

DSA Announces Fire Code Requirement Enforcement Effective January 2021

Enforcement of California Fire Code Section 510 begins on January 1, 2021. School and community college districts must comply with this code requirement which directs all new buildings to be provided with emergency responder radio coverage (ERRC).

The Division of the State Architect's (DSA) Fire and Life Safety (FLS) unit will not be reviewing or approving plans for the required emergency communication system. Project architects (Architects of Record or AOR) will be directed to contact the local fire department and/or emergency communications authority to obtain design and equipment specifications, and testing and acceptance criteria. It will be the responsibility of the design professional to submit plans, requested documentation and applicable fees to the local authority having jurisdiction for review and approval. Upon completion, copies of the approved plans, equipment data sheets, and proof of testing and acceptance documentation shall be provided to the school district. The Project Inspectors will verify that documentation is provided to the school districts.

Please direct any questions to George Barnes, Principal Fire Life Safety Officer at george.barnes@dgs.ca.gov.



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