

**SECTION 21 10 00**  
**WATER-BASED FIRE-SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS**

**PART 1 - GENERAL**

**1.1 DESCRIPTION**

- A. The design and installation of a hydraulically calculated automatic fire sprinkler system complete and ready for operation, for the building as shown on drawings.
- B. Installation of new sectional valves in the sprinkler system feed mains as indicated on the drawings.
- C. Modification of the existing sprinkler systems as indicated on the drawings.
- D. Existing piping to be reused, replaced or removed as indicated on the drawings. Removal of piping to include all valves, flow switches, supervisory devices, hangers, supports, and associated fire alarm system conduit and wire.
- E. Existing occupant-use hose racks, valves, and accessible piping to be disconnected from their supply, drained, removed, and all remaining inaccessible piping capped.
- F. Provide access doors or panels where control or drain valves are located behind plaster or gypsum walls or ceilings as necessary to install piping above suspended plaster or gypsum ceilings.
- G. Painting of exposed piping and supports to follow Section 09 91 00, PAINTING.

**1.2 RELATED WORK**

- A. Treatment of penetrations through rated enclosures: Section 07 84 00, FIRESTOPPING.
- B. Access panels for plaster ceilings: Section 08 31 13, ACCESS DOORS AND FRAMES.
- C. Painting of exposed pipe: Section 09 91 00, PAINTING.
- D. Section 21 05 11, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION.
- E. Alarm Supervision: Section 28 31 00, FIRE DETECTION AND ALARM.
- F. Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.

**1.3 DESIGN CRITERIA**

- A. The design, materials, equipment, installation, inspection, and testing of the automatic sprinkler system shall be in accordance with the required advisory provisions of NFPA 13, 14, 20, 25, 75, 82.

B. Base system design hydraulic calculations using the area/density method on the following criteria and in accordance with NFPA 13 latest edition.

1. Sprinkler Protection:

- a. All patient care, sleeping, treatment, office, waiting areas, educational areas, dining areas, corridors and attics: Light hazard, (0.10 gpm/sq. ft.) over the hydraulically most remote 140 m<sup>2</sup> (1500 sq. ft.).
  - b. Patient Sleeping Rooms/Areas: Sprinklers with a residential listing shall be installed in accordance with their listed flows and pressures.
  - c. Kitchen, Mechanical Equipment Rooms, Transformer Rooms, Electrical Switchgear Rooms, Electric Closets, Elevator Shafts (if required), Elevator Machine Rooms, Refrigeration Service Rooms, and storage between 9 and 23 m<sup>2</sup> (100 and 250 sq. ft.): Ordinary Hazard, Group 1, 6.1 L/minute/m<sup>2</sup> (0.15 gpm/sq. ft.) over the hydraulically most remote 140 m<sup>2</sup> (1500 sq. ft.).
  - d. Clean and soiled linen rooms, trash rooms, clean and soiled utility rooms, laundry, laboratories, retail sales and storage rooms, storage room over 23 m<sup>2</sup> (250 sq. ft.), boiler plants, loading docks, warehouse spaces, energy centers, Pharmacy and SPD areas: Ordinary Group 2, 8.1 L/minute/m<sup>2</sup> (0.20 gpm/sq. ft.) over the hydraulically most remote 140 m<sup>2</sup> (1500 sq. ft.).
  - e. File Storage Areas with "Rolling Files" Racks: Ordinary Group 2 for the entire area of the space up to 140 m<sup>2</sup> (1500 sq. ft.) area of sprinkler operation.
  - f. Supply warehouse with storage height less than 3650 mm (12 ft. high): Ordinary Hazard Group 2. Storage height exceeding 3650 mm (12 ft.), per NFPA 13 latest edition.
  - g. Provide sprinklers in accessible shafts per NFPA 13 latest edition.
  - h. Provide sprinklers in gravity type metal chutes per NFPA 82.
2. Add water allowance of 15 L/s (250 gpm) for inside and outside hose streams to the sprinkler requirements at the connection to the distribution main.
3. Hydraulic Calculations: The calculated demand including hose stream requirements shall fall no less than 10 percent below the available supply curve.

- C. For each sprinkler zone provide a control valve, flow switch, self-contained test, drain assembly and pressure gage.
- D. Provide a separate sprinkler valve for each traction elevator machine room and other areas as required by NFPA 13 latest edition.
- E. Provide a guard for each sprinkler in the janitors' closets, the elevator machine room and sprinklers within 2100 mm (7 ft.) of the floor and other areas as required by NFPA 13.
- F. Locate sprinklers in patient bedrooms assuming all privacy curtains have 13 mm (1/2 in.) openings in mesh extending 450 mm (18 in.) from ceiling.

**1.4 QUALIFICATIONS:**

- A. Designer's Qualifications: Design work and shop drawings shall be prepared by a licensed engineer practicing in the field of Fire Protection Engineering or a NICET (National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies) Level III sprinkler technician.
- B. Installer's Qualifications: The installer shall possess a valid State fire protection contractor's license. The installer shall provide documentation of having successfully completed three projects of similar size and scope.
- C. On-site emergency service within six hours notification.

**1.5 SUBMITTALS**

- A. Submit as one package in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Sprinkler design shall be done by a certified professional. All plans shall be stamped by qualified P.E.
- C. Emergency service point of contact name and 24 hour emergency telephone number.
- D. Manufacturer's Literature and Data:
  - 1. Pipe and fittings.
  - 2. Valves
  - 3. Drips
  - 4. Sprinklers-each type, temperature and model
  - 5. Inspectors Test Alarm Modules
  - 6. Sprinkler Cabinets
  - 7. Sprinkler Plugs
  - 8. Pressure Gages
  - 9. Pressure Switches
  - 10. Pipe Hangers and Supports

11. Water Flow Switches
  12. Valve Tamper Switches
  13. Water Motor Alarm
  14. Water Measuring Device
  15. Test Header
  16. Valve Cabinet
- E. Detailed drawings in accordance with NFPA 13 the latest editions. Drawings shall be prepared using CADD software stamped by fire protection professional engineer and include all new and existing sprinklers and piping. Use format in use at the VA medical center. Drawings are subject to change during the bidding and construction periods. Any wall and ceiling changes occurring prior to the submittal of contractors shop drawings shall be incorporated into the contractors detailed design at no additional contract cost.
- F. Hydraulic calculations for each sprinkler system in accordance with NFPA 13 latest edition.
- G. Operation and Maintenance Data:
1. Indicating Valves
  2. Water Flow and valve tamper switches
  3. Alarm Valves
  4. Pre-action Valves
- H. Recommended preventive maintenance schedule.

**1.6 AS-BUILT DOCUMENTATION**

- A. A Mylar as-built drawing and two blueline copies shall be provided for each drawing. One copy of final CADD drawing files shall also be provided on 89 mm (3 1/2 in.), 1.44 mb diskette, for each drawing.
- B. Four sets of manufacturer's literature and data updated to include submittal review comments and any equipment substitutions.
- C. Four sets of hydraulic calculations for each sprinkler system updated to include submittal review comments and any changes to the installation which affect the calculations including one electronic set in PDF format.
- D. Four copies of the hydrostatic report and NFPA 13 material and test certificate for each sprinkler system.
- E. Four sets of operation and maintenance data updated to include submittal review comments and any equipment substitutions including one copy of NFPA 25.

F. Manufacturers literature, hydraulic calculations, reports and operation and maintenance data shall be in a labeled 3-ring binder.

**1.7 WARRANTY**

- A. All work performed and materials and equipment furnished under this contract shall be free from defects for a period of one year from date of acceptance by the government.
- B. All new piping and equipment incorporated into the new system shall be hydrostatically tested and warranted as new.

**1.8 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS**

- A. Publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referenced in the text by the basic designation only.
- B. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
  - 13-2010.....Installation of Sprinkler Systems
  - 14-2010.....Installation of Standpipe and Hose Systems
  - 17A-2009.....Standard for wet chemical extinguishing systems
  - 20-2003.....Installation of Centrifugal Fire Pump
  - 24-2010.....Installation of Private Fire Service Mains and Their Appurtenances
  - 25-2011.....Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of water Based Fire Protection Systems
  - 70-2011.....National Electrical Code
  - 72-2010.....National Fire Alarm Code
  - 82-2009.....Incinerators, Waste and Linen Handling Systems and Equipment
  - 170-2009.....Standards for Fire Safety Symbols
  - 291-2010.....Fire Flow Testing and Marking of Hydrants
- C. Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL)
  - 2011.....Fire Protection Equipment Directory
- D. Factory Mutual Engineering Corporation (FM)
  - 2010.....Approval Guide
- E. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)
  - F442-09.....Chlorinated Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Plastic Pipe
- F. American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE)
  - 1015-2009.....Double Check Backflow Prevention Assembly
- G. Contractor shall provide all necessary test equipment, parts and labor to perform required maintenance.

- H. All inspections, testing and maintenance work required by NFPA 25, NFPA 20, NFPA 13 and recommended by the equipment manufacturer shall be provided. Work shall include operation of sprinkler system alarm and supervisory devices.
- I. Maintenance and testing shall be performed on a quarterly basis. A computerized preventive maintenance schedule shall be provided and shall describe the protocol for preventive maintenance of equipment. The schedule shall include a systematic examination, adjustment, and cleaning of all equipment.
- J. Non-included Work: Maintenance service shall not include the performance of any work due to improper use, accidents or negligence for what the contractor is not responsible.
- K. Service and emergency personnel shall report to the Engineering Office or their authorized representative upon arrival at the hospital and again upon the completion of the required work. A copy of the work ticket containing a complete description of work performed and parts replaced shall be provided.
- L. Emergency Service:
  - 1. Normal and overtime emergency call-back service shall consist of an on-site response to calls within six hours of notification.
  - 2. Overtime emergency call-back service shall be limited to minor adjustments and repairs to affect the integrity of the system.

**PART 2 - PRODUCTS**

**2.1 GENERAL**

- A. All devices and equipment shall be Underwriters Laboratories Inc. listed for their intended purpose. All sprinklers shall be Factory Mutual approved.

**2.2 PIPING AND FITTINGS**

- A. Pipe and fittings from inside face of building 300 mm (12 in.) above finished floor to a distance of approximately 1500 mm (5 ft.) outside building: Ductile Iron, flanged fittings and 316 stainless steel bolting.
- B. Fire Protection water supply within the building up to sprinkler system isolation valves shall be per NFPA 13.
- C. Sprinkler piping downstream of the isolation valve on wet-pipe systems shall be black steel, schedule 10 minimum.
- D. Sprinkler piping of a dry pipe system shall be galvanized. Schedule 40 minimum.

- E. Threaded or flanged fittings shall be ANSIB1 6.3 cast iron, class 125 minimum. Threaded fittings are not permitted on pipe with wall thickness less than schedule 40.
- F. All fittings on galvanized piping shall be galvanized in accordance with ASTM A53.
- G. Slip type or clamp-on type rubber gasketed fittings shall be listed for each piping application.
- H. Piping Materials Standards:
  - 1. Ferrous piping - follow ASTM A 795 Standard
  - 2. Welded and seamless steel pipe - follow ANSI/ASTM A 53
  - 3. Wrought steel pipe - follow ANSI/ASME B36.10M
  - 4. Electric resistance welded steel pipe - follow ASTM A 135
  - 5. Seamless copper tube - follow ASTM B 75
  - 6. Seamless copper water tube - follow ASTM B 88
  - 7. Wrought seamless copper and copper alloy tube - follow ASTM B 251
  - 8. Fluxes for soldering applications of copper and copper alloy tube - follow ASTM B 813
  - 9. Brazing filler metal - follow AWS A5.8
  - 10. Solder metal, 95-5 - follow ASTM B 32
  - 11. Alloy material - follow ASTM B 446
  - 12. Non-metallic piping CPVC pipe - follow ASTM F 442
- I. Fitting Materials Standards:
  - 1. Cast iron threaded fitting, Class 125 and 250 - follow ASME B16.4
  - 2. Cast iron pipe flanges and flanged fittings - follow ASME B16.1
  - 3. Malleable iron threaded fittings, Class 150 and 300 steel - follow ASME B16.3
  - 4. Factory made wrought steel buttweld fittings - follow ASME B16.9
  - 5. Butt welding ends for pipe, valves, flanges, and fitting - follow ASME B16.25
  - 6. Wrought copper and copper alloy solder joint pressure fittings - follow ASME B16.22
  - 7. Cast copper alloy solder joint pressure fitting - follow ASME B16.18
  - 8. Chlorinated polyvinyl chloride (CPVC) - follow ASTM F 437
- J. Pipe Identification - All pipe, including specially listed pipe allowed by NFPA 13, shall be marked continuously along its length by the manufacturer in such a way as to properly identify the type of pipe. Pipe identification shall include the manufacturer's name, model designation, or schedule.

## 2.3 VALVES

### A. Listed Indicating Valves:

1. Gate: OS&Y, 2400 kPa (350 psi )Water Working Pressure (WWP) .
2. Butterfly: Gear operated, indicating type, 2400 kPa (350 psi) water working pressure (WWP). Butterfly valves are to be installed in a manner that does not interfere with the operation of any system component.
3. Ball (inspectors test and drain only): iron body, stainless steel trim, for 2050 kPa (300 psi) service, indicating type.
4. Ball and butterfly valves shall not be used on incoming water service, and on the suction side of either the fire pump or jockey pump.

### B. Check Valves: Swing type, rubber faced or wafer type spring loaded butterfly check valve, 2400 kPa (350 lb.) water working pressure (WWP).

### C. Alarm Check: Iron body, bronze mounted, variable pressure type with retarding chamber. Provide basic trimmings for alarm test by pass, gages, drain connections, mounting supports for retarding chamber, and drip funnel. Provide pressure sensitive alarm switch to actuate the fire alarm system.

### D. Drain Valves: Threaded bronze angle, globe, ball or butterfly, 4100 kPa (600 psi), Water or gas (WOG) equipped with reducer and hose connection with cap or connected to a drain line.

### E. Self-contained Test and Drain Valve:

1. Ductile iron body with bronze "Drain" and "Test" bonnets. Acrylic sight glass for viewing test flow. Various sized orifice inserts to simulate flow through 14 mm (17/32 in.), 13 mm (1/2 in.), 12 mm (7/16 in.), and 10 mm (3/8 in.) diameter sprinklers, 32 mm (1 1/4 in.) female threaded outlets or 32 mm (1 1/4 in.) one-quarter turn locking lug outlets for plain end pipe (end preparation to be in accordance with manufacturer's recommendation).
2. Bronze body, with chrome plated bronze ball, brass stem, steel handle, Teflon seat and sight glasses. Provide valve with three position indicator plate (off, test, and drain), 6 mm (1/4 in.) tapping for pressure gage and various other orifice inserts to simulate flow through 10 mm (3/8 in.), 12 mm (7/16 in.), 13 mm (1/2 in.), and 14 mm (17/32 in.) diameter sprinklers.

**2.4 AUTOMATIC BALL DRIPS**

- A. Cast brass 20 mm (3/4 in.) in line automatic ball drip with both ends threaded with iron pipe threads.

**2.5 SPRINKLERS**

- A. Quick response sprinklers shall be standard type except as noted below. The maximum distance from the deflector to finished ceiling shall be 50 mm (2 in.) for pendent sprinklers. Pendent sprinklers in finished areas shall be provided with semi-recessed adjustable screwed escutcheons and installed within the center one-third of their adjustment. The sprinkler shall be installed in the flush position with the element exposed below the ceiling line. At the specified locations, provide the following type of sprinklers. All sprinklers except "institutional" type sprinklers shall be FM approved. Provide quick response sprinklers in all areas, except where specifically prohibited by their listing or approval, and the following:

LOCATION	TYPE
Mechanical Equipment Rooms, Electrical & Electrical Switch Gear Rooms	Quick Response, Upright or Telephone Closets, Transformer Vaults Pendent Brass [93 °C (200 °F)]
Elevator Shafts, Dumbwaiter Shafts, Elevator Machine Rooms, Elevator Pits	Standard Upright or Sidewall Brass [93 °C (200 °F)]
Warehouse [Storage under 3600 mm (12 ft.)]	Quick Response, Pendent or Upright, Brass [77-74 °C (150- 165 °F)]
Warehouse [Storage over 3600 mm (12 ft.)]	See NFPA 13
Cold rooms, Freezers, Controlled Temperature Rooms and Unheated Areas	Standard Pendent, Dry Type [66- 74 °C (150-165 °F)]
Kitchen Hoods, Exhaust Ducts & Duct Collars	Standard Pendent or Upright (Extra High Temperature [163-191 °C (325- 375 °F.)]
Generator Rooms	Standard Pendent or Upright [141 °C (286 °F)]
All Patient Treatment, Elevator Lobbies and Corridors	Quick Response, Recessed Pendent, Chrome Plated [66-74 °C [150- 165 °F)]
Operating Rooms, Radiology Rooms, Nuclear Medicine Rooms	Quick Response, Recessed Pendent, Chrome Plated, Sidewall [66-74 °C (150-165 °F)]

LOCATION	TYPE
All Areas Not Listed Above	Quick Response, Recessed Pendent, Sidewall, Chrome Plated [66-74 °C (150-165 °F)]

- B. Do not use quick response sprinklers in the same sprinkler zone with other sprinklers types. In sprinklered light hazard patient zones that are expanded into fully sprinklered zones, revise the existing system to contain quick response sprinklers.
- C. Sprinklers to be installed as per NFPA 13.

**2.6 TOOLS AND REPLACEMENT PARTS**

- A. Sprinkler Cabinet:
  - 1. Provide a minimum 5 percent spare sprinklers with escutcheons with a minimum of two of each type/or as required by NFPA-13, whichever is more demanding.
  - 2. Provide a minimum of two of each type sprinkler wrenches used.
  - 3. Install cabinets in each building where directed by the Resident Engineer.
  - 4. Spare sprinklers shall be kept in a cabinet where ambient temperatures do not exceed 100 Deg F.
- B. Sprinkler system water flow switch: one of each size provided.
- C. Sprinkler system valve tamper switch: one of each type provided.
- D. Sprinkler system pressure switch: one of each type provided.
- E. Provide two sprinkler plugs attached to multi-section extension poles 2400 mm (8 ft.) minimum.

**2.7 IDENTIFICATION SIGNS**

- A. Provide for all new and existing sectional valves, riser control valves, system control valves, drain valves, test and drain connections and alarm devices with securely attached identification signs (enamel on metal) in accordance with NFPA 13.

**2.8 WATERFLOW SWITCHES**

- A. Integral, mechanical, non-coded, non-accumulative retard type, with two sets of SPDT auxiliary contacts and adjustable from 0 to 90 seconds. Set flow switches at an initial setting between 20 and 30 seconds.
- B. All conduit and wiring connected thereto shall be provided in Section 28 31 00, FIRE DETECTION AND ALARM.

**2.9 VALVE SUPERVISORY SWITCHES**

- A. Provide each indicating sprinkler, standpipe and fire pump control valve with adequate means for mounting a valve supervisory switch.
- B. Mount switch so as not to interfere with normal operation of the valve and adjust to operate within two revolutions toward the closed position of the valve control, or when the stem is moved no more than one fifth of the distance from its normal position.
- C. The mechanism shall be contained in a weatherproof die cast aluminum housing, which shall provide a 20 mm (3/4 in.) tapped conduit entrance and incorporate the necessary facilities for attachment to the valves.
- D. Switch housing to be finished in red baked enamel.
- E. Supervisory switches for ball and butterfly valves may be integral with the valve.
- F. All conduit and wiring connected thereto shall be provided in Section 28 31 00, FIRE DETECTION AND ALARM.

**2.10 WALL, FLOOR AND CEILING PLATES**

- A. Exposed piping passing through walls, floors or ceilings shall be provided with chrome colored escutcheon plates.
- B. Comply with NFPA 101 Fire Barrier Penetration codes.

**2.11 PRESSURE GAUGE**

- A. Provide a 690 kPa (100 psi) pressure gauge at each flow alarm switch location, at the top of each sprinkler or standpipe riser, at each main drain connection.

**2.12 HANGERS**

- A. Hangers shall be designed to support five times the weight of the water filled pipe plus 250 Lb (114Kg) at each point of piping support.
- B. These points of support shall be adequate to support the system.
- C. The spacing between hangers shall not exceed the value given for the type of pipe as indicated in NFPA 13 tables.
- D. Hanger components shall be ferrous.
- E. Detailed calculations shall be submitted, when required by the reviewing
- F. Authority, showing stress developed in hangers, piping, fittings and safety factors allowed.

**PART 3 - EXECUTION**

**3.1 INSTALLATION**

- A. Supervisory Switches: For each indicating sprinkler zone, control valve, provide a supervisory switch that is connected to the fire alarm system.
- B. Waterflow Switches: For each sprinkler zone, provide a waterflow switch. Install waterflow switch and adjacent valves in easily accessible locations.
- C. Piping connections:
  - 1. Sprinkler System Only: Start at flanged outlet within the building at exterior wall.
- D. Drains, Test Pipes and Accessories:
  - 1. Provide a drain at base of risers, drain connection on valved sections, and drains at other locations for complete drainage of the system. Provide valve in drain lines and connect to the central drain riser. Discharge riser outside over splash block, indirectly over standpipe drain connected to storm sewer, or as indicated. The main drain shall be capable of full discharge test without allowing water to flow onto the floor.
  - 2. Provide test pipes in accordance with NFPA 13. Test pipes shall be valved and piped to discharge through proper orifice as specified above for drains.
- E. Provide a 690 kPa (100 psi) pressure gage at each flow alarm switch location, at the top of each sprinkler or standpipe riser, at each main drain connection, and on the suction and discharge of the fire pump.
- F. Conceal all piping, except in pipe basements, stairwells and rooms without ceilings.
- G. Install new piping and sprinklers aligned with natural building and other sprinklers lines.
- H. Locate piping in stairways as near ceiling as possible to prevent tampering by unauthorized personnel. Provide a minimum headroom of 2250 mm (7 ft.-6 in.) for all piping.
- I. Piping arrangement shall avoid contact with other piping and equipment and allow clear access to other equipment or devices requiring access or maintenance.
- J. Install CPVC piping only above gypsum board or acoustical ceiling panels classified for surface burning characteristics (See UL product category BIYR in the Building Materials Directory), or behind a Listed

Sprinkler Cover Support System. In unfinished areas with flat ceiling construction and sprinkler deflectors installed within 200 mm (8 in.) of the ceiling, piping may be exposed when listed quick response sprinklers are used. In addition to the above, use CPVC only when allowed by the local Authority Having Jurisdiction.

- K. Cutout disks, which are created by cutting holes in the walls of pipe for flow switches and non-threaded pipe connections, shall be affixed near to the pipe where the originated. They shall be displayed until final inspection and then removed.
- L. For each new or existing fire department connection, locate the symbolic sign given in NFPA 170 a distance of 2400 to 3000 mm (8 to 10 ft.) above each connection location. The sign shall be 450 x 450 mm (18 x 18 in.) with symbol at least 350 x 350 mm (14 x 14 in.).
- M. Firestopping shall comply with Section 07 84 00, FIRESTOPPING. All holes through stairways, smoke barrier walls, and fire walls shall be sealed on a daily basis.
- N. Provide hydraulic design information signage as required by NFPA 13 and 14.
- O. Install access doors in ceilings of rooms where above ceiling access is required.

**3.2 TEST**

- A. Automatic Sprinkler System: NFPA 13 and 25.
- B. Standpipe and Hose System: NFPA 25.
- C. Centrifugal Fire Pumps: NFPA 20.

**3.3 INSTRUCTIONS**

- A. Furnish the services of a competent instructor for not less than two four-hour periods for instructing personnel in the operation and maintenance of the firepump and sprinkler system, on the dates requested by the COTR.

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