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PURPOSE: To clarify 1RCNY §908-01 in relation to Section 6.3.3.2 of NFPA 720 regarding notification appliance devices used for the detection of carbon monoxide.

RELATED BC 908.7
CODE/ZONING: 1 RCNY 908-01

SUBJECT(S): Fire alarm, carbon monoxide, notification appliance devices, strobes

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I. BACKGROUND

Section 6.3.3.2 of NFPA 720 – 2015 Edition as referenced by 1RCNY §908-01 requires that ‘notification appliances used for [carbon monoxide] signaling [] shall not have the word FIRE, or any fire symbol, in any form (i.e., stamped, imprinted, etc.) on the appliance visible to the public. Notification appliances with multiple visible elements shall be permitted to have fire markings only on those visible elements used for fire signaling.’

II. CLARIFICATION

To standardize installation requirements and avoid confusion of occupants during building evacuation, a separate visible appliance device or combination visual units designated for activation of carbon monoxide system shall be installed when required. A permanently identified lamacoid label or a permanent marking on the device with the wording **Emergency** or **carbon monoxide** shall be either affixed to the combination device or within the vicinity of the device. The lens of the visible appliance device shall be of amber color to distinguish between a fire and carbon monoxide system.