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RE: Requirements for underground water mains supplying fire suppression systems

The Crested Butte Fire Protection District would like to remind Contractors of the requirements for installing underground water mains supplying fire suppression systems.

The Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control has required contractors who perform excavation and installation of underground water supply lines for fire suppression systems to be certified with the State of Colorado since 2003.

To obtain the required information please go to http://dfs.state.co.us/, scroll down and click on Fire Suppression & Contractor Certification, then scroll down and click on “NEW AND RENEWAL APPLICANTS FOR SUPPRESSION, BACKFLOW AND UNDERGROUND CONTRACTORS, etc.” and from there you can select the “UNDERGROUND CONTRACTOR APPLICATION”. You may also contact the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control at 1.303.239.4600 or by mail at

Division of Fire Prevention and Control
690 Kipling Street, Suite 2000
Denver, CO 80215.

The Fire Division of the Crested Butte Fire Protection District requires that all underground contractors have on file a current certificate. Contractors must submit plans for review and approval for any underground water supply lines for fire suppression systems prior to breaking ground in accordance with NFPA 24 Standard for the Installation of Private Fire Service Mains and Their Appurtenances current edition. The contractor must complete a “Contractor’s Material and Test Certificate for Private Fire Service Mains” form (Click Here) prior to requesting a final inspection. Finally, the work must be approved, pressure tested and inspected prior to backfilling.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please call our offices at 349.5333 extensions 2 or 4.

Thank you for your time and consideration.