



COALINGA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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CITY OF COALINGA FIRE DEPARTMENT		
FIRE PREVENTION STANDARD		
STANDARD TITLE:	405.014 NON-U.L. CERTIFIED CENTRAL STATIONS	
STANDARD NUMBER: 405.014	EFFECTIVE DATE: October 26, 2022	REVISION DATE: October 26, 2022

PURPOSE

This policy has been established to clarify the Coalinga Fire Department's (CFD or Department) requirements for all non-Underwriters Laboratories (non-U.L.) certified central stations within the City of Coalinga and contract service areas.

APPLICATION

This policy applies to all non-U.L. certified central station alarm companies, and businesses and property owners utilizing the services of these companies.

OPERATIONAL POLICY

As noted in the currently adopted version of the California Fire Code (CFC), the fire code official has the authority to formulate policies they deem necessary based upon local conditions related to monitoring of fire sprinkler and fire alarm systems.

Based upon the need for uniformity in application across the Department's diverse service delivery area, and after careful deliberation, the Department has determined the following:

1. All non-U.L. certified central station alarm companies must maintain a minimum of two qualified operators on duty at the central station terminals at all times.
2. There must be a minimum of two dedicated transmission means "out" for re-transmission of emergency calls to CFD Communications.
3. There must be at least one copy of CFD approved, written operating procedures at the central station terminals.
4. All information from the protected premises must be transmitted to the central station via an approved transmission means in accordance with National Fire Protection Association 72 - National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code.
5. Call bumping is prohibited.
6. All transmissions must be recorded, and time stamped. It is the obligation of the non-U.L. certified central station alarm company to maintain all recordings for a minimum of two calendar years, or until any litigation has been adjudicated.
7. It is the obligation of the non-U.L. certified central station alarm company to follow CFC §901.9 and §907.6.6 et. al., as applicable.



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8. A back-up power supply capable of supplying the non-U.L. certified central station alarm company's operations for a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours of must be available at all times.
9. The non-U.L. certified central station alarm company must maintain records of all equipment maintenance, testing and out of service occurrences for a minimum of two calendar years.
10. Non-U.L. certified central station alarm companies that do not have staff members physically located within the City of Coalinga (including all transmission equipment) are not permitted. All central station companies that do not meet the above requirements must be U.L. certified.

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINE

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PROCESS

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INFORMATION

Because the City of Coalinga has long had a more restrictive ordinance related to fire sprinkler installations, many buildings are required to have fire sprinkler monitoring by a central station where they might not otherwise. This has led to more local alarm companies providing central station monitoring service. To facilitate the ability of local firms to compete with larger, U.L. certified central station firms, the Department has prepared this policy.

DEFINITIONS

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CROSS REFERENCES

California Fire Code (CFC)

§901.9, Termination of monitoring service

§907.6.6.2, Termination of monitoring service