

Questions Submitted to the Bureau of Elevator Safety for the April 2005 Elevator Association of Florida meeting

AT THE MEETING, BUREAU CHIEF CATHY WHITE ANNOUNCED THAT ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS ARE BEING DEFERRED TO A LATER DATE TO ALLOW MORE TIME TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOP ANSWERS

Question 1. (This is typical of several questions asking basically the same thing)

At the last meeting the Bureau answered a question regarding the requirement for inspections on two-stop elevators (question # 3). The reply was to reference FAC 61C-5.013(1)(b) which requires that A17.1 be complied with. Is this in direct conflict with FL Statutes 399.061(1)(a), which directly exempts two-stop elevators (not dumbwaiters or escalators) covered under full service agreements? Does FL Statutes have precedence over FL Administrative Code?

Question 3 from January meeting

My 3rd party elevator inspectors says I still need to have my elevators "witnessed" every year even though they are two stop hydraulic units and under a full maintenance contract. Please clarify this once and for all. The 399.061 code states that (routine) inspections are not required (2 stop units) as long as they remain under a full service contract. The A17 code does not use the term "Witnessing" although the term is commonly used to refer to the "Rule 1002.2 1-year Inspection and Test requirements". Additionally, the Bureau's Industry Information Bulletin (No. 2001-08 October 22, 2001) states in paragraph five that "all conveyances maintained under a continuous service contract must be inspected once every two years by a Certified Elevator Inspector", - then Bulletin (NO. 2000-06 November 7, 2000) adds the sentence excluding two stop elevators covered by a service contract from any inspections. Please clarify.

[A. Periodic tests are required to be performed by the registered elevator company as a part of its full maintenance contract \(FAC 61C-5.013\(1\)\(b\)\)](#)

[A written record of the results is required to be maintained in the elevator equipment room \(FAC 61C-5.013\(1\)\(d\)\).](#)

Question 2. On two landing "exempt" elevators, when the tests are witnessed, does a full inspection have to be performed in compliance with Rules 1002.1 and 1003.1 which require that "routine inspections and tests" be performed in addition to the periodic inspections and tests?

Question 3. Section 8.6 of the 2000 Edition of A17.1 covers "Maintenance, Repair, and Replacement". Many of the new requirements are the same Rules that are in A17.3 that has not been enforced in Florida. (ie: immediate replacement of all single-bottom in-ground cylinders). Does Rule 8.6 conflict with F.S. 399.03(7), or will it be effective in Florida? If effective – will it be enforced. (A17.3 has been adopted by Chapter 30 of the Florida Building Code, but it is not being enforced and many of Rules are the same or similar).

Question 4.

8.7.2.14.2(e) of the 2000 code says that the side exit shall be permanently fixed in the closed position. Does that mean that they would have to cut a hole in the top of the elevator to comply with code?

Question 5. When will the Certificate of Competency exam be revised to reflect the changes to the Statutes, Administrative Rules, and Codes?

Question too late for submission

I am currently under contract to install new cab interior finishes in (2) passenger elevators in Sarasota. They are 8 stop, OTIS, traction, duplex units. They each have car top emergency escape hatches but also, have side emergency exit doors. The new interior configuration would render the side exits inaccessible. Currently the only access to the hoistway with a door key is at the bottom and top landings. Does the code require access to the hoistway at all landings if we render the side exit inoperable?