

# Seattle Fire Prevention Division

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## Systems Testing Oversight (“Confidence Testing”) Changes for 2019

### Report Filing Timelines and Late Fees

The Seattle Fire Code requires test reports to be uploaded to the department’s third party vendor, The Compliance Engine, within 7 days after the date of the test for white-tagged (normal) or yellow tagged (deficient) systems, or on the day of the test for red-tagged (impaired) systems.

Beginning in January 2019, reports that are not uploaded timely may incur a \$10 per report late fee. Timely submittal of reports is important for SFD’s ability to use the information from our systems testing program to improve the functioning of fire protection systems in Seattle and help keep residents and property safe in the case of a fire emergency. Testing companies are important partners for the Seattle Fire Department in the mission of helping keep Seattle safe for all who live, work, and visit here. Thank you for your partnership.

### Emergency Responder Radio Communications: New Annual Testing Forms for BDA/DAS Radio Amplification Systems

Emergency responders need reliable communications wherever they work, including inside buildings. Section 510 of the Fire Code requires that certain buildings be provided with radio enhancement systems designed to provide radio coverage in areas of the buildings where signal strength does not meet minimum criteria due to building construction features and/or location. These radio coverage enhancement systems are also referred to as BDA (bi-directional amplifier) and DAS (distributed antenna systems). The fire code also requires that these systems be maintained.

Beginning in 2019, the Seattle Fire Department (SFD) along with many other jurisdictions in King County, including Bellevue, Shoreline and Redmond, is introducing a standard annual testing form for vendors to use to report on annual testing and maintenance for BDA/DAS.

- BDA/DAS test reporting becomes **mandatory in Seattle on January 1, 2019.**
- Testing companies will be required to submit test results to the Seattle Fire Department via [The Compliance Engine](#).
- A pdf version of the new [BDA/DAS Testing and Maintenance Form](#) is available on our website.
- Please see the [letter from the Fire Marshal to BDA/DAS Installation and Testing Companies](#) to help technicians learn how to follow the new reporting requirements.
- Please see the [letter from the Fire Marshal to Building Owners and Managers](#) explaining the program.

**For more information about the Systems Testing Program**, please review our website here:

<http://www.seattle.gov/fire/business-services/systems-testing>. You may also email us at

[SFD\\_FMO\\_SystemsTesting@seattle.gov](mailto:SFD_FMO_SystemsTesting@seattle.gov). Thank you for your partnership and we wish you a safe and successful 2019.