

Office of the Fire Marshal

## Fire Alarm System Panels, Appliances, and Devices List

The list below shall serve as a guide in determining what counts as a panel, appliance, and/or device. Fire alarm system includes any interconnected systems.

## **PANELS:**

The following will count as 1 panel.

- Fire Alarm System panel
- Fire Sprinkler Monitoring System panel
- Elevator Recall Control & Supervisory Control panel
- Preaction System panel
- Gas Detection System panel
- Clean Agent System panel
- Smoke Control System panel
- Two-Way Communications System panel

Note: A Fire Alarm control unit with integrated circuit board, VDT, and power supplies counts as 1. A Fire Alarm control unit with a separate VDT counts as 2.

## **APPLIANCES**:

Combination appliances count as one (e.g., Horn-Strobe counts as 1)

- Bells (or non-electric Water Motor Gongs)
- Horns
- Speakers
- Strobes

## **DEVICES**:

The following devices will count as one unless otherwise noted.

- Auxiliary Panels (e.g., FACU Nodes, Remote Annunciators, Remote Enclosures, Remote Interface, VESDA Detection, etc.)
- Graphical Panels VDT (Video Display Terminals interactive or non-interactive)
- Detectors are Initiating Devices. Conventional and/or addressable initiating devices include a broad range of detectors for every application ion, photo, and thermal detectors, as well as infrared detectors, beam detectors, ultraviolet detectors, carbon monoxide (CO) detectors, gas detectors, refrigerant leak detectors, and others (Combination Smoke/CO Detector counts as 2).
- Network Command Centers
- NIM Network/Foreign Systems Interface Modules
- MS-SPDT or MS-DPDT (miniature switches installed in Fire Suppression System)
- Voice Amplifiers
- Notification Power Supplies
- Monitor Modules (multi-monitor modules are counted based on their listed capacity)



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- Pressure Sensors (low pressure, high pressure, etc.)
- Solenoids (or electric actuators)
- Pull Stations
- Relays (multi-voltage, control, etc.)
- Transponders
- Fault Isolation Modules
- Tamper Detectors/Switches
- Water Flow Detectors/Switches
- Door Holders
- Duct Smoke Detectors
- Fire Smoke Dampers
- Communications Means (DACT or UDACT, cellular- or RF- based wireless communicators, etc.)

*IMPORTANT*: The above list may not include all panels, appliances, and/or devices. Call SJFD BFP at (408) 535-7750 for questions and/or clarification. Fire safety special detection systems such as aspirating smoke detection (VESDA®), etc. and Network Command Centers tend to require clarification. The most common question for VESDA® is determining the device count. Each sampling inlet (hole in the pipe) counts as one device.



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