




**COLORADO SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**Division of the Fire Marshal**  
**Administrative Ruling**



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| <b>Number:</b>         | <b>2007-5R</b>  |                     |   |
| <b>Subject:</b>        | <b>Fire Alarm Sequencing for Elementary, Middle, and High School Campuses</b> |                     |   |
| <b>References:</b>     | <b>2015 International Fire Code, 907.2.3 Group E, as Amended</b>              |                     |   |
|                        | <b>NFPA 72 National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code, 2019</b>                   |                     |   |
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**PURPOSE:** To identify minimum acceptable levels of notification and evacuation of elementary, middle, and high school campuses involving multiple structures, specifically manufactured classroom buildings.

**SCOPE:** This policy applies to all elementary, middle, and high school campuses using manufactured classroom buildings.

**DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE:** Schools regularly add manufactured classroom buildings to accommodate a growing number of students. This presents questions as to whether the manufactured classroom buildings should be treated as separate buildings or conjoined as the main building during a fire alarm event.

**DECISION:** Should any manufactured classroom building enter a general fire alarm state, then a general alarm shall sound in all manufactured classroom buildings, and evacuation of all manufactured classroom buildings shall occur. General alarm and complete evacuation of the main building are not required but may be recommended. This allows students in the affected or adjoining manufactured classroom buildings to evacuate and seek shelter within the main building until such time the school district determines an appropriate course of action.

However, if the main school building enters a general alarm, then the main building and all manufactured classroom buildings shall enter a general alarm state and evacuation of all buildings shall occur.

The master fire alarm control unit (FACU) in the main school building shall annunciate the local alarm and send the appropriate signals to the approved supervising station. The main FACU shall send the information regarding the actual building in alarm, not just the address of the main school building, to the approved supervising station.