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To: Interested Parties

Subject:

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| Standards Council Decision (Final): | D#18-3 |
| Standards Council Agenda Item: | SC#18-8-3-d-1, d-2, d-3, d-4 |
| Date of Decision*: | 14 August 2018 |
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Dear Interested Parties:

At its meeting of August 13-15, 2018, the Standards Council considered an appeal on the above referenced matter. The Council's Final decision is now available and is attached herewith.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Dawn Michele Bellis'.

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cc: S. Everett, L. Fuller, S. Gallagher, R. Roux, S. Frost
Members, CC Signaling Systems for the Protection of Life and Property (SIG-AAC)
Members, TC Emergency Communication Systems (SIG-ECS)
Members, NFPA Standards Council (AAD-AAA)
Individuals Providing Appeal Commentary

*NOTE: Participants in NFPA's standards development process should know that limited review of this decision may be sought from the NFPA Board of Directors. For the rules describing the available review and the method for petitioning the Board for review, please consult section 1-7 of the Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards and the NFPA Regulations Governing Petitions to the Board of Directors from Decisions of the Standards Council. Notice of the intent to file such a petition must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board of Directors within 15 calendar days of the Date of Decision noted in the subject line of this letter.



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SUMMARY OF ACTION (for convenience only; not part of official decision): The Standards Council voted to deny the appeal to overturn the Technical Committee amendment ballot results on CAM 72-5, which accepts Public Comment No. 458, as passed on the floor of the NFPA Technical Meeting.

DECISION:

At its meeting of August 13-15, 2018, the Standards Council considered appeals from Jon Kapis of Coffman Engineers, Sagiv Weiss-Ishai of the San Francisco Fire Department, John Darmanin of San Francisco and Steven Lewis of RFI Enterprises. The submitters' appeals each requested that the Standards Council overturn the Technical Committee amendment ballot results on Certified Amending Motion 72-5 for the 2019 Edition of NFPA 72[®], *National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code*[®]. Specifically, the appeals request acceptance of text relating to the silencing of a signaling system alert tone and message sequence.

As background, the Technical Committee rejected Public Comment No. 458. Thereafter, Mr. Weiss-Ishai filed a Notice of Intent to Make a Motion (NITMAM) in accordance with the *Regulation Governing the Development of NFPA Standards* ("Regs") which was certified by the Motions Committee as CAM 72-5. CAM 72-5 passed on the floor of NFPA Technical Meeting by a vote of 287-160. However, the amendment ballot failed to achieve the necessary 2/3 affirmative vote of the Technical Committee to recommend approval of the Association action. The Correlating Committee amendment ballot results achieved the necessary 3/4 affirmative vote to recommend approval of the Association action.

The text subject to this appeal failed to achieve sufficient support within the standards development process for inclusion in the 2019 Edition of NFPA 72[®], *National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code*[®]. The appeals request that the Council overturn the result yielded by the standards development process. On appeal, the Council accords great respect and deference to the NFPA standards development process. In conducting its review, the Council will overturn the results of that process only where a clear and substantial basis for doing so is demonstrated.

The Council has reviewed the entire record concerning this matter and has considered all the arguments put forth in these appeals. In the view of the Council, these appeals do not present any clear and substantial basis on which to overturn the results yielded by the standards development process. Accordingly, the Council has voted to deny the appeals. The effect of this action is that Section 23.4.8.3.1 of NFPA 72[®], *National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code*[®] will return to previous edition text.

Council Member Rodger Reiswig recused himself from the deliberations and vote on the appeals.