

Austin Fire Department – Emergency Prevention  
505 Barton Springs Rd. Ste. 200  
Austin, Texas 78704



### Change to Fire Protection Systems Program Process

Dear Property Manager or Building Owner,

The Austin Fire Department has instituted a new process for the inspection contractors you hire to test and maintain your building(s) fire protection systems. Effective **October 1, 2017** all fire protection systems test reports are required to be sent to the Austin Fire Department electronically by your contractor (not the building manager or owner) via The Compliance Engine's online system at [www.thecomplianceengine.com](http://www.thecomplianceengine.com). Property managers or building owners will no longer be required to submit the online FPS application. Your servicing inspection contractor, via The Compliance Engine online system, will now submit all required documentation.

AFD has selected a private company, BRYCER, to significantly improve AFD's ability to track and drive code compliance through BRYCER's online tool, The Compliance Engine. Accurate and timely inspection reporting, combined with this new tracking capacity, will reduce false alarms, ensure all systems are tested and expedite the repairs of fire protection systems, helping ensure the AFD mission of saving lives and protecting property for all who live, work, visit, or do business in Austin.

AFD would like to ensure this new process works well for testing companies, property managers and building owners. We invite you to attend one of our informational sessions.

Informational Meeting Sessions:

**Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 or Wednesday, September 6, 2017**

**Time: 2:30pm to 3:30pm**

**Location: 505 Barton Springs Rd. One Texas Center Training Rm 325 (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) Austin, TX 78704**

**Important: Fire Protection Systems Program Changes to be Aware of:**

- Contractors not properties are required to submit copies of all fire protection system testing reports
- Contractors will pay the \$20 permit fee. Contractors may add this fee to their invoices for services to the properties they serve
- Properties not currently in compliance with testing of their fire protection systems will begin to receive past due testing notifications starting Oct 1, 2017.
- It remains the responsibility of the property to ensure that their system(s) are in compliance with the adopted fire code

We look forward to partnering with you, BRYCER and the testing companies to better protect and serve our community. We are confident this will benefit us ALL.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rob Vires'.

Rob Vires

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