

District Use of Fire Detection and Suppression Systems

1103.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Automatic fire detection and suppression systems can enhance safety and preserve property in the event of a fire. This policy addresses the limitations and requirements of using facilities equipped with automatic fire detection and suppression systems for district-sponsored functions.

1103.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Blue Ridge Fire District to enhance the safety of its members and preserve property by providing workspace equipped with fire detection and suppression systems when reasonably practicable. District members should also promote the use of space equipped with fire detection and suppression systems within the community.

1103.3 PROCEDURE

When reasonably practicable, the District should use only those facilities with automatic fire detection and suppression systems installed throughout when renting or acquiring office space, conference rooms or other facilities for district-sponsored functions.

District members should also encourage fire service and other groups to use facilities and lodging that are protected by automatic fire detection and suppression systems for their sponsored activities.

Subject to available resources, the Blue Ridge Fire District will upgrade to current standards any district-owned or operated facilities that do not have automatic fire detection and suppression systems.

Members traveling on District business shall seek hotel or motel accommodations that are protected by automatic fire detection and suppression systems. When protected lodging is not available within a reasonable distance from the traveler's destination, or if the cost of protected lodging is 25 percent above the cost of unprotected lodging, unprotected lodging facilities may be used with the approval of the Fire Chief.