Fire Marshal's Notice

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The Texas State Fire Marshal's Office announces new changes regarding the dimensions of fire department connection signs and wording.

The following is an outline of the changes affecting the signage required for fire department connections to fire sprinkler systems and standpipe systems in State-owned and State-lease facilities. These changes are part of the Government Code §417.008 implementation of the 2012 Edition of National Fire Protection Association 1, Fire Code.

What will be different:

* Reduced confusion for the fire department to locate and connect to the fire department connection.
* May require coordination with the local fire department for placement of signage.
* The certified inspector will ensure facilities meet minimum code requirements, regardless of prior approvals.

Approximate cost:
The responsible party will incur a cost of approximately $85-100 per sign.

Who will be affected:
Facilities that require a fire safety inspection as part of Government Code §417.0081 requirements.
This includes state universities, Texas Facilities Commission, other state agencies and state leases.

Attachments:
The attachments outline the dimensions and specifications the signage must include.
In addition, the National Fire Protection Association code requirements are provided for references.

Fire.Marshal@tdi.texas.gov (e-mail) http://www.tdi.texas.gov/fire (Web site)
REFLECTIVE ALUMINUM
Engineering Grade (Type 1) Reflective Aluminum (.08"
Sign Size 18" x 24" rounded corners 1 1/5" radius

Printed with UV Inks
Printing Process: Digital or Screen
Clear top coat

Description and Attributes
Engineering Grade (EG) Reflective Sheeting meets ASTM D4956 Type I retro-reflective sheeting standards.

Safety Red to be used—PMS 485 C
Fonts as specified

Mounting locations and site-specific requirements to be determined as per State Fire Marshal's Office or local fire department's recommendation.