



**POLICY STATEMENT  
OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL  
FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS**

**TITLE:** FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION

**REFERENCE:** 2012 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, SECTION 912

**SCOPE:** THIS POLICY SHALL APPLY TO ALL NEW BUILDINGS EQUIPPED WITH AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS AND/OR STANDPIPE SYSTEMS.

Fire Department Connections for automatic sprinkler systems and/or standpipe systems for new buildings shall be equipped with a 5 inch “Storz” connection as well as the 2 ½ inch siamese connection. The “Storz” connection shall be angled down with a “short bend” and equipped with a lock. The pipe size and arrangement of the Fire Department Connection shall conform to the latest edition of NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems*.

A horn/strobe shall be mounted above all building mounted Fire Department Connections at a height of 70 inches. The horn/strobe shall activate on all automatic fire alarms.

Fire Department Connections installed in a “yard” shall have a 4ft x 4ft x 4in concrete pad placed at the base to provide additional stability.

If there are any other options other than the ones shown, the contractor may submit it to the Fire Prevention Division for review.

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