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Dear Building Owner and/or Manager,

The Seattle Fire Department (SFD) will be improving the process for documenting and tracking DAS/BDA systems that enhance emergency responder radio communications in buildings in Seattle. Like fire sprinklers and alarms, these systems are important building components that help save lives, protect property, and provide safety to first responders. To ensure emergency responder radio enhancement systems are functional, the Fire Code requires systems to be maintained in good working condition and tested annually.

As of January 1, 2019, the Seattle Fire Department will require your testing contractor to submit annual BDA/DAS maintenance results to SFD via [The Compliance Engine](#). This submittal requirement will be in effect in much of King County, including Seattle, Bellevue, Shoreline and Redmond.

There will be a \$30 filing fee associated with the submittal of each report per year. These fees pay for the vendor program and will offset a portion of the costs of the Lieutenant-Inspector position in the Seattle Fire Prevention Division who works directly with building owners/managers and testing companies to assess and resolve any compliance cases. Your contractor (the company you hire to do the testing and maintenance on your building's BDA/DAS) is responsible for collecting these fees from their clients, administering the reporting requirements, and then submitting payments along with test reports.

There are a variety of resources for building owners and managers who want to learn more about this new program:

- [Client Assistance Memorandum No. 5123](#) has additional information about BDA/DAS public safety radio enhancement systems.
- SFD's website has information about the systems testing program in Seattle: <http://www.seattle.gov/fire/business-services/systems-testing>
- The testing and reporting requirements for fire protection systems in Seattle are clarified in Administrative Rule 9.02, particularly section 5, available at <http://www.seattle.gov/fire/FMO/firecode/adminRules.htm>.

It is the Seattle Fire Department's goal that this closer partnership and oversight of systems testing will improve life safety and protect property for all who live, visit, and conduct business in Seattle – the mission of the Seattle Fire Department.

For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.seattle.gov/fire/business-services/systems-testing> or email us at [SFD\\_FMO\\_SystemsTesting@seattle.gov](mailto:SFD_FMO_SystemsTesting@seattle.gov). Thank you for your partnership in helping to preserve lives and protect property for all who live, work, visit, or do business in Seattle.

Respectfully,

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