



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON**  
**Fire Prevention Division**

**STATEMENT OF POLICY**

Policy #: BFP-0003	<b>Valves, Fire Department Connections and Alarms</b>		
Reviewed and Approved By: Gene Dugal	Title: Fire Marshal	Effective Date: September 1, 2008	Revised Date:

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to establish a Standardization of valve arrangements for Automatic Sprinkler Systems reviewed by the City of Bloomington Fire Prevention Division.

**VALVE ARRANGEMENTS**

The following list contains the policies of the City of Bloomington Fire Prevention Division concerning fire sprinkler systems. The list is not all-inclusive. Unique situations can be reviewed on a case by case basis.

- A) The fire department connection (FDC) shall be provided at the street, address side of the building.
- B) An outside flow alarm is required for all fire protection systems having more than 20 sprinklers. The outside flow alarm shall consist of a combination horn and light unit, shall be located above the fire department connection, and shall activate upon water flow. [NFPA 13(2002 edition) Section 8.16.1.1]
- C) Sprinkler systems installed in buildings 3 stories or more in height are required to have shut-off valves and water-flow devices for each floor unless approved by the City of Bloomington Fire Marshal.