



INTERPRETATIONS & PROCEDURES

FIRE PEVENTION DIVISION

SUBJECT: Provision of a Single Manual Pull Station at Fire Alarm Control Panel		CODE SECTION(S): 07 NFPA 72 – 6.8.5.1.2
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ISSUE / QUESTION:

2007 NFPA 72, 6.8.5.1.2 states *“For fire alarm systems employing automatic fire detectors or waterflow detection devices, at least one fire alarm box shall be provided to initiate a fire alarm signal. This fire alarm box shall be located where required by the authority having jurisdiction.”*

If the occupancy does not require manual pull stations per IFC 907, is this pull station still required, and if so, where shall it be located?

DISCUSSION:

Annex material helps to clarify that one of the purposes of this requirement is to *“...provide a means to manually activate the fire alarm system when the automatic fire detection system or waterflow devices are out of service due to maintenance or testing...”* The City of Bellevue has historically required this manual pull to be located at the Fire Command Center.

INTERPRETATION:

For projects within the City of Bellevue’s jurisdiction, a manual fire alarm pull box is required to be provided at the fire alarm panel for any building where the fire alarm system utilizes automatic fire detectors or waterflow detection devices. This manual fire alarm box must be placed on a separate circuit which is not placed “on test” when the detection or sprinkler system is placed “on test.” This manual fire alarm box must also be monitored by the supervising station.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

National Fire Alarm Code Handbook 2007

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