

# POQUONNOCK BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT

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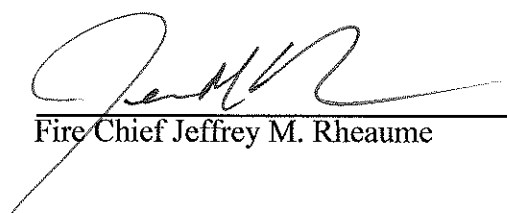
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On November 1, 2022, the Poquonnock Bridge Fire District wrote to all subscribers connected to its municipal fire alarm system, regarding future plans to remove the district's municipal fire alarm system from service. In that letter, the district stated, "*On July 1, 2023, The Poquonnock Bridge Fire District will no longer support the municipal fire alarm system.*" Additionally, subscribers of the system were made aware, "*the removal of the system may take approximately three years however, occupancies required by the Connecticut State Fire Code to have monitored fire protection systems should make arrangements with a third-party monitoring company prior to July 1, 2023.*" As stated in the November 1, 2022 letter, questions regarding if an occupancy is required by fire code to have a monitored fire alarm system, were directed to the Poquonnock Bridge Fire Marshal's Office by e-mail at [pbdfiremarshal@pbfd.net](mailto:pbdfiremarshal@pbfd.net).

**This letter shall serve as final notice that the Poquonnock Bridge Fire District is moving forward with removal of its municipal fire alarm system.** If you are receiving this certified letter, it is because Poquonnock Bridge Fire District records indicate you are still connected to the municipal fire alarm system. Once you have chosen a certified fire alarm installer along with a subscription with a third-party monitoring company, please contact our Fire Marshal's Office to schedule acceptance test inspections. There is no fee from this district for acceptance test inspections, nor for removal from the municipal system, but there must be coordination between the Fire Marshal's Office and the certified fire alarm installer.

Representatives of the Poquonnock Bridge Fire Department will be responsible for the deactivation and removal of all fire district owned components of the municipal fire alarm system, up to the termination of wiring at the fire alarm box as required by state, local, and utility codes. Property owners that have a fire alarm box or junction box on their building, will be responsible for removing the box in accordance with applicable building and fire codes.

The Poquonnock Bridge Board of Directors suspended the collection of Fire Alarm Permits and Maintenance Fees effective January 1, 2023. All outstanding or unpaid Fire Alarm Permits and Maintenance Fees due prior to January 1, 2023, shall still be collected in accordance with Poquonnock Bridge Fire District Ordinance ORD-2017-01; Fire Alarm Permits and Maintenance Fees.



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