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SUMMARY

Fire Inspector with 8 years and 3 months of progressive fire service, inspection, **plan review**, and code compliance experience across commercial and residential construction. Holds NFPA 1030 Consolidated **Fire Inspector and Plans Examiner Certification** plus Pro Board **Fire Inspector II Certification**. Reviews architectural drawings, specifications, site plans, alarm layouts, **suppression systems**, pumps, and construction conditions against NFPA standards, IBC provisions, life safety codes, ordinances, and adopted fire regulations. Witnesses functional performance and acceptance testing, prepares concise reports and technical correspondence, and makes defensible code decisions that protect public safety and support project progress. Communicates clearly with architects, engineers, developers, contractors, owners, tenants, coworkers, and the public. Guides developing inspectors while maintaining current fire prevention knowledge.

EXPERIENCE

Senior Fire Inspector, Commercial and Multifamily Construction

January 2024 - Present

Blue Ridge Code Consulting

Hagerstown, MD

Lead advanced **fire and life safety inspections**, plan reviews, **acceptance testing**, and technical coordination for commercial and multifamily construction. Support occupancy milestones, resolve sensitive code questions, and guide junior inspectors through unusual field conditions and defensible documentation.

- Led **commercial inspections** by comparing permitted plans with field conditions before occupancy milestones.
- Reviewed alarm, suppression, pump, architectural, and site documents against NFPA and **IBC requirements**.
- Witnessed fire alarm, sprinkler, suppression, and pump acceptance tests, coordinating contractor retesting.
- Prepared formal reports and memoranda linking observed conditions with applicable code requirements.
- Guided junior inspectors through unusual conditions, plan interpretation, and defensible documentation practices.
- Coordinated **architects**, engineers, developers, owners, **contractors**, and occupants on sensitive compliance matters.

Fire Inspector II, Commercial Property Compliance

March 2022 - December 2023

Potomac Fire Protection Review

Rockville, MD

Performed independent inspections, plan reviews, **acceptance testing**, and code research for new and renovated commercial properties. Evaluated atypical conditions, communicated findings to project teams, and coached newer inspectors during joint field assignments.

- Inspected commercial properties for **egress**, **fire resistance**, alarms, suppression, and life safety conditions.
- Reviewed sprinkler, alarm, pump, and special suppression permit packages for code conflicts.
- Observed acceptance tests, verifying device operation, alarm notification, and water based system performance.
- Translated NFPA and IBC findings into concise reports, correction notices, and correspondence.
- Evaluated atypical conditions through drawings, **specifications**, site observations, and focused code research.
- Coached newer inspectors on consistent methods, professional communication, and defensible code documentation.

Fire Prevention Inspector, Public and Commercial Occupancies

July 2020 - February 2022

Capital Region Fire and Rescue

Bowie, MD

Conducted **fire prevention** and life safety inspections across public, residential, and commercial occupancies. Read plans, assessed protection features, documented hazards, supported acceptance activities, and maintained practical relationships with property representatives and fire service personnel.

- Performed occupancy inspections, documenting hazards and confirming corrective actions during reinspections.
- Inspected alarms, sprinklers, **standpipes**, **extinguishers**, and related protection features under adopted codes.
- Compared floor plans and life safety drawings with installed conditions and design intent.
- Prepared field reports and investigative correspondence describing deficiencies and required follow up.
- Supported alarm and suppression acceptance activities through functional testing and closeout documentation.
- Communicated code expectations clearly with owners, **tenants**, contractors, and fire service personnel.

Firefighter and Fire Systems Technician, Fire Service Operations

July 2018 - June 2020

Chesapeake Municipal Fire Department

Annapolis, MD

Supported fire service operations while building field expertise in construction, **fire protection systems**, emergency access, and life safety hazards. Completed surveys, documentation, equipment observations, and recurring training that supported advancement into inspection and plan review work.

- Supported **fire service operations** involving alarms, **suppression systems**, pumps, egress, and building hazards.
- Conducted pre incident surveys documenting access, protection systems, occupancy concerns, and response conditions.
- Evaluated visible alarm and suppression equipment, referring deficiencies through established maintenance channels.
- Used building plans to understand protection layouts, water supplies, access routes, and operations.

- Produced clear incident and inspection documentation in English for supervisory review and follow up.
- Completed recurring **fire prevention**, safety, and code training supporting inspection career growth.

PROJECTS

Commercial Acceptance Testing Program 📅 2024

Witnessed coordinated acceptance testing for alarms, sprinklers, suppression systems, and fire pumps. Clear records helped project teams resolve deficiencies and move confidently toward occupancy.

Multifamily Life Safety Plan Review 📅 2023

Compared architectural drawings, site plans, specifications, and field conditions for multifamily construction. Careful questions turned difficult code issues into practical correction paths.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- NFPA 1030 Consolidated Fire Inspector and Plans Examiner Certification, earned 2023.
- Pro Board Fire Inspector II Certification, earned 2022.
- Technical mentorship recognition for guiding developing inspectors through field code decisions.

EDUCATION

High School Diploma

Annapolis High School GPA: 4.0

2018

Annapolis, MD

Coursework: Fire prevention, building construction, emergency response, safety procedures

CERTIFICATIONS

- NFPA 1030 Consolidated Fire Inspector and Plans Examiner Certification 📅 2023
- Pro Board Fire Inspector II Certification 📅 2022
- Maryland Driver's License 📅 2018

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Fire Protection Systems:** Fire alarms, fire pumps, sprinkler systems
- **Suppression Systems:** Water based suppression, special suppression, extinguishing systems
- **Codes and Standards:** NFPA standards, IBC provisions, local fire codes
- **Life Safety Review:** Egress, fire resistance, occupancy safety
- **Plan Review Documents:** Architectural drawings, specifications, site plans
- **Testing and Commissioning:** Functional testing, acceptance testing, retesting
- **Inspection Documentation:** Inspection reports, correction notices, technical memoranda
- **Construction Inspection:** Active construction, field conditions, occupancy milestones
- **Code Research:** Code interpretation, ordinances, fire regulations
- **Stakeholder Coordination:** Architects, engineers, contractors, property owners
- **Inspector Development:** Technical mentoring, inspection practice, field guidance
- **Fire Service Operations:** Pre incident surveys, emergency access, response planning

SKILLS

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| • Fire Inspections | • Fire Codes | • Fire Alarms | • Inspection Reports |
| • Plan Review | • Life Safety Codes | • Fire Pumps | • Code Interpretation |
| • NFPA Standards | • Architectural Drawings | • Suppression Systems | • Inspector Mentoring |
| • IBC Requirements | • Site Plans | • Acceptance Testing | |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Fire prevention and inspection community, supporting current code knowledge and peer practice.
- Municipal fire service network, maintaining practical ties with inspectors and emergency responders.

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- Spanish (Intermediate)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST