

**STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-10-12**

March 23, 2012

The following is in response to your request for formal interpretation dated March 21, 2012.

Question:

If a building to be constructed is to be occupied as a fire department facility in a Connecticut municipality, is it excluded by the language of Section 1103.2.15 #2, from the 3,000 square foot exemption and therefore must provide accessibility for fire department personnel (firefighters) to the upper floors even if they are less than 3,000 square feet each?

Answer:

This code section is derived from Connecticut General Statute Section 29-274(c), which is based on ADA language and which I cannot interpret, but I will give my opinion regarding the subject. Yes, firehouses have, in the past, been ruled to be a municipal building by this office and would be required to provide accessibility to an upper floor even though it is less than 3,000 square feet.