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14.3.4.3.1.4 Presignal systems shall be permitted in accordance with 9.6.3.3 where the facility has a dedicated response team capable of responding to any area in the facility within 2 minutes.

Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Public Input

School shootings have become much more commonplace in recent years. Active shooters typically activate fire alarm systems by pulling a manual fire alarm box, which causes evacuation of the premises. The shooter is then presented with large numbers of vulnerable targets. This proposed change seeks to permit pre-signal in schools, provided safeguards are provided. The response team(s) could investigate the signal before the building is evacuated. 9.6.3.3 requires the signal to be transmitted to the fire department immediately. This scheme is often used in hospitals and other critical care facilities as a way of preventing nuisance alarms and unnecessary evacuations.

This PI is one of a series intended to address this issue.

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