Certificate of Occupancy Expectations

Proper Planning Makes For A Smooth Ending

Welcome

- Why are we here
- What is the owner's role
- What is the contractor's role
- What is the sub-contractor's role
- What is MFD's role

What do contractors want?

- Feed back What do I have to do?
- Complete project on time on a tight schedule
- Get the Certificate of Occupancy to meet my contractual obligation and/or keep my client happy.
- Timely responses

What does MFD want?

- Early involvement
- Early notices
- Good documentation
- Pretests complete
- Contractors ready and present for inspections
- A finished product

What must be approved by MFD

- Fire suppression systems
- Fire alarm systems
- Access Control/Electronic Locking
- Smoke Control/Stair Pressurization
- Radio Repeater Systems
- Private hydrants/ Completed fire lanes
- Elevators
- Exiting complete and clear to the public way
- Housekeeping
- Signage

Do you have all your permits?

- Access Control/Delayed Egress
- Smoke Control

Fire Suppression

- Rough in inspection & hydrostatic tests-prior to covering any pipe
- Forward Flow/ Back Flow-once the riser is complete, and you have a place to flow the water pretest it.
- Fire alarm connections and labeling
- Fire pump tests on emergency & normal power
- Functional and Room integrity tests
- Final inspection-walk through at end



Signage

- #1 issue holding up approvals
- Everything must Match
- Requested signage on plan review letter should not be first discussed at the time of a C of O
- Outside
 - FDC
 - Fire lane
- Inside
 - Equipment Access
 - Controls and lock controls
 - Stairwell



Signage



Standpipes

- Hydrostatic test with visual inspection
- Hose valves accessible
- Flow test pressure reducing valves
- Pressures labeled



Fire Alarm

- > 24-hour battery test
- Initiating devices
 - smokes,
 - pull stations,
 - water flow
- Sound levels
- Visual coverage
- Control Functions & interfaces
- Monitoring suppression systems
- Monitoring communications



Electronic Locking

- Verify installation follows approved sequence
 Fail safe vs. Fail Secure
- Overrides are present & functioning
- Connected to the fire alarm system and key switch
- Signage



Smoke Control/Stair Pressurization

- Fan Sequence is per Design
- Proper pressure differentials
- Doors still function
- Control opening stair doors during test



Radio Repeater

- Difficult to determine need until building is constructed
- Contract with outside company to measure signal strengths

Private Fire Hydrants

- Flushed & Tested
- Accessible
- Grading/flat work complete
- GPS coordinates
- Clearances



Large diameter outlet facing fire lane

Elevators

Pick up the phone or email

- MFD: Free consulting
 - It's easier to address things prior to the Final Inspection
 - Hotline: (608) 266–4420
 - Or; (608) 443–9939
- Plan Approval Letter
 - Your questions and major problems are most likely already addressed in the letter

Elevators...Building Items

- Building Height, Use
- Rise
 - More than three floors with overnight sleeping?
 - Hoistway ventilation
 - Keyed override for hoistway ventilation
 - Four stories or more above grade? (4=4)
 - Group I, R-2, or healthcare/outpatient clinic?
 - Stretcher sized elevator 24"X84" 3500lb car

Elevators...Building Items

- Five stories or more above grade?
 - Standby power
 - At least one elevator must be on the generator
 - If it is a group all of them must be *capable* of emergency operation, though only one at a time is required.
 - Elevator controller cooling/ventilation must also be on the emergency circuit.

Elevators...Building Items

High Rise? 75' above MFD truck access

- Fire Command Center will require elevator status panel
- Either need to provide fire rated elevator lobbies or pressurize the hoistway

Elevators...Let there be light

- 19 fc measured at controller and drive machine. Control room, hoistway...all 19fc! Can't be motion controlled.
- 10 fc in the elevator pit
- I 0 fc at every lobby sill. Measured with doors closed. Can be on 24/7 or motion control but not by switch.

Housekeeping

- Construction debris removed from site
- Sidewalks, handrails, & lighting completed out to public way
- Protective shipping covers removed
- Address and other signage posted
- Hardware installed



How to Schedule an Inspection

- The contractor responsible for the particular inspection/test needs to call. Re-inspection fee will be assessed to the permit holder.
- Call Inspector's desk phone that is listed on the permit letter. 48-hour notice, more is ok.
- Office Hours 7:15 till 9:00.
- Will not block out entire days for a project.
- Cancel ahead of time if you have an issue.
- Coordinate with other trades.

Future Initiatives

- Fire Sprinkler Requirements For Existing Buildings
- FPD Process and System Improvements
- Regular Training Sessions
- NFSA Training on June 3 and 4
- MFD Visits With Contractors and Staff
- Please Pick-up The Phone and Call

Questions??

Thanks for your time!