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Office of State Fire Marshal
MEMORANDUM



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To: All Life Safety and Property Protection Contractors

From: Boyd Petty, DSFM Manager
Licensing Section

Re: Sprinkler Inspector Competency Requirements
Licensing Memo 1-2008

The Life Safety and Property Protection Advisory Board has determined that the following competency requirements for sprinkler inspectors will be implemented immediately.

Upon an initial application for a sprinkler inspector license, a provisional period of one year shall be granted to the applicant. At renewal time or one year from initial application date, whichever is later, the applicant must document he/she has accomplished one of the following:

1. Passed the written modules to become certified at a minimum National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET) Level 1, or
2. Attended and passed the examination for the Oklahoma State University "Fire Sprinkler Inspection Training and Certification Program", or
3. Completed the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee program, or
4. Completed the American Fire Sprinkler Association Apprenticeship program

Documentation shall be in the form of a Conditional Decision letter from NICET, a certification certificate from Oklahoma State University or a certificate of completion from one of the other programs. A certificate of completion is not sufficient for the Oklahoma program since the individual must pass the competency examination to be certified. Failure to document accomplishing one of the above will cause the individual's license to be suspended.

At the second renewal period, the inspector must have passed the written modules to become certified at the NICET Level 2. **At this time, NICET 3 will no longer be required for the third renewal period.**

NOTE: The Life Safety Advisory Board may consider other training or testing programs which are shown to be equivalent to NICET. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 1-800-256-5452.

CC: Life Safety and Advisory Board
LA Fire Sprinkler Association

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