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TECHNICAL
POLICY AND PROCEDURE NOTICE #6/94

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DATE: June 15, 1994

SUBJECT: Fire Alarm Sending Stations and Sounding Devices in
Correction Facilities Under the Jurisdiction of the
Department of Correction, NYC.

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

PURPOSE: To modify the requirements of Section 27-971 (c) of the Building Code under provision of Section 27-968(a)(2).

SPECIFICS: Correction Facilities (prisons, occupancy group H-1) require installation of an individually coded closed circuit general fire alarm system per Section 27-972 (n) of the Building Code.

In consistence with waivers granted in the past for these facilities, the requirements are hereby modified as follows:

1. All signal devices shall not be required to sound throughout all portions of the building (s) or complex, but rather they shall be arranged to sound in the immediate area and in the central control room of the building. Since all areas which house inmates are constantly monitored by correctional officers on a 24 hour basis, the central control personnel shall advise affected area(s) staff as necessary, for appropriate action.

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2. In lieu of manually operated pull stations, key operated sending stations may be used in all inmate occupied areas provided:
 - a. A universal key is used for all facility sending stations.
 - b. The keys are clearly distinguishable from all other keys carried by the corrections staff.

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