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DEMONSTRATION OF CO-ORDINATED FIRE & LIFE SAFETY SYSTEMS

This bulletin is issued to professional designers regarding their responsibility in the co-ordination of design, testing, and functional operation of fire and life safety systems in complex buildings as outlined in Appendix "A" of Division C, Article A-2.2.7.3. of the Vancouver Building By-law. Two areas are of special importance to the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) : the creation of a system test protocol and demonstration/witnessing protocol during the design phase, and the need for a minimum of three test demonstrations of fire and life safety systems (contractor, consultant, and AHJ) at the completion stage for each project.

The co-ordinating registered professional (CRP) is responsible for:

1. The development of a "project-specific test protocol and demonstration procedure in consultation with the registered professionals (RP's)" during the design phase.
2. The distribution of the test protocol and functional test procedures prior to the fire and life safety demonstration stage.
3. Organizing the "Co-ordinated Final Consultant Review" of the functional test of the co-ordinated fire and life safety systems at least one week prior to the AHJ final review.
4. Organizing and conducting the "Co-ordinated AHJ Final Review" demonstration/witness of the co-ordinated fire and life safety systems only after all deficiencies have been corrected and all life safety systems are fully ready.

It is required that the AHJ demonstration/witness procedure be arranged to make the most efficient use of City staff resources by being ready and by having the test procedures that involve all disciplines scheduled to be conducted first, while those that only involve one or two disciplines scheduled for last. Also, the construction site must be ready for the disruption of the demonstration/testing (basically shut down).

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