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Exposure Checkup

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The short term cost vs risk exposure

The Risk Checkup

We are providing this document as a tool to help others to evaluate their exposure to risk when it comes to Fire Safety programs.

Just Price

To be absolutely clear, if the price seems to good to be true it probably is to good to be true. There are costs involved in the training and maintaining a quality crew. When it comes to accepting a low price this is one of the first signs that you must become risk aware.

Here are some areas to look at when evaluating your risk.

Annual check of the Fire Safety Plan

The Fire Safety Plan is a document that identifies the responsibilities of all parties when it comes to Fire Safety. Review it at least once a year.

Timing Matters

It's unfortunate when a fire alarm inspection is evaluated only on price. Next time to properly evaluate your inspection, consider the total projected time for the inspection.

Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms save lives, but, only if they work. It is imperative that clear records document your program to keep them working.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Carbon Monoxide is a deadly gas. Recent changes to the carbon monoxide requirements prescribe detectors in locations where people sleep. The code does not allow for a reduction in previous protection.

Garage fans need to run all the time. The only exception is when the Carbon Monoxide system controls the fans properly.

System shut downs

Many of the building systems must be maintained in operating order. There are new requirements and procedures that must be carried out when any of the systems are shut down. If a prescribed system is compromised then the fire department and the building occupants must be notified.

Training of Site Staff

Before a new site staff member is given control of the building. The fire safety plan requires that they receive training.

In Closing...

We don't have to fear the higher costs of completing the proper inspections. The proper inspections can help to reduce costs while increasing safety of building occupants. When evaluating your current program; remember to consider the cost of your exposure to risk.

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