City to launch Fire Protection Systems Testing and Reporting Program-The Compliance Engine January 15th

The City of Rockville Fire Marshal's Office/Inspection Services Division has implemented a new online fire and life safety systems testing oversight program. Fire protection systems, including fire alarms, sprinklers, and smoke control, are among the most critical components in any building to help preserve life, protect property, and keep firefighters safe.

The City of Rockville has partnered with the private Illinois based company Brycer, to help improve the city's ability to track and drive code compliance through its online tool, **The Compliance Engine**. Accurate and timely inspection reporting combined with this new tracking capacity will significantly reduce false alarms, expedite the repairs of fire protection systems, and allow a more proactive approach to fire prevention and compliance in Rockville while helping to ensure the city's mission of saving lives and protecting property for all who live, work, visit, or do business in the city.

Here are some important facts to know:

- This new program will not impact a building owner's ability to select an approved fire protection vendor.
- Systems test reports of fire protection systems conducted within the City of Rockville, as included in the Fire Code (NFPA 1, 101 and NFPA 25) Chapter 9 (Locally Adopted Fire Code), will be now submitted to the city electronically via The Compliance Engine.
- Companies employing certified technicians must register and use The Compliance Engine. The single-point online reporting system to file test reports to be accessed and reviewed by the City of Rockville.
- There are no changes to the mandatory notification process for "red-tagged" systems — technicians or impairment coordinators must still submit the impairment notification form to the City of Rockville immediately. There is a report filing fee of $75 per report per testing period. Multiple systems of the same type may be combined in one report. For example, a single wet system sprinkler report can contain information about all wet system sprinklers in the same building for one $75 fee. The fee will offset the cost of hiring a dedicated fire codes inspector to support the program and customers.
- Reporting forms are available through The Compliance Engine.

- The neighboring City of Gaithersburg Fire Marshal's Office has been using The Compliance Engine since 2015.