

2012 Regulatory Investigation Actions

Case # O12010501 – Complaint received regarding a fixed fire extinguishing system installed at a restaurant. Investigation determined the system had incorrect nozzle sizes and drop lengths and the supply cylinders had not been hydrostatically tested as required per fire code.

The following actions were taken: The AHJ elected to pursue primary enforcement action in this case. The case was closed.

Case # O12010901 – Complaint received regarding improper cleaning of a Type I Hood and Duct system by an individual. Investigation determined that the individual had improperly cleaned the System and also had felony convictions and out-of-state arrest warrants.

The following actions were taken: The individual certificate of registration has been permanently revoked (NAC 477.315) for his refusal to cooperate in a SFM investigation, and his status as a wanted and convicted person.

Case # O12011101 – Complaint received regarding the placing of electrical resistors on the fire alarm panel at three apartment buildings in the same complex (Strapped Panels). Two technicians and the company were found to have violated multiple Nevada State Fire Marshal Regulations.

The following actions were taken: The Company entered into a corrective settlement agreement as did one technician. One technician had their State Fire Marshal Certificate of Registration revoked.

Case # O12011901 – Complaint received regarding the building and testing of temporary fire sprinkler systems. The complaint was that the a number of the sprinkler lines had air in them instead of water and numerous temporary fire sprinkler systems were not built according to the approved plans, the piping size was incorrect and an improper number of sprinkler heads installed.

The following actions were taken: the exhibitors were placed on a fire-watch by the local fire official. The Local Fire Official elected to handle and correct this issue.

Case # O12012001 – Complaint received regarding an improperly installed temporary fire sprinkler system.

The following actions were taken: The local fire official had the issue corrected on site.

Case # O12012401 – Complaint received regarding the improper tagging of fire extinguishers.

The following actions were taken: The complaint was determined to be unfounded and the case was closed.

Case # O12021001 – Complaint received regarding a company doing work in Nevada without a SFM license.

The following actions were taken: The owner of the out-of-state company admitted that they were not licensed in Nevada and was warned about operating in Nevada Unlicensed. A cease and desist letter was issued to the company and the portable extinguishers were made compliant by a Nevada licensed company.

Case # O12030901 – Improper cleaning of a Type I exhaust system. The Division was asked to examine the system after a fire occurred in the kitchen and discovered extreme grease build up in the duct system. There was a tag from a month prior to the fire stating that the system had been cleaned.

The following actions were taken; the individual who signed the tag claimed to have cleaning everything properly except where the hatch was. The technician had moved out the State. No further action taken.

Case # O12041101 – Complaint received regarding improper tagging of fire extinguishers. Allegations that the tags indicated that the extinguishers were serviced when they were not.

The following actions were taken: The technician’s Certificate of Registration was revoked for failure to cooperate in a State Fire Marshal Investigation.

Case # O12041102 – During a routine background check an applicant was found to have a felony conviction and had falsely certified that they had not been convicted of a felony in this or any other state.

The following actions were taken: All Nevada State Fire Marshal certificates of registration were revoked. (NAC 477.315(a) and NAC 477.315(g))

Case # O12041602 – A complaint was received stating that an employee had been fired for misconduct. He was alleged to have inspected/serviced approximately 500 fire extinguishers on a monthly basis. It was discovered that very few of the extinguishers were inspected/serviced.

The following actions were taken: The individual’s Nevada State Fire Marshal certificate of registration was revoked.

Case # O12042401 – Complaint received that an individual intentionally rendered fire extinguishers inoperable.

The following actions were taken: The individual was issued a criminal Misdemeanor Citation for Damaging Fire Equipment (475.090)

Case # O12072302 – Complaint received alleging non registrants performing service on a fire protection system without a certificate of registration holder supervising.

The following actions were taken: The investigator observed non registered workers on site but they were not performing service on the fire protection system. The supervisor had left to get supplies. Given that no direct observation of violations (477.300) no enforcement action was taken.

Case # O12080903 – Complaint received alleging improper service of a portable fire extinguisher.

The following actions were taken: The investigation revealed insufficient evidence of wrongdoing. The case is listed as “Unfounded”.

Case # O12100401 – Complaint received regarding servicing of fire extinguishers. The individual failed to do the hydrostatic test on the fire extinguisher.

The following actions were taken: the individual failed to meet the State Fire Marshal Regulation, NRS 477.250. A criminal, misdemeanor citation was issued.

Case # O12101101 – Complaint received regarding improper services of fire extinguishers. Investigation showed that the extinguisher appeared to have been inappropriately tagged due to the cut collar ring. However, further investigation showed the maintenance was performed as the internal tag indicated.

The following actions were taken: the company re-visited the site and ensured all portable extinguishers were in compliance. The allegations were determined to be unfounded.

Case # F12110101 – Complaint regarding improper portable fire extinguisher servicing. Investigation showed numerous fire extinguishers were not service properly due partially to the facility owner.

The following actions were taken: the fire protection company was advised that further violations will lead to progressive action against their SFM license. The company immediately made all portable extinguishers compliant at no cost to the business owner.

Case # F12112901 – Complaint received regarding a Type I exhaust system at a restaurant. Investigation showed that the system in the kitchen was compliant.

The following actions were taken; based on the inspection by the fire protection company and the condition of the restaurant, no violations of NFPA or fire code could be ascertained. The complaint was unfounded.
