



Orange County Fire Authority Special Notice

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Subject: **Revised Informational Bulletin 01-11**

Informational Bulletin 01-11 has been updated to reflect a change in procedure regarding evaluation of new single path alarm communicators.

Effective immediately, alarm panels/communicator modules utilizing cellular, IP, mesh network, or 1- or 2-way radio technology as a single path of communication in accordance with 2013 NFPA 72 Section 26.6.3.1.5 no longer require separate communicator device pre-approval via the process described in Informational Bulletin 01-11 prior to submittal of plans for the alarm/monitoring system using that device.

Please see below for instructions regarding what information is required to be included on plans where a single-path communicator will be utilized. This information is also available in Informational Bulletin 01-11.

Single path communicators already evaluated by OCFA

For systems using a device that has already been evaluated by OCFA, continue to include the pre-approval letter (available on the OCFA website) on the alarm/monitoring system plans submitted for review. These devices are:

DMP 263C	DMP 463C	3G3070CF	7788F
DMP 463G	IPGSM-4G	GS3055-ICF	TG-7FS S

The pre-approval letter is not required on the plans when the device is being used in accordance with its listing as the primary or secondary means of communication in a *dual path* system.

Single path communicators that have *not* been evaluated by OCFA

For all projects utilizing cellular, IP, mesh, or 1- or 2-way radio technology where the communicator is not one of the eight devices listed in the section above, a copy of the manufacturer's installation manual containing testing procedures and specifications shall be available for the inspector's use at the job site. Note this requirement prominently on the plan.

Single path communication technologies other than cellular, IP, mesh network, or 1- or 2-way radio

Systems using other technologies as a single path of communication shall require communicator device pre-approval in accordance with OCFA Informational Bulletin 01-11 prior to submittal of plans for the alarm/monitoring system using that device. Please see page 2 of Informational Bulletin 01-11.