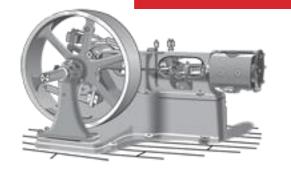
# Relable



Minnesota Chief Engineers Guild Conference 2018

"Fire Protection...Things a Facility Manager Should Know"

Presented By: Scott Hanson Technical Services Manager

# Presentation Goals...? Important Things To Know...

- Where's the riser?
- What type of systems do you have?
- Where's the control valve for each system?
- Alarms...What they mean and why they're important
- What sprinkler is it and what should you look for?
- Who are you going to call?

# Types of Sprinkler Systems...



#### Wet Systems...

(H<sub>2</sub>O Pressure Gauge)

H<sub>2</sub>O Flow Switch

System Control Valve (Indicating)



**Main Drain** 

- Pressurized Piping
- Sprinkler Opens...H<sub>2</sub>O Flows

Dry Pipe Systems...





- Pressurized Piping
- Loss of Air Pressure = System Trip

#### Dry Pipe Systems...

Supervisory

Air Switch

**Dry Pipe Valve** 

**Main Drain** 

System
Control Valve



Air Gauge

H<sub>2</sub>O Flow Switch

H<sub>2</sub>O Gauge

**Ball Drip** 

Dry Pipe Systems...

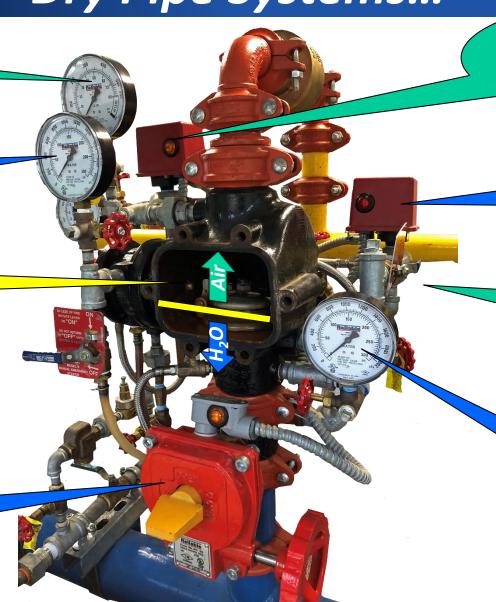
Air Gauge

H<sub>2</sub>O Gauge

**Dry Pipe Valve** 

Main Drain (Hidden)

System
Control Valve



Supervisory Air Switch

H<sub>2</sub>O Flow Switch

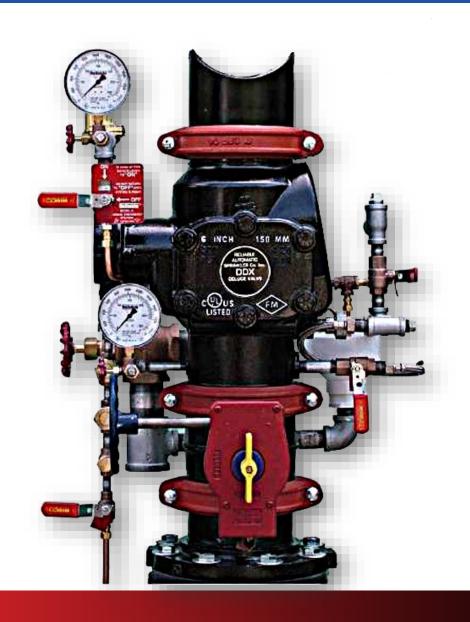
Ball Drip (Hidden)

H<sub>2</sub>O Gauge

### Deluge System (Open Sprinklers)

#### **Deluge Trim:**

- Non-Pressurized Piping
- Need Detection System
- Detection Only = System Trip

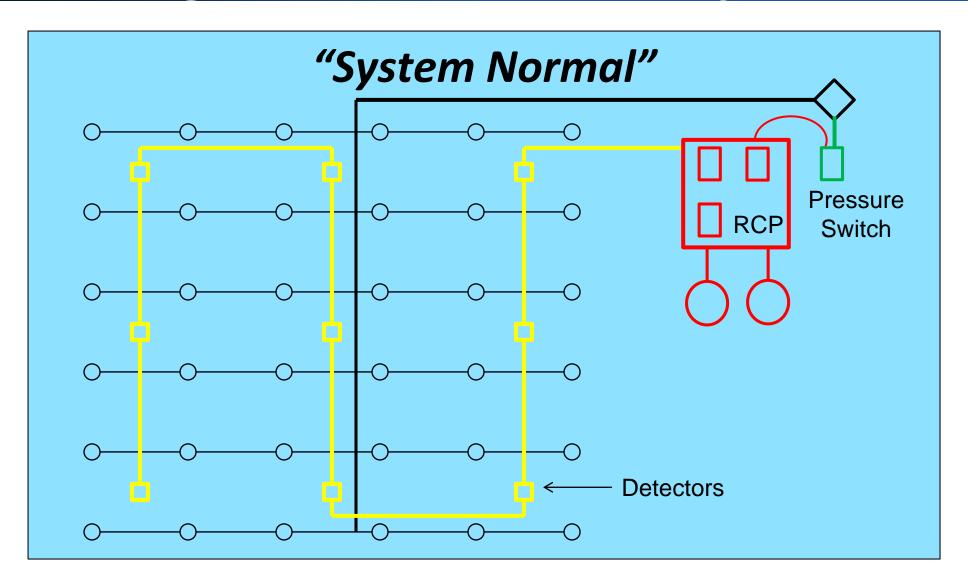


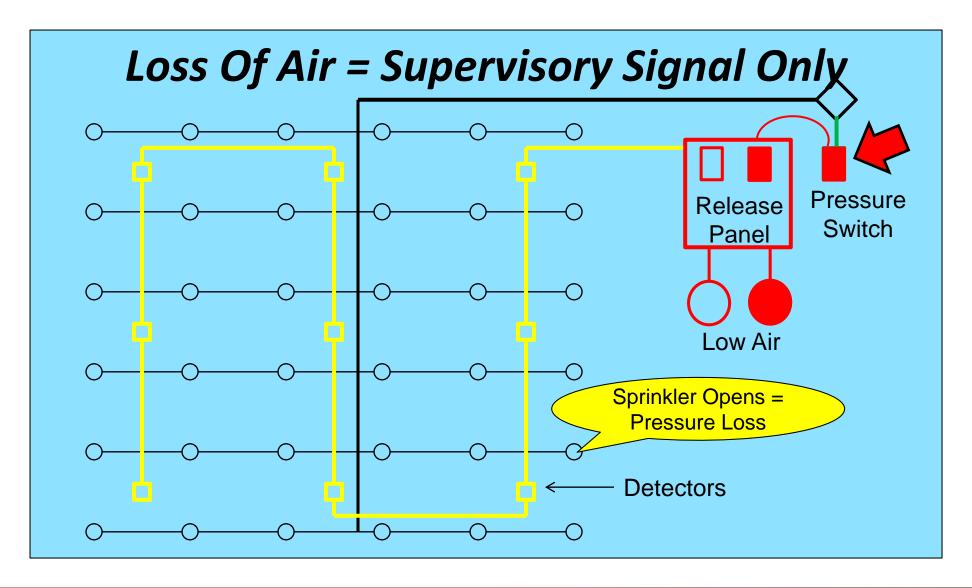
#### Preaction System (Non, Single, or Double-Interlock)

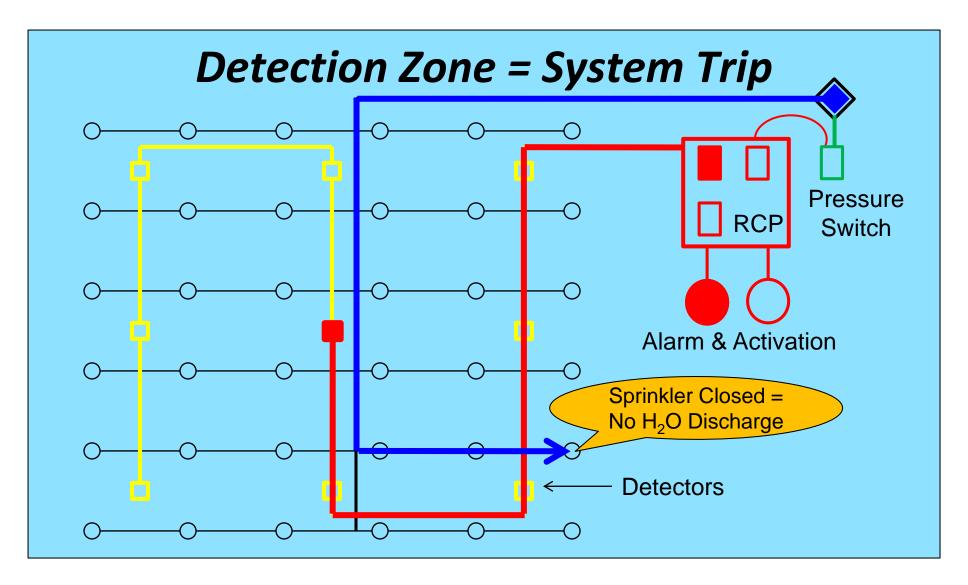
#### **Preaction Trim:**

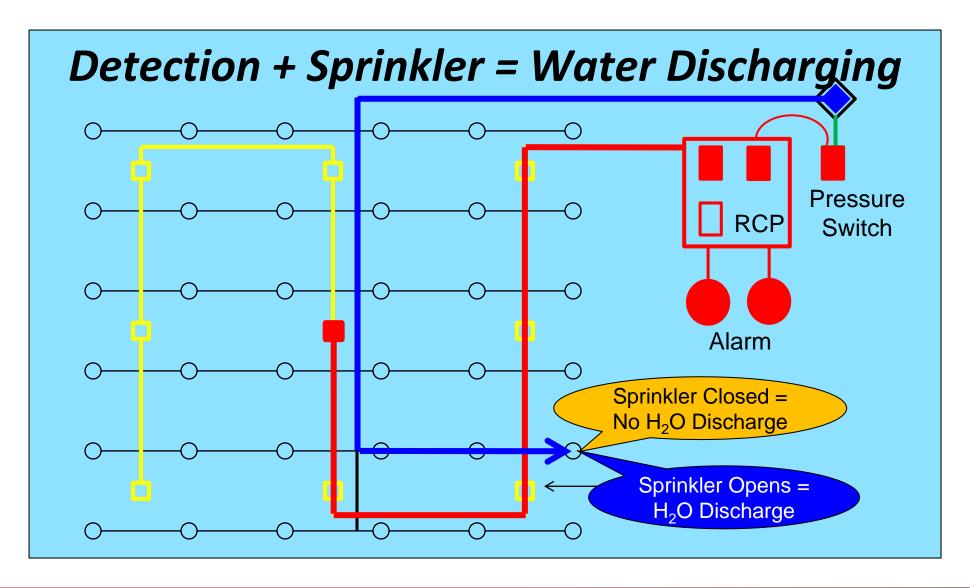
- Pressurized Piping
- Needs Detection
- Loss of Air Pressure And/Or
   Detection = System Trip

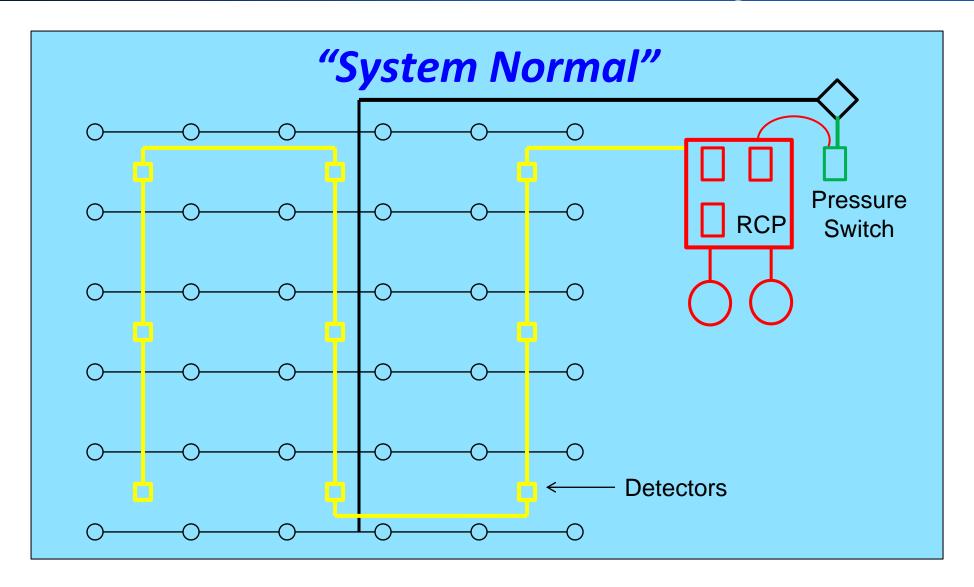


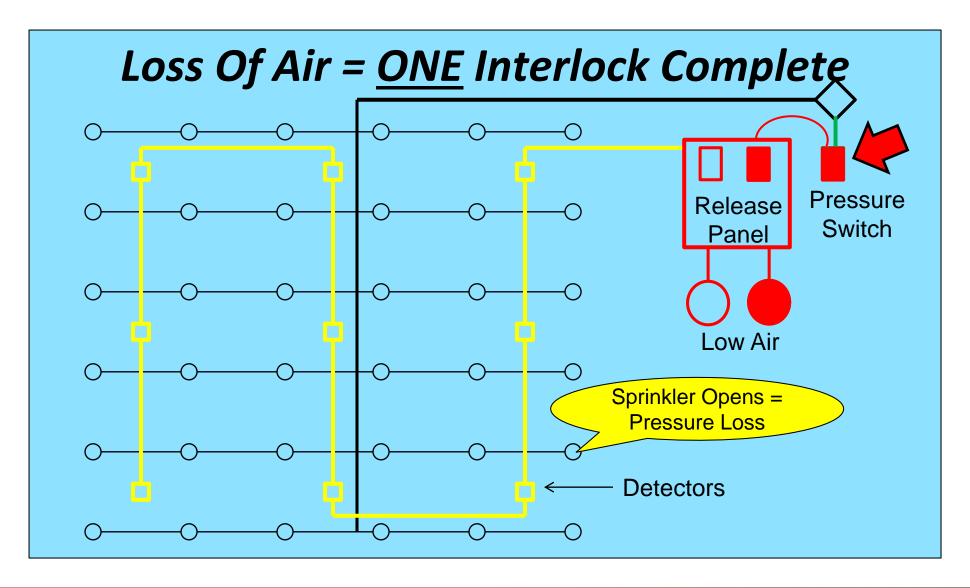


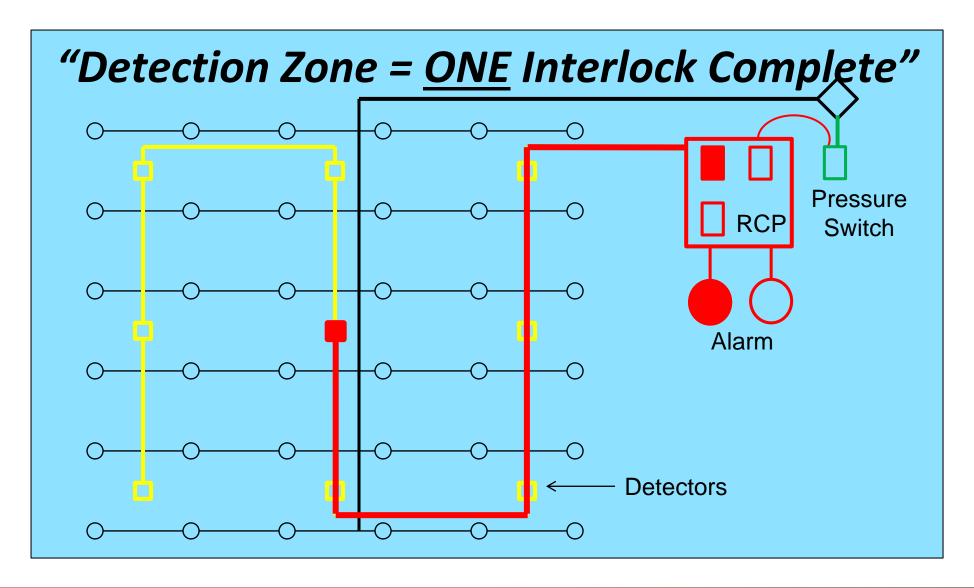


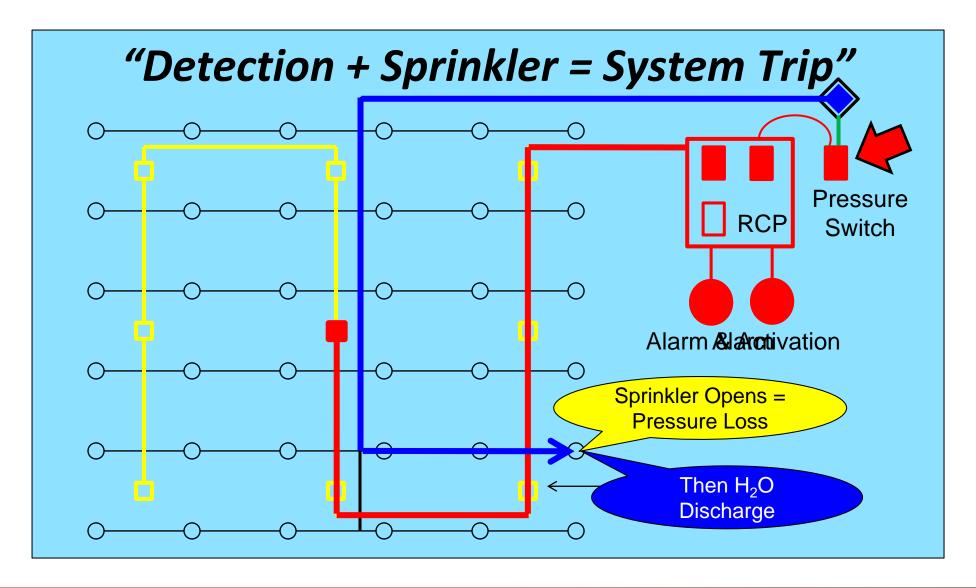












#### Preaction Systems...

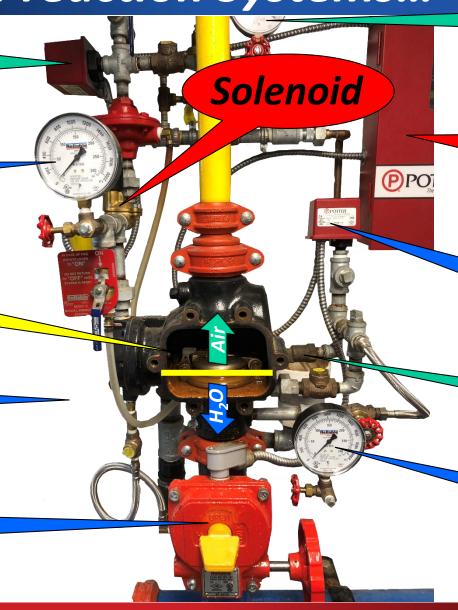
Supervisory
Air Switch

H<sub>2</sub>O Gauge

**Deluge Valve** 

Main Drain (Hidden)

System
Control Valve



Air Gauge

Releasing Panel

H<sub>2</sub>O Flow Switch

**Ball Drip** 

H<sub>2</sub>O Gauge

#### **Preaction Systems...**

Supervisory
Air Switch

Solenoid

H<sub>2</sub>O Gauge

H<sub>2</sub>O Gauge

**Main Drain** 

Air Gauge

H<sub>2</sub>O Flow Switch

**Deluge Valve** 

System
Control Valve

#### Sprinkler System Alarms...Types

- ✓ Tamper...
  - ✓ Control Valves
- ✓ Water flow...
  - √ Vane type (wet system only)
  - ✓ Pressure switch (activates on increasing pressure due to water flow)
- ✓ Supervisory air...
  - ✓ Low (activates on decreasing system supervisory pressure)
  - √ High (activates on increasing system supervisory pressure)

#### Alarms...2 Choices...(when they happen)

Acknowledge.. Igrore



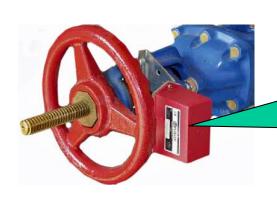
Acknowledge...Accept



#### Sprinkler System Control Valve Tamper Switches...

#### How Does It Work?

- **✓ Tamper Switches** 
  - ✓ Must initiate signal within 2 revolutions from its normal position
  - ✓ External tamper switch
  - ✓ Internal tamper switch

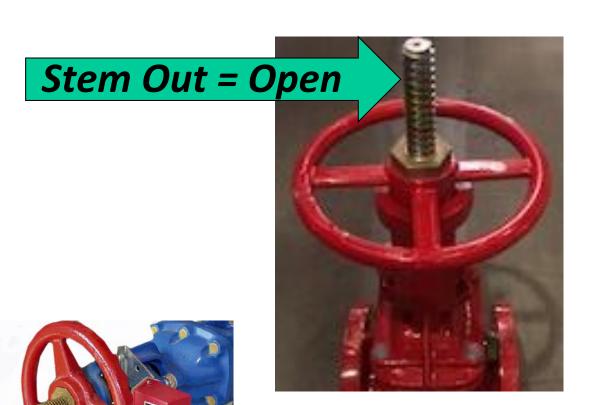


External
Tamper
Switch

Internal Tamper Switch



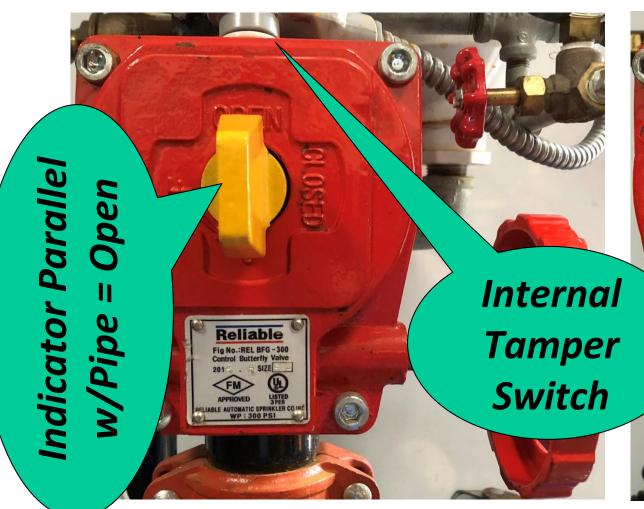
## Alarms...Tamper Switches OS & Y

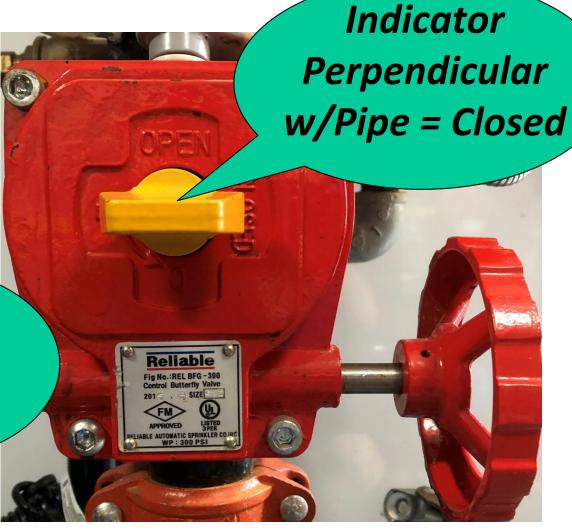


Switch



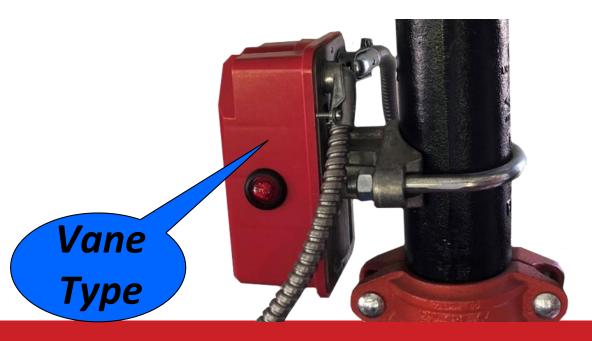
### Alarms...Tamper Switches Butterfly

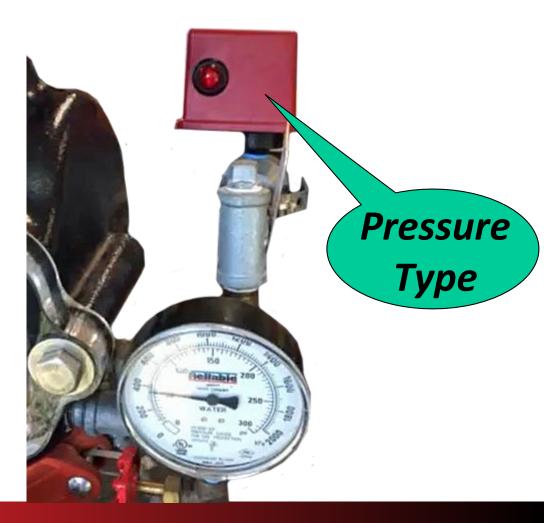




#### Sprinkler System Waterflow Alarms...

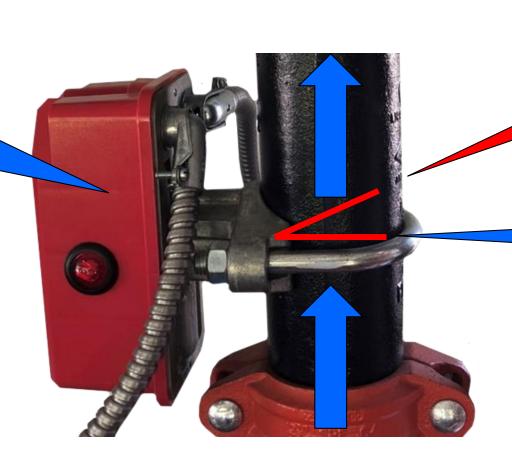
- √ Water flow
  - √ Vane type (wet system only)
  - √ Pressure switch (dry/preaction systems)





#### Vane Type Waterflow Switch...

Mounted
Directly On
System Piping



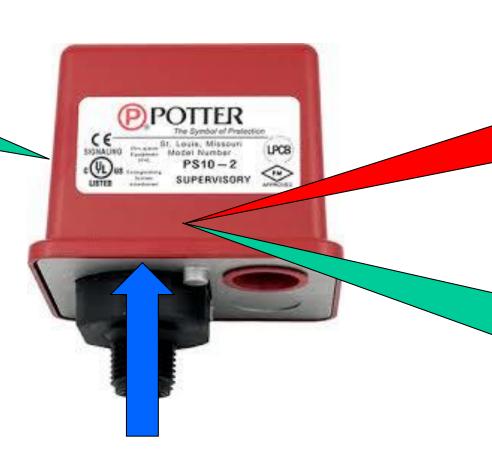
Alarm Position

Neutral Position

Water flowing through system piping lifts a paddle inside the pipe... activating the switch

#### Pressure Type Waterflow Switch...

Mounted On Valve Trim Piping



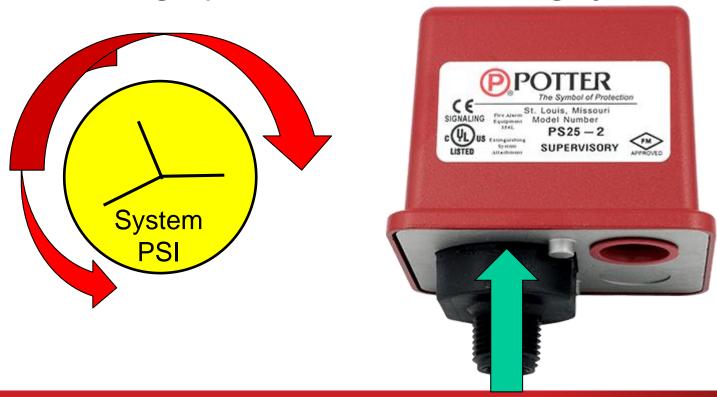
Alarm
Position =
PRESSURIZED

Neutral
Position =
NO
PRESSURE

Water flowing into system pressurizes switch...

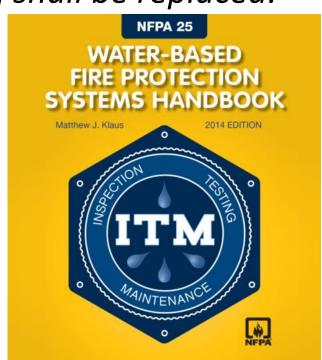
#### Sprinkler System Supervisory Air Alarms...

- ✓ Supervisory air...monitors system air pressure
  - ✓ Low (activates on decreasing system supervisory pressure)
  - √ High (activates on increasing system supervisory pressure)



# NFPA-25.5.2.1 Sprinklers NFPA-25

- 5.2.1.1.2 Any sprinkler that shows signs of the following shall be replaced:
  - Leakage
  - Corrosion
  - Physical Damage
  - Loss of fluid in the glass bulb
  - Loading
  - Painting (unless done by manufacturer)
- 5.2.1.1.5 Glass bulb sprinklers shall be replaced if the bulbs have emptied.



#### NFPA-25.5.2.1 Sprinklers



#### Leakage...





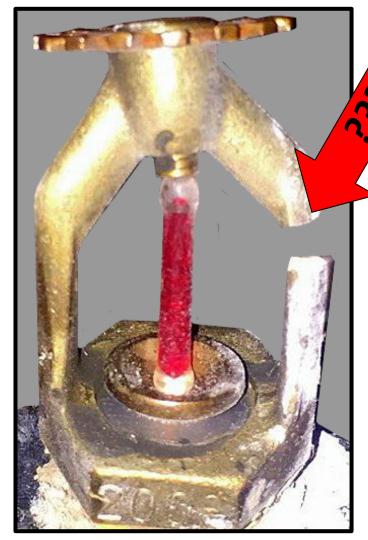
#### Corrosion...





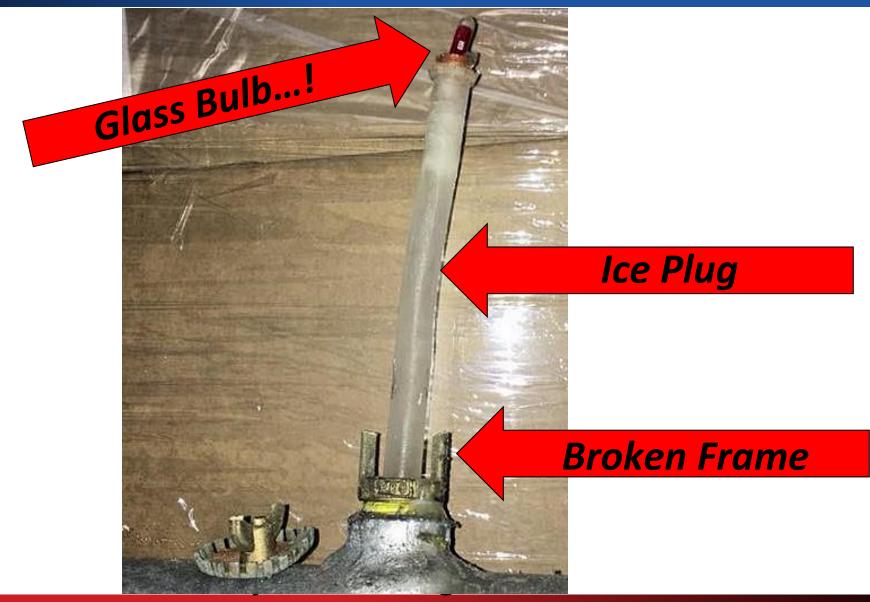
## Physical Damage...







#### Physical Damage...



#### Glass Bulbs Pop Quiz!

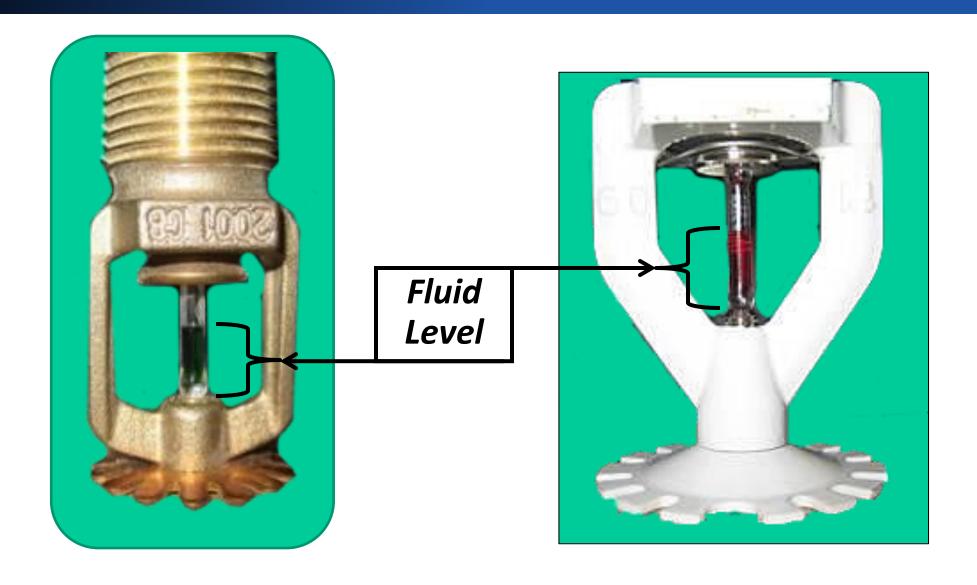
The color of the bulb affects the temperature....True or False

False!!

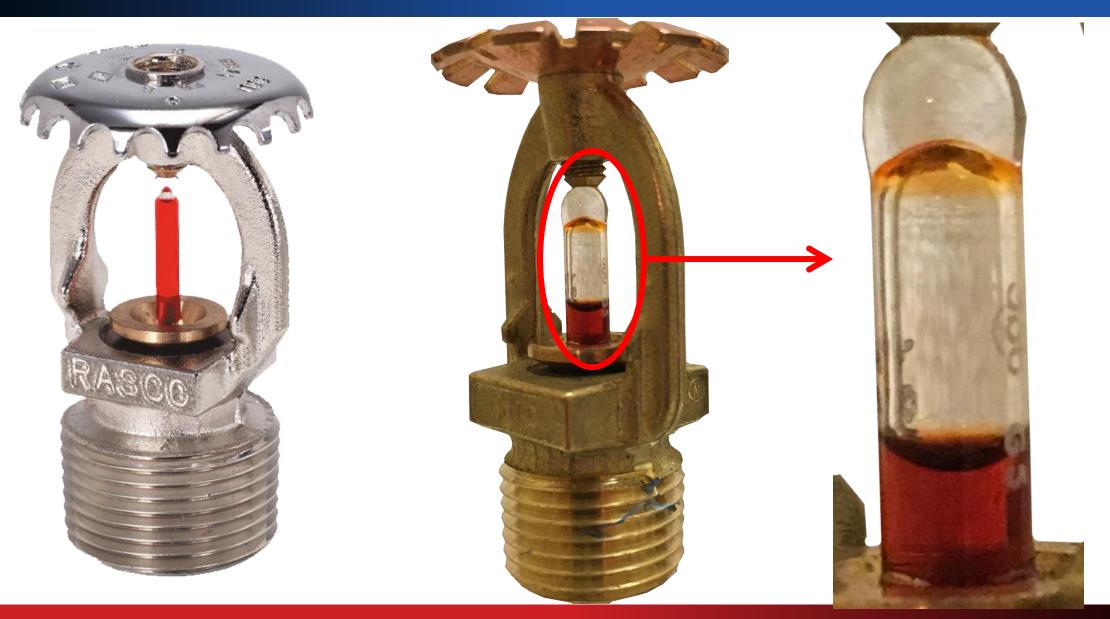
Size of the bubble inside the glass bulb affects the temperature



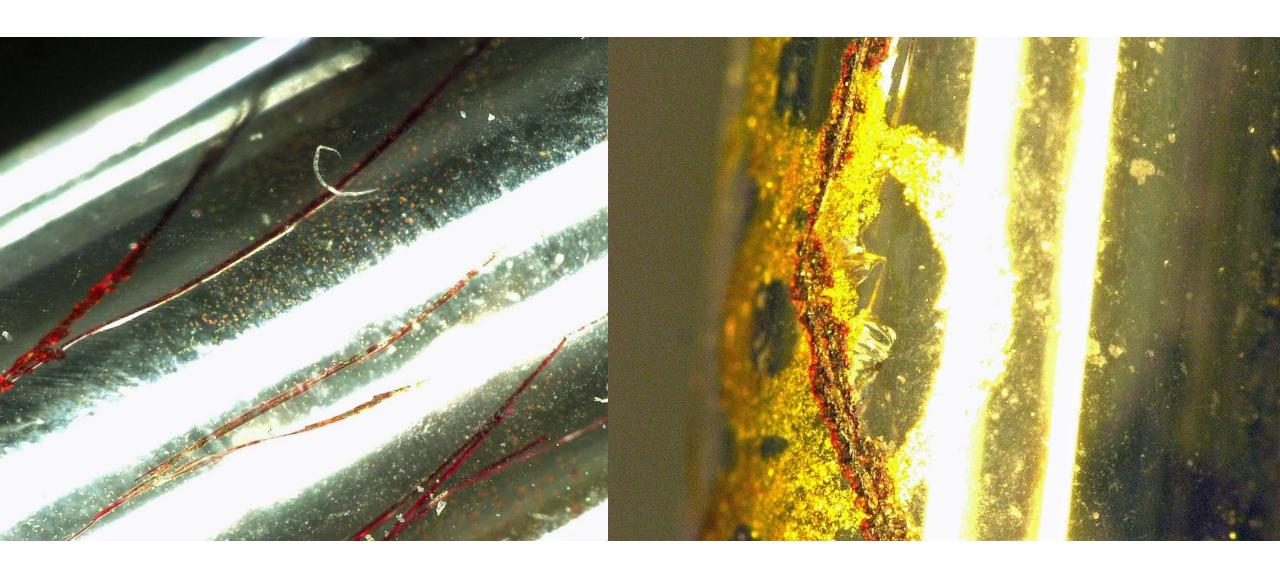
#### Loss Of Fluid In Bulb



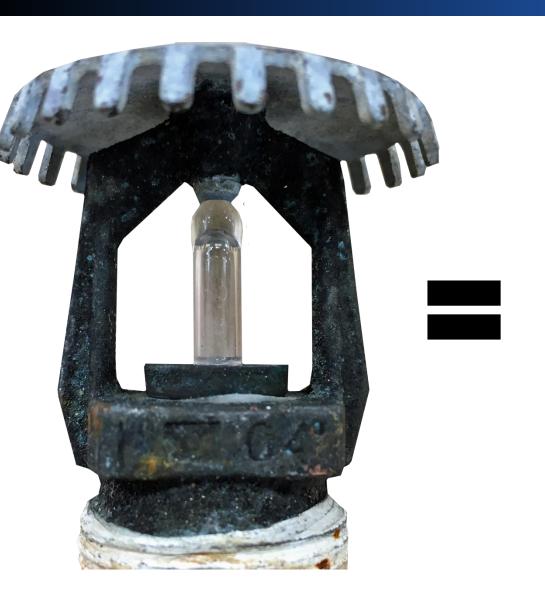
### Glass Bulb...A Closer Look



## Glass Bulb...A Closer Look



#### What If...?





## Loaded Sprinkler...







Common Human Loading...

## Loaded Sprinkler...



Slightly Loaded...

## Loaded Sprinkler...





Extremely Loaded...

## Loaded Sprinkler...?



Nope!
Listed Wax Coated
Corrosion Resistant
Sprinkler...

## Painted Sprinkler...



By The Manufacturer...

By The Painter...

### Faded Bulb Color?

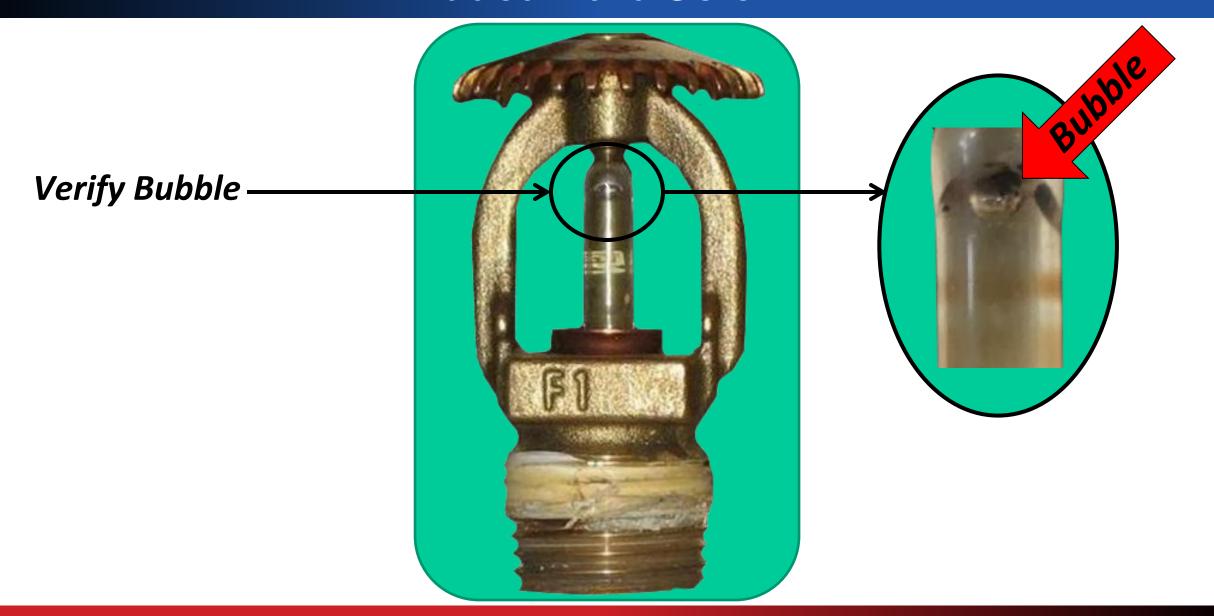








### Faded Bulb Color?



## Institutional Sprinklers...

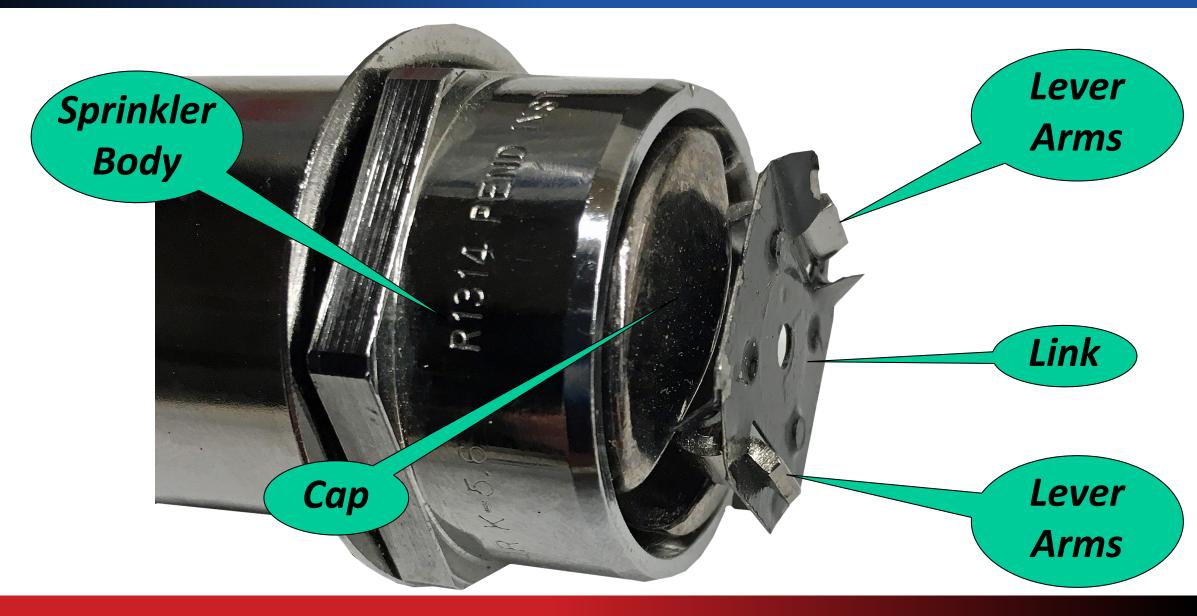


Pendent

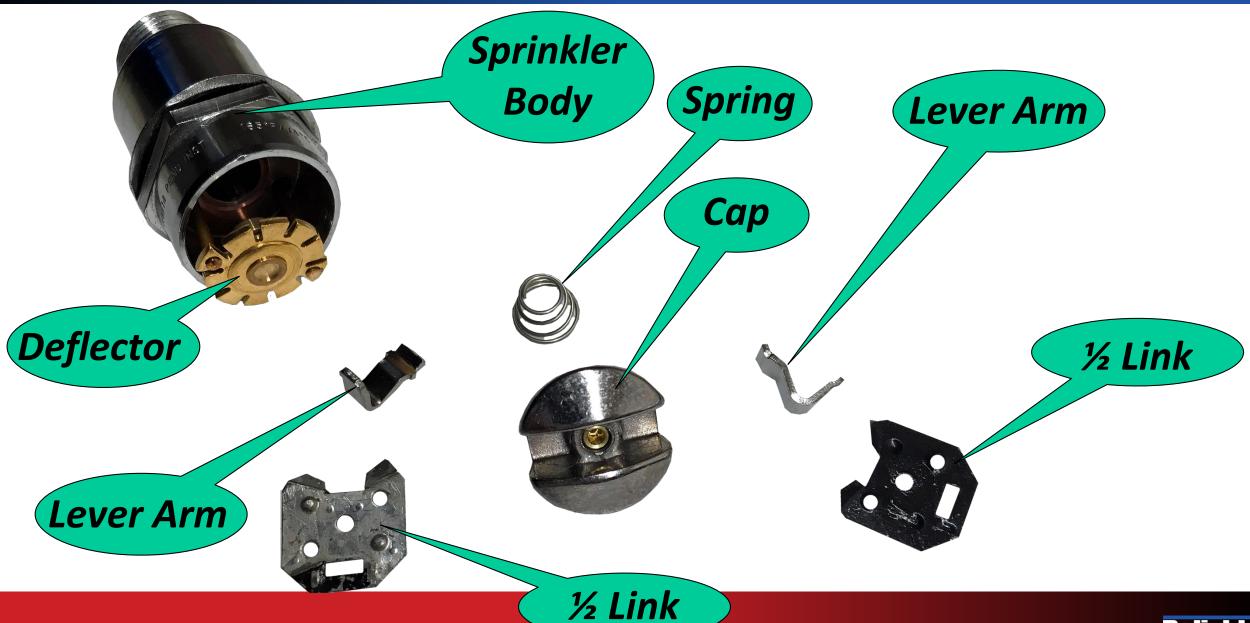


Sidewall

## Institutional Sprinklers...



### Institutional Sprinklers...



# Who You Going To Call?



## **Tech Services Contact Information:**

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# Thank You!

# Questions?



