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To Interested Parties:

The Certified Fire Alarm Act became law in Alabama on August 1, 2009. This law requires that every business who installs fire alarm systems in commercial occupancies must be licensed as a Certified Fire Alarm Contractor. The contractor must have a NICET Level III Technician in a position of responsibility, and the license will be issued in the name of the Certificate Holder and the Contractor. The NICET – Level III Technicians are able to do the layout of the fire alarm systems but a Professional Engineer or Architect should perform the design of the system to be considered for installation.

The Certified Fire Alarm Act also requires that technicians working for a Certified Fire Alarm Contractor must hold a NICET certification as a Fire Alarm System Technician Level II or any other acceptable nationally recognized fire alarm technician certification requiring continuing education that is deemed equivalent by the State Fire Marshal. The State Fire Marshal has deemed the Certified Fire Alarm Technician training by the National Training School to be acceptable to meet the NICET Level II requirements. All certificates must be current.

The Certified Fire Alarm Act gives every business three years to be in total compliance with the provision of the act. Current businesses that do not have a NICET Level III Certificate holder on staff have until August 1, 2012 to have the Level III technician on staff.

New employees of a Fire Alarm Contractor have 12 months to attain the NICET Level II or NTS CFAT certification.

We are hoping that this information will help each company and individual in further understanding the requirements of the new Certified Fire Alarm Act. If you should have any further questions, please contact my office at (334) 241-4166 and speak with any of the knowledgeable staff members. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Edward S. Paulk
State Fire Marshal

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