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Subject: 3007.7.5 Fire Service Access Elevator Symbol
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Dear Mr. Black

In response to your request for a code opinion dated October 20, 2011 your questions and my responses are as follows:

Q1: Does the dimension in Section 3007.7.5(1) specifying the symbol be 3 inches (76 mm) in height refer to the entire symbol, including the field, as shown in Figure 3007.7.5 and not just the helmet?

A1: Yes. Section 3007.7.5 states "the fire service access elevator symbol shall be designed as shown in Figure 3007.7.5 and shall comply with the following:" (Items 1 and 2). Therefore the measurement should be made based upon the height of the symbol including the background.

Q2: Are the colors of the symbol limited to a white helmet on a black field?

A2: The code does not specify the color required for the symbol. Therefore, any color would be permitted as approved by the code official.

This opinion is based on the information which you have provided. We have made no independent effort to verify the accuracy of this information nor have we conducted a review beyond the scope of your question. As these opinions are only advisory, the final decision is the responsibility of the designated authority charged with the administration and enforcement of the code.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beth Tubbs".

Beth Tubbs

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