



Improving Fire Protection System Performance

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Quality Fire Protection



New v. Existing

- What code is/was used?
- What materials were permitted?
- What fire safety provisions were implemented?



Impeding Quality Fire Protection

- Design/Install
 - Errors or omissions during the initial design and installation phase
 - Enforcement of codes, standards or plan corrections not implemented
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Impeding Quality Fire Protection (continued)

- Scenario Modifications
 - Changes made to arrangements
 - Partition Walls
 - Storage racks, aisles, and/or heights
 - Alter use of spaces
 - Commodity changes
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Stakeholders

- Owners
 - Engineers
 - Technicians
 - Manufacturers
 - Installers
 - Authorities Having Jurisdiction
 - Insurers
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Owner Responsibility

- How do you care for what you do not know needs care?
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Owner Responsibility

- How can the design be amended or corrected without a periodic review?
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Owner Responsibility

- Who to call for what?
 - What resources do owner's have available to them?
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Caring for Existing Systems

- Equipment
 - Types of Systems
 - Age
 - Condition
 - Life time care
 - Holistic Approach
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System Functionality

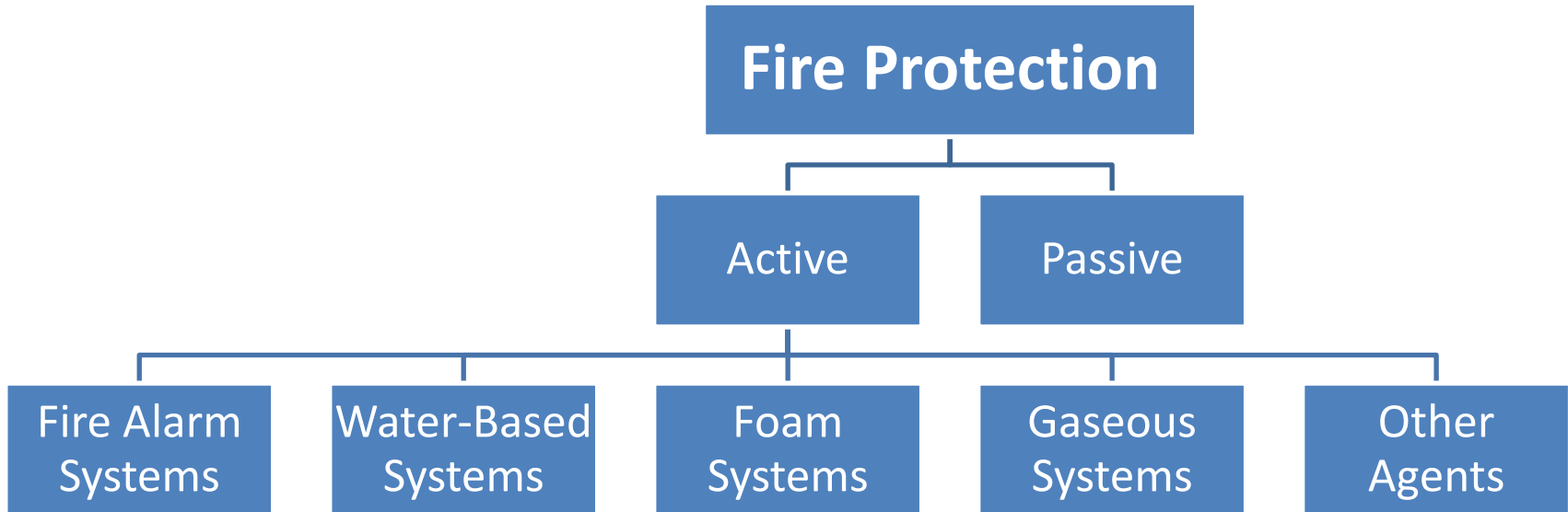
- Wear-and-Tear
- Corrosion
- Tampering



Existing System Design/Install

- Appropriate Designs and Applications
 - Quality Installation
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Specify Type of System



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POSITION STATEMENT

**THE ENGINEER AND THE ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN
DESIGNING FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS**

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Current Scenario Conditions

- Use/Risk Category
 - Occupancy
 - Function
 - Hazards
 - Use
 - Materials
 - Commodities
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Fire Protection and Security Systems

- Coordination
 - Harmonize upgrades
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Resiliency

- Coordination of features
 - Water collection
 - Green roofs
 - Building materials
 - Tightness of construction
 - Systems can work together
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Alliances

- Holistic approach to fire protection
 - More than 100 organizations related to fire protection
 - All protection methods need to be maintain properly over the life of the building/space
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SFPE Project to Improve Existing Systems

- Active and Passive Fire Protection Representation
 - Contractors and Engineers
 - Manufacturers
 - Owners
 - Authorities Having Jurisdiction
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SFPE Project to Improve Existing Systems

- Moving forward with:
 - Owner's informational whitepaper
 - Educational programs for owner's audience





Thank you!

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