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**Abstract**

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1. **Introduction**

This project will be the design, development, and implementation of a smart fire detection system. This system will utilize modern sensor and network technologies to help notify firefighters and building occupants of an impending or life threatening situation.

## Background/Motivation

This project is the design of a smart fire detection system, with the consideration that there are other systems that already exist. The goal is to make improvements to these devices and add features that set this product apart from the others. With this design the goal is to take out all the issues seen previous systems and to make it user friendly as possible. This will allow individuals to have a thorough understanding of the product and its functions. The design of this product will include a smoke sensor, carbon monoxide sensor, and a temperature sensor. The system will be connected to a webpage that will display the data that is read from each of the sensor nodes in real time. When a problem is detected the webpage will display what the cause of the alarm is and highlight the area of the building in which the problem is located. With this design the plan is to have an SMS message that will inform building occupants and dispatch of what the problem is and where it is located within the building. This will then activate the alarm system and the webpage will display possible escape routes for individuals that are in the structure at that time. This system will be controlled by a Raspberry Pi that will use a built in program call PIVLO that will generate and autonomous phone call to 911 operators that will let them know where the problem is located in the building and the exact nature of the problem at hand. The sensor data will be transmitted via a node network known as a wireless sensor network (WSN). This feature will allow the system to retain its functionality as an alarm based system even if the power is out and there is no WIFI connection.

Upon researching other designs that related to this particular idea, one found an idea for a mini fire detection system on a website called newton projects. It detected potential fire threats using a thermistor, with a simple led that flashes as an alert and a piezo buzzer for the alarm notification. This idea was a great starting point because it presented a good idea but left a lot to be desired. One looked at this mini project and thought of how to make this simple detection system more elaborate and something that can actually serve as a replacement for devices that are already installed. Upon doing further research one found another system on Amazon called the nest smart detector. This smart detector uses a photoelectric sensor and a split-spectrum sensor to detect potential fire threats. This gave the project team the first idea to use a photoelectric sensor in our earlier design plan, which was later scrapped due to the dramatic increase in the cost of the overall system. The objective of this project is to keep the design within affordable price range. This means that one does not want to exceed the cost of existing detectors on the market. It was found that cheaper sensors exist that offer the same measurement precession for half the price. The Nest smart detector is equipped and offered to customers with its own app, which informs the individual who owns it if a problem is detected. This idea was very interesting and the team decided to add this as a feature for this particular project. However, it was realized that this was actually not needed and in fact was overkill for this particular project. In turn a decision was made to alert occupants in the form of an SMS message. The processes of the SMS message transmission will be done using a software called PIVLO. The nest system had a built in function within the app that allowed the user to shut the detector off in case of a false alarm. With this consideration taken into account it could be something this smart fire detection system could encounter. Thus, an executive decision was made afford the users of this system the ability to turn of the system if a false alarm occurs.

One found another similar system on Amazon. It is the Alexa enabled smoke detector and CO monitor that uses a photoelectric sensor, compatible with both Apple and Android devices. The price range is more excessive than what this project plans to charge. That particular monitor is listed around 180 dollars, where this system will only cost around 100 dollars. This being one of the most expensive systems on the market, one compared this detector to the detector mentioned earlier which was the Nest Smart Detector to find a baseline for the price range of where this product should fall.

The inspiration behind this project stemmed from the background experience from two of its group members. Two out of the three group members are volunteer firefighters and have direct experience in the field. This led to the thought, what would a first responder want to see and what one believe could make the response time quicker, safer and more efficient. One also employed the ideas of other first responders to see what their thoughts on this device were. This product aims to limit casualties of civilians as well a fellow firemen. One has witnessed casualties caused by flashovers, and other dire situations caused by high temperatures. By having the system relay the temperature to the building occupants and dispatch, the goal is to greatly decrease casualties caused by flashovers. There are many signs of a flashover in which firefighters are thought to be aware of but inevitably due to human error these can be missed. With this product the objective is to have a drastic effect on that. This system will inform dispatch of the location of the threat in the building and floor it is located on. This will afford first responders the ability to pinpoint and isolate their plan of attack without having to assess the situation on scene.

When conducting research on this particular product idea one realized that people often do not have the same reaction to fire alarms, based on the simple premise that they think it is either system testing or a false alarm. This in turn causes individuals to sit idle and wait for the reactions of others. The issue with that particular situation is not the alarm system but the psychological component of the civilians themselves. The plan of this project is to eliminate this component by having a SMS message that will be sent to the occupants of the building. This SMS message will inform the building occupant’s weather or not the alarm is a test or an actual threat. Another hurdle is the problem that can arise when individuals are trying to exit the structure as soon as possible. This project plans to attach this problem by having a website that will show individuals possible escape routes, corresponding to their location within the building. The overall objective of our system is the safety and protection of life for both the civilians and first responders.

Another reason for the creation of this product is one realized the inherent need in fire detection and co monitors, between January 1, 2019 and March 4, 2019 a total of 427 civilian home fire fatalities were reported by the U.S. media, not to mention the fatalities that were not on record. One knows that they cannot completely eradicate the issue but with this system the overall goal is to have an impact on that number and have it decrease it in the future. In recent systems have improved and afforded a decrease in the number of casualties. However, the number of casualties are still too high and one must not be complacent with the systems currently in place. This is one of the main drivers for the idea for the design of a smart fire detection system, to have an impact as in the local and national community.

## Objective:

The project objective is to design a smart fire detection system that can be implemented for commercial and in home use this system will be able to determine the fires location, notify 911 operators of the fire location, and alert building occupants of the potential threats location.

## Design Requirements:

1. The system will have an autonomous 911 call that will notify dispatch of the fire and its location within the building.
2. Should be able to detect the temperature of the fire and determine if it is at flash point.
3. Monitor carbon monoxide levels and alert occupants if level is above acceptable threshold.
4. Send out a SMS message to registered occupants of the structure of the fire and its location.
5. In home detector base must have a diameter of five inches.
6. Must provide output signals for PPE systems.
7. In home fire detector should mount to existing detectors base plate.
8. The time from the detector’s issuing a fire alarm signal to the controller’s receiving should be controlled within the 10 seconds (GB4717-2005 Fire Alarm Control Units).
9. If any module in the system fails, fire alarm controller should detect the fault in 100 seconds (GB4717-2005 Fire Alarm Control Units).

## Design Constraints

1. Detector should be less than 200 dollars.
2. System must have voice alarm notification for building occupants.
3. Wireless nodes must be no more than 60 feet apart.

## Design Method (Approach)

The first step for this design method is to select the appropriate sensors for smoke, carbon monoxide, and temperature detection. The second step is to program each of these sensors for their perspective measurement thresholds and if these thresholds are passed issues a warning signal. The third step is to interface these sensors with a microcontroller that will drive each of these sensors processes and transmit their data to the CPU. The fourth step in this project is to program the RF transmitter, RF receiver, and logic level converter for the interface between the microcontroller and raspberry pi. The fifth step is to download PIVLO onto the raspberry pi and program the pi to make autonomous phone calls to emergency services. The sixth step is to implement reference ID’s for each node and assign them to their proper autonomous emergency call. The seventh step is to create a website that will allow the building administrator to see a virtual map of the building and location of where a potential problem will be located. The eighth step will be to again use PIVLO to send SMS warning messages to all registered building occupants of potential problem. The tenth step is to create a printed circuit board that will house contain the sensors, alarm module, and microcontroller. The eleventh step is to design and print a 3D housing that will contain the PCB. The twelfth step is to connect raspberry pi with display and test the administrative web page. Finally the thirteenth step is to interface the entire project and test the system as a whole.

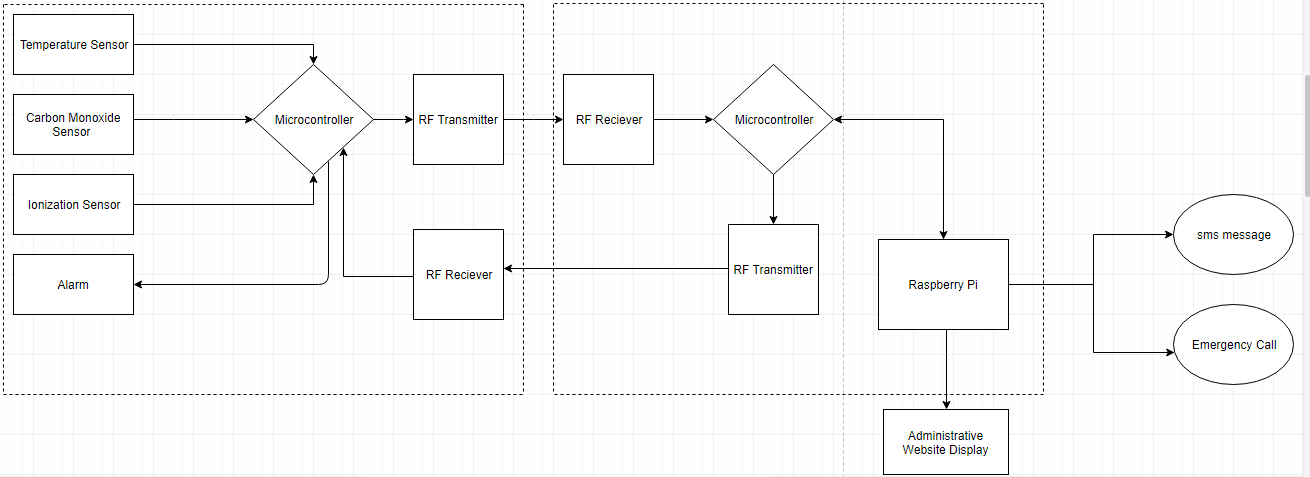
## Standards

1. The initiation function provides the input signal to the system. (NFPA 101, 9.6.1.7).
2. The notification function is the means by which the system advises that human action is required in response to a particular condition. (NFPA 101, 9.6.1.7).
3. The control function provides outputs to control building equipment to enhance protection of life. (NFPA 101, 9.6.1.7).
4. Occupant notification shall be by means of voice announcements. (NFPA 101, 9.6.1.7).
5. Fire alarm circuits shall be installed in a neat workmanlike manner. (NFPA 70 Art. 760.24).
6. Cables and conductors installed exposed on the surface of ceilings and sidewalls shall be supported by the building structure in such a manner that the cable will not be damaged by normal building use. (NFPA 70 Art. 760.24).
7. All fire alarm drawings shall use symbols described in NFPA 170, Standard for Fire Safety and Emergency Symbols.
8. With every new system, a documentation cabinet shall be installed at the system control unit or at another approved location at the protected premises.
9. Smoke detector must be replaced every ten years in accordance to Maryland Smoke Alarm Law.
10. The smoke alarm requirements for existing older homes are based upon when the house was built.
11. The Law heavily emphasizes the use of sealed smoke alarms with long life batteries and silence/hush buttons.
12. Any new home in Maryland constructed after January 1, 1989 required at least one hardwired electric smoke alarm on every level of the home, including the basement.
13. The units must be interconnected in order that activation of any one of the required smoke alarms resulted in the sounding all of the required smoke alarms.
14. **Project Description**

## System Description

The fire detector is going to consist of three core sensors, a temperature sensor, carbon monoxide sensor, and an ionization sensor. The sensor data will be transmitted over a wireless sensor network made up of a series of RF transmitters and receivers. The sensors. RF transmitter, and RF receivers will be controlled by a microcontroller (Arduino). The detector will transmit sensor data to a RF receiver that will be connected to a logic level converter. This logic level converter will step the microcontroller’s voltage up from 3.3 volts to 5 volts. This will allow communication between the microcontroller and microprocessor (raspberry pi). The raspberry pi will process the data contiguously and if a problem is detected will use a program called PIVLO to transmit an autonomous emergency call that is specific to the ID of the sensor that identified a problem. The raspberry pi will transmit a warning message to any numbers programmed in the occupant network alerting building occupants of the potential problem and its location. The microprocessor will also send a warning signal back through the system and activate an alarm in the detector.

## System Diagram



1. System Diagram: (a) main system, (b) subsystem1, and (c) subsystem2.

## System Functions

1. When either of the sensors threshold is tripped it will issue a message signal that will be transmitted to the microcontroller.
2. The microcontroller will process this message signal and transmit it via the RF transmitter.
3. This will be received by the RF receiver that will pass this information through a second microcontroller and a logic level converter.
4. This data will then be transmitted to the raspberry pi that will identify the warning signal which will then pass a message signal back to the detector and activate the voice alarm notification.
5. The raspberry pi will generate an autonomous phone call to emergency services notifying them of the problem and the location via the detectors ID.
6. The raspberry pi will send out a SMS message to all registered occupant phone numbers of the problem and its location within the building.
7. The potential threat will be updated to the administrative web page and its location within the building will be highlighted.
8. This will then be displayed on the external display that is connected to the raspberry pi.
9. **Implementation Plan**

## Tasks

* Task 1. Sensor Design
  + Subtask 1. Design program for Temperature Sensor
  + Subtask 2. Design program for Ionization Sensor
  + Subtask 3. Design program for Carbon Monoxide Sensor
  + Subtask 4. Configure microcontroller with all three sensors.
  + Subtask 5. Test interface with microcontroller and alarm notification.
  + Subtask 6. Design PCB for transmitter.
  + Subtask 7. Design PCB for receiver.
* Task 2. Wireless Sensor Network Design
  + Subtask 1. Configure microcontroller and RF transmitter interface
  + Subtask 2. Program microcontroller and RF transmitter.
  + Subtask 3. Configure microcontroller and RF receiver interface
  + Subtask 4. Program microcontroller and RF receiver interface.
  + Subtask 5. Design a data structure that will hold all sensor data.
  + Subtask 6. Configure microcontroller and raspberry pi.
  + Subtask 7. Design program that will transmit sensor data from each node to raspberry pi.
  + Subtask 8. Test Wireless Sensor Network data transmission and reception to raspberry pi.
* Task 3. Website Design
  + Subtask 1. Design background and layout of website.
  + Subtask 2. Design login for administrator and user access.
  + Subtask 3.Program a grid that will establish compartments for each room in building.
  + Subtask 4. Design a program that will interface the raspberry pi and website.
  + Subtask 5. Design a program that will pair node ID with corresponding room on the grid plan.
  + Subtask 6. Program grid to highlight room where potential threat arises.
  + Subtask 7. Configure website warning and raspberry pi.
* Task 4. Design Automated Emergency Phone Call
  + Subtask 1. Setup PIVLO account and install corresponding software on raspberry pi.
  + Subtask 2. Design a virtual autonomous alert message for each node ID.
  + Subtask 3. Design program that will correlate voice message with specific node ID.
  + Subtask 4. Configure raspberry pi for SMS data transmission.
* Task 5. Design SMS Warning Message Database
  + Subtask 1. Program SMS message corresponding to correct node ID
  + Subtask 2. Design database for building occupant phone number storage.
  + Subtask 3. Design program to send link to the webpage.
  + Subtask 4. Test SMS warning message for building occupants
* Task 6. Complete System Assembly and Testing
  + Subtask 1. Assemble entire system.
  + Subtask 2. Test full platform with nodes placed in their desired positions.
  + Subtask 3. Test all warning message software and assure they work properly.

## Team Organization

### Responsibility of Team Member 1 (David Goslee).

Task 1, Subtask 1.2, 1.3, 1.3, 1.6, 1.9

Task 4, Subtask 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4

Task 6, Subtask 6.1, 6.2, 6.3

### Responsibility of Team Member 2 (Israel Akinsoyinu).

Task 1, Subtask 1.4, 1.5, 1.7, 1.8

Task 2, Subtask 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4

Task 5, Subtask 5.1, 5.2

Task 6, Subtask 6.1, 6.2, 6.3

### Responsibility of Team Member 3 (Dedrick McCoy).

Task 3, Subtask 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7

Task 5, Subtask 5.3, 5.4

Task 6, Subtask 6.1, 6.2, 6.3

## Timeline/Milestones/Delivery Plan

1. **Project Timeline and Delivery Plan**

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| **Time** | **Task** | **Comments** | **Responsible Personnel** |
| Week 1 | Start Subtask 1.1-1.3 | Program sensors two weeks needed. | David |
| Week 2 | Start Subtask 1.4-1.5 | Program RF transmitter receiver. | Israel |
| Week 3 | Start Subtask 3.1, 3.2 | Website Design login and website layout three weeks needed.. | Dedrick |
| Week 4 | Start Subtask 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 | Design and program RF transmitter and receiver interface, two weeks needed.. | Israel |
| Week 5 | Start Subtask 2.5, 2.6, 2.7 | Interface pi with RF transmitter receiver and test data processing two weeks needed. | Da vid |
| Week 6 | Start Subtask 3.3, 3.4, 3.5 | Design grid layout for building, pi interface, and program ID’s for nodes three weeks needed. | Dedrick |
| Week 7 | Start Subtask 1.7-1.8 | Transmitter PCB design and testing four weeks needed. | Israel |
| Week 8 | Start Subtask 1.6-1.7 | Receiver PCB design and testing four weeks needed. | David |
| Week 10 | Start Subtask 3.6 | Program website with grid layout and warning light three weeks needed. | Dedrick |
| Week 11 | Start Subtask 4.2-4.3 | Design warning message and algorithm for specific room ID. Three weeks needed. | David |
| Week 11 | Start Subtask 5.1, 5.2 | Design sms message and Data base four weeks needed. | Israel |
| Week 13 | Start Subtask 3.6, 3.7, 3.8 | Program warning light to highlight specific portion of floor plan and interface website with pi two weeks needed. | Dedrick |
| Week 14 | Start Subtask 4.1-4.2 | Set up Pivlo and design virtual message for 911 operator two weeks needed. | David |
| Week 16 | Sart Subtask 4.3, 4.4 | Design program that will correlate 911 call with specific node three weeks needed. | David |
| Week 20 | Start Subtasks 6.1, 6.1, 6.3 | Test complete system two weeks needed. | David, Israel, Dedrick |

1. **Implementation**

For each task/subtask, create a section and add tech details of how it is implemented.

## Implementation of Task 1.

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### Implementation of Subtask 1.1

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## Implementation of Task 1.

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1. **Conclusion (Discussion and Future Plans)**

By the end of the project, conclude the project and your learning experience.

**Acknowledgment**

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**Appendix**

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1. **Component Specs**
2. ***Specs of Arduino Due***

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1. ***Specs of Raspberry Pi***

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1. **Source Code.**
2. ***Source Code of Graphic User Interface***

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1. ***Source Code of Robotic Arm***

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