



## **Fire Alarm System Testing Alternatives**

The National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) requires that all fire alarm systems be tested and inspected on an annual basis. Being out of compliance with the fire code can not only mean costly fines, but also increased attention from the local fire authority until the compliance is met. This can be an increasingly time consuming and frustrating situation.

NFPA 72 requires that every device associated with your fire alarm system, including duct detectors, beam detectors, heat detectors, smoke detectors and pull stations be individually tested and documented each year.

In the process of attempting to comply with the law, some organizations are not aware of the options available to them to accomplish this requirement. In most cases, the main providers of fire alarm system testing and inspections have been local service repair companies. While this option can provide the necessary service and documentation required, at times this option can lead to additional service and repair costs. Another option can be utilizing trained and certified employees to perform tests, however this can become difficult with increasing budget and personnel cuts.

**Code 4 Fire Management** is an additional option, as it was formed by firefighters, with an interest in helping organizations comply with the fire code, without an interest in added repair costs. The result has been an overall objective approach to the test and inspect requirement, and increased savings by the consumer.

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