarm systems submittals using applicable provisions of NFPA 72 Chapter 26, Section 26.2.11, until such time as appropriate listing and performance standards for ASPs are established.

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