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Question:

Interpretation:

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1201, 1203

1201 and 1203 list requirements for reporting from the contractor/installer to the Sprinkler System Certifier (SSC) and for the information that needs to be included in surveys, however, aspects of the relationship between SSC and the contractor/installer are not specified. A number of issues have subsequently arisen in regard to the provision of such surveys:

The Fixed Fire Protection Formal Interpretations Committee has jurisdiction to interpret the wording of the current edition of the relevant Standard only. Matters which are not mentioned in the Standard are outside the scope of the committee and must be dealt with according to normal business practice.

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| <p>(a) Does the SSC have the authority to make information contained in the surveys available to third parties?</p> <p>(b) Are the surveys to be considered solely as notifications to be kept on file, or does the SSC have the authority to use the surveys to assess the manner in which the contractor/installer has conducted their work?</p> <p>(c) What authority does the SSC have to exact penalties against contractors/installers that do not comply with SSC requests?</p> <p>(d) Does the Fire Formal Interpretations Committee have the authority or jurisdiction to issue interpretations on the relationship between SSC and contractor/installer?</p> | <p>(a) This is not covered in the wording of the Standard, therefore the committee cannot issue an interpretation.</p> <p>(b) No, surveys are not to be considered solely as notifications. Yes, the SSC does have the authority to assess the manner in which the work was conducted using the surveys. Refer 113.1, 113.3, 1201.3, 1203 and Appendix G.</p> <p>(c) Yes, the SSC does have the ability to withdraw the listing of contractors, subject to the provisions of 113.3 and Appendix G.</p> <p>(d) No, the committee can only interpret the wording of the Standard. Matters arising from the commercial relationship between the contractor and the SSC are outside the scope of the Formal Interpretations Committee.</p> |
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