



## **Changes to the testing of fire systems from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015.**

On 1 July 2014, amendments to the QDC (Queensland Development Code) MP 6.1 (Mandatory Part 6.1) were enacted to adopt the AS 1851 2012 edition for the routine inspection of fire protection systems.

A six month transition period from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 to the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014, during which time MP 6.1 references both the 2005 and 2012 editions of AS 1851. From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 the legislation mandates the usage of AS 1851 2012.

The maintenance log books kept on the customer sites will need to be replaced with new AS 1851 2012 Log books, so as to allow testing to the 2012 requirements.

The new standard places more emphasis on base line data, this is a series of documentation that a customer should have available on site. If the information required is not currently available on site then during the 2015 year as the testing is carried out this base line data can be gathered. However to gather the data on what the fire systems interface too and what other services operate in conjunction with the fire system, may require the coordination of other service providers during the annual testing of the systems. This data may include some or all of the following:

- As installed drawings (fire alarm, sprinkler systems, hydrant systems)
- Block plans for sprinkler and hydrant systems.
- Installation and commissioning documentation showing the interfacing of the fire systems with any mechanical services systems such as air-conditioning or smoke control systems.
- Equipment registers listings of portable equipment, emergency/exit lights, passive, and fire and smoke doors.
- System interface spread sheet.
- Pressure gauge schedule.
- Sprinkler valve listing.

Fire Service Professionals will be testing all fire systems the AS 1851 2012 edition from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January. We expect to receive the new FPA Australia log books in mid to late November with a roll out to our customer's sites by the end of December.

Attached is a schedule showing what the changes mean and what if any are the cost implications.

Should you require any further details, or clarification of this matter, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Yours faithfully  
FIRE SERVICE PROFESSIONALS

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