



Third-Party Training

FEMA Advisory Concerning the Acceptability of Third-Party Training for Pre-Engineered Fire Suppression Systems.

The Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association advises that third party (i.e., nonmanufacturer approved) training for pre-engineered fire suppression systems does not meet the requirement for manufacturer specific training and does not meet the certification requirements of the manufacturer. Only product specific training provided by the equipment manufacturer or their authorized agent meets these requirements.

Although third-party training may be appropriate to supplement manufacturer training, it can never act as a substitute. Manufacturer training is required to assure critical product details, technical information, and design, installation and maintenance procedures are properly conveyed to the fire equipment distributor. The manufacturer is ultimately responsible for the knowledge base of their distribution network and the effectiveness of the fire suppression systems they provide.

FEMA encourages fire equipment distributors to undergo as much training as is necessary to assure that the fire protection products they provide function properly. However, only product specific training conducted by the manufacturer or a manufacturer approved agent provides the technical information necessary to properly design, install, and maintain their products.

Founded in 1930, the Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association is an international, non-profit trade association dedicated to manufacturing commercial fire protection equipment to serve as the first line of defense against fire in its early stages.

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