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Subject: Badger Factory "Extinguisher Service Certification" School

Recent changes within the 2010 edition of NFPA-10 now place added emphasis and importance on the qualifications of personnel responsible for servicing portable fire extinguishers. These new code driven fire extinguisher servicing requirements apply to anyone performing annual maintenance, recharge or hydrostatic testing of fire extinguishers. Paragraph 7.1.2.1 requires persons performing maintenance and recharging of extinguishers to be certified. Service related requirements specifically reference utilization of the manufacturer's service manuals and recommendations. (Reference: 4.4.2, 7.1.2.2, 7.3.1.2.1, 7.3.2, 7.4.1.2, and 8.1.2.1)

To help address these product service training needs of our customers and distribution, Badger offers a formal and comprehensive 8-hour factory service certification program for properly servicing Badger fire extinguishers. This factory fire extinguisher service certification program differs from other generic certification programs which typically only cover general NFPA-10 requirements, by additionally addressing all the product specific service and maintenance related information necessary to properly perform extinguisher service on Badger models.

Each attendee of the Badger certification program is provided with a current copy of NFPA-10, all the equipment service manuals, technical bulletins, product bulletins, MSDS sheets, support materials and instructions necessary to properly address performing fire extinguisher service. Only those personnel attending the full 8-hour program and passing the 25 question written examination receive a Badger factory service-training certificate valid for 4 years. Badger documents and maintains a database file on each certified attendee and the company that they are employed by.

The Badger factory extinguisher service school is intended to support and help meet the various service training and certification needs of our distribution (both direct and in-direct) as well as recognized AHJ's desiring to evaluate the program. Pre-registration and attendance approval is required as space may be limited and support materials must be planned. The program is offered at various locations around the country each year.

Training and certifications provided by other organizations may not provide the necessary support materials or detailed instruction required to properly perform service on our products. Therefore, Badger can only recommend those service companies and personnel having the appropriate Badger service training certification. Simply being an authorized distributor to sell Badger extinguishers, no longer implies the company has properly trained and certified personnel available to service Badger products.

It is important to remember, that these new extinguisher service personnel training certification requirements are code driven and not equipment manufacturer business recommendations. Local licensing should also not be confused with the new NFPA "service certification" requirements.

For additional information regarding the scheduled Badger "Factory Extinguisher Service Certification" training locations and dates, contact Customer Service at (800) 446-3857 or visit our website at www.badgerfire.com to access our training course catalog