

Glossary

Extinguisher: Device containing fire suppressant, often pressurized to expel suppressant when triggered by operator or an automatic release mechanism.

Fire alarm control panel: System for receiving and announcing location of fire based upon input from smoke, flame or heat detectors, or manual call points or pull stations.

Fire hydrant: a fitting in a street or other public place with a nozzle by which a fire hose may be attached to a water main.

Fire wall: Building structure designed to delay horizontal spread of a fire from one area of a building to another; often regulated by fire code and required to have self-closing doors, and fireproof construction.

High-pressure system: A supplemental pump system used to pressurize the water supply, sometimes used during a large fire, or whenever more than one hydrant is being used.

Incipient stage fire: A small fire that may be extinguished using portable fire extinguishers or other means typically at hand.