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TO: All Companies Maintaining, Testing, and Repairing Private Fire Hydrants and Mains
All Owners/Operators of Complexes Protected by Private Fire Service Mains and Hydrants

FROM: Tom Simler, Division Chief/Fire Marshal

DATE: June 27, 2008

SUBJECT: Testing, Maintenance, and Inspection of Private Fire Service Mains and their Appurtenances

In order to prevent fire hydrant malfunctions that have occurred in other locales, the Cobb County Fire Marshal's Office is hereby establishing a mandatory program of inspection, testing, and maintenance of private fire service mains and their appurtenances.

1. The following publications shall govern this program:
 - a. American Water Works Association (AWWA) Manual of Water Supply Practices M17
 - b. NFPA 25, 2002 Edition
 - c. Official Code of Cobb County
 - d. Cobb County Development Standards
2. All repair and testing shall be done by a qualified company on file in the Cobb County Fire Marshal's Office.
3. Frequency of service
 - a. Flow test every third (3rd) year
 - b. Inspection and maintenance, performed annually
 - c. Painting of hydrants - as needed. Hydrants in Cobb County shall be painted silver, as follows: Base - silver paint from any paint supplier.
Bonnet - orange reflective, see "Private Fire Hydrant, Painting and Reflective Tape" letter for details on approved tape.
4. Records - accurate records shall be maintained on the premises for inspection by the authorities. Forms as depicted in AWWA Manual M17 shall be used.
5. AWWA
 - a. Telephone 1-800-926-7337
 - b. FAX 303-347-0804