

1.2. Voice Alarm

1.2.10. Average Ambient Sound Level

The root mean square, A-weighted, sound pressure level measured over the period of time that any person is present, or a 24-hour period, whichever time period is the lesser.

1.2.11. Communication Center

A building or portion of a building that is specifically configured for the primary purpose of providing emergency communications services or public safety answering point (PSAP) services to one or more public safety agencies under the authority or authorities having jurisdiction.

1.2.12. Communication Circuit

Any signaling path of an emergency communications system that carries voice, audio, data, or other signals.

1.2.13. Alarm Condition

An abnormal condition that poses an immediate threat to life, property, or mission.

1.2.14. Pre-alarm Condition

An abnormal condition that poses a potential threat to life, property, or mission, and time is available for investigation.

1.2.15. Emergency Command Center

The room(s) or area(s) staffed during any emergency event by assigned emergency management staff. The room or area contains system communications and control equipment serving one or more buildings where responsible authorities receive information from premises sources or systems or from (higher level) regional or national sources or systems and then disseminate appropriate information to individuals, a building, multiple buildings, outside campus areas, or a combination of these in accordance with the emergency response plan established for the premises. The room or area contains the controls and indicators from which the ECS (Emergency Communication Systems) systems located in the room or area can be manually controlled as required by the emergency response plan and the emergency management coordinator.

1.2.16. Mass Notification Priority Mode

The mode of operation whereby all fire alarm occupant notification is superseded by emergency mass notification action.

1.2.17. Notification Zone

A discrete area of a building, bounded by building outer walls, fire or smoke compartment boundaries, floor separations, or other fire safety subdivisions, in which occupants are intended to receive common notification.