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Amendment 2 to First Edition of CAN/ULC-S561-03 INSTALLATION AND SERVICES FOR FIRE SIGNAL RECEIVING CENTRES AND SYSTEMS

ULC is pleased to announce the release of Amendment 2 to the First Edition of CAN/ULC-S561-03, Installation and Services for Fire Signal Receiving Centres and Systems. Amendment 2 has been approved by the ULC Committee on Fire Alarm and Life Safety Equipment and Systems, and is dated March 2008, while the First Edition of this Standard was published in September 2003.

CAN/ULC-S561-03 (Including Amendment 2) will be of interest to the fire alarm monitoring and installation industry, authorities having jurisdiction, and others. This Standard covers:

- (i) The construction, operation, installation, inspection and tests applicable to fire signal receiving centres for fire protective signalling services utilizing fire signal receiving centre facilities and satellite centres, signal processing centres and bridging centres;
- (ii) Construction and operation of a proprietary fire signal receiving centre; and
- (iii) Installation, inspection and tests applicable to signal transmitting units and its field device inputs at the protected premises.

The purpose of Amendment 2 to CAN/ULC-S561-03 is to:

- (i) Facilitate the integration of existing signal receiving centres (SRC), systems, and services, including the protected premises, into the Standard.
- (ii) Introduce a two-tier concept (Levels) in order to address compliance for existing (Level 1 service) and new (Level 2 service) fire signal receiving centres systems, and services, including the protected premises. Level 1 service allows for compliance with ULC/ORD-C693-1994 (Central Station Fire Protective Signalling Systems and Services). Level 2 service allows for new or relocated fire signal receiving centres, systems and services; and protected premises with installation of new fire alarm systems or new sprinkler systems, to comply with all of the requirements of this Standard, except as noted for Level 1 service.
- (iii) Allow for SRC's, systems, and services, including the protected premises, that were previously in compliance with ULC/ORD-C693-1994 to continue compliance with ULC/ORD-C693 (i.e. as Level 1).

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