



**North Collier Fire Control and Rescue District  
Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) Guidelines for Successful Review or Inspection**

<b>Article Number</b>	FAL 17-01
<b>Effective Date</b>	March 31, 2017
<b>Subject</b>	Existing Building Fire Alarm
<b>Objective</b>	Clarify When an Existing Building's Fire Alarm System is Required to Meet Current Code Standards

**BACKGROUND**

Confusion surrounds requirements for fire alarm systems in existing buildings when panels are in need of replacing.

**POLICY/PROCEDURE**

In order to provide a reasonable approach to enforcing the adopted code the Fire Alarm Committee has agreed on the following:

- IF the new fire alarm panel (different make, model etc.) is compatible with existing devices without adding contacts, modules or any other device ensuring integration, the building would not have to be brought to current code.
- IF proposed control panel is a direct replacement, confirmed by manufacturer, for existing panel and the existing devices are compatible without adding contacts, modules or any other device ensuring integration, the building would not have to be brought to current code.
- IF control panel is a like-for-like replacement, the building would not have to be brought up to current code.

Outside of the above examples, the building would require to be brought up to current existing standards.