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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY**

**MEMORANDUM 011  
FIRE FIGHTERS EMERGENCY OPERATION  
RED TAG VIOLATIONS**

Date: March 8, 2021

To: Elevator Inspectors, Elevator Companies, Elevator Mechanics, and Elevator Contractors

From: Gus Guadamuz

Re: Fire Fighters Operation

The Elevator Safety Board, the Chief Elevator Inspector, and the State Fire Marshal have approved the following Inspection Red Tag Violation Orders regarding Fire Fighters Emergency Operations on existing installations.

Existing installations with a Life Safety Phase I Emergency Operation failure is a Red Tag violation order. The elevator is to be placed out of service until the failure is corrected and Phase I operation is tested.

Existing installations with a Life Safety Phase II Emergency In-Car Operation failure is a Red Tag violation order. The elevator is to be placed out of service until the failure is corrected and Phase II is tested with the following exception:

Existing installations with a Life Safety Phase II Emergency In-Car Operations failure, which would result in the building left without elevator service as a result of a Red Tag Order, may be allowed to operate at the discretion of the Elevator Inspector with the following conditions:

1. A 14-day maximum order to correct the deficiency.
2. On the 15<sup>th</sup> from day of order to correct, the installation must be inspected and tested.
3. The local Fire Marshal is to approve the continued operation of the equipment.

Life Safety Failures on Fire Fighters Emergency Operation are serious. Insuring the safety of the public, emergency personnel and our firefighters is of the utmost importance. Any exception to this order is to be approved by the Deputy Chief Elevator Inspector, or a State-employed Elevator Inspector.

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