MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 20, 2020

TO: All Louisiana-licensed Life Safety & Property Protection Firms

FROM: Erin E. St. Pierre, Deputy Chief
       Special Services Division

RE: Curfew Exemptions for Monitoring & Service Personnel of Life Safety & Property Protection Firms

In order to address the potential negative effects that expected curfews instituted by local and/or state governments may have on servicing employees of licensed life safety and property protection firms during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office of State Fire Marshal has approved the use of an exemption letter, attached hereto, that should be carried by all firm servicing employees.

Firms are encouraged to utilize the form to limit issues that may be encountered by servicing personnel who are required to respond to calls for service during established curfew hours. The form is intended to be presented to any law enforcement officer should a firm employee be required to engage in the servicing of fire detection, fire suppression and security alarm systems.

Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact me at 225-925-4911.
DATE: March 20, 2020

TO: Louisiana Law Enforcement Agencies and Personnel

FROM: Erin E. St. Pierre, Deputy Chief
Special Services Division

APPROVED: H. "Butch" Browning, Jr.
State Fire Marshal

RE: Exemption of Curfew Enforcement for Essential Employees of Firms That Perform Vital Life Safety and Property Protection Services

The Office of State Fire Marshal is the licensing and regulatory authority of firms that perform services for thousands of businesses, governmental facilities and residential and commercial properties throughout Louisiana.

These services include, but are not limited to, monitoring and responding to and servicing life safety and property protection systems and equipment, such as fire/security alarm and fire sprinkler systems, that may have a devastating affect to safety if not promptly serviced. It must be noted that it is of paramount concern to this agency that monitoring operators and service technicians of our partner firms not be impeded from performing their vital services when called upon—even during times of natural, man-made or declared emergencies.

Therefore, the Office of State Fire Marshal is requesting that the individual(s) below be exempted from any enforcement of a declared curfew and be allowed to proceed unimpeded.

Name(s) of firm employee: 

Employing firm name: 

Employing firm address: 

Employing firm telephone: 

All monitoring operators and service technicians shall provide photographic, Office of State Fire Marshal licensing and employment identification upon demand, if required.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.