



CAL FIRE - OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Code Interpretation 25-07

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Dedicated Function Fire Alarm Systems

OVERVIEW

Edition: 2019 Title 24 California Building Standards
2016 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 72

Code: Part 2-California Building Code (CBC), Part 9-California Fire Code (CFC)
NFPA 72 National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code

Section(s): NFPA 72 23.3.3.2 Dedicated Function Fire Alarm Systems

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QUESTION:

Where non-required smoke detectors are connected to a monitored fire alarm control unit (Dedicated Function Fire Alarm) providing supervision for a code required fire sprinkler system, are these smoke detectors allowed to be supervisory?

ANSWER:

No. Non-required systems or components are required to comply with Code regardless of reason for installation. Where installed and monitored by a monitored Dedicated Function Fire Alarm System the smoke detectors shall send a signal as required by code.