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The Stoneham Fire Department will no longer test low voltage detector systems during resale inspections.

When scheduling resale inspections, you need to tell us if the home to be inspected has a low voltage system. Is the system controlled by a key pad or alarm panel to control and reset the system? If so, you have a low voltage system. The NFPA 72 code states that low voltage systems are to be maintained in accordance with specific sections of the NFPA 72 code and that detectors shall be tested in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

We do not know if the low voltage system was maintained properly and that we are testing the devices and system appropriately. Therefore, a certified alarm technician/company must be present for the inspection, or the seller will need current paperwork stating that the system was inspected and compliant to NFPA 72 requirements. Combination smoke/co detectors need to be noted on the inspection paperwork.

If the agent or homeowner refuses to comply with this requirement, we will not do the inspection. If we show up and there is a low voltage system that we were not told about or the alarm technician or current inspection paperwork is not there the inspection will be a put in as a failure and a re-inspection fee will be added.

If there are questions regarding these new requirements, please feel free to contact the fire prevention office.

Regards,

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