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## FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT THEFTS ON THE RISE AGAIN

**We regret to inform you that there has been a resurgence in the theft of firefighting equipment, similar to the incidents reported in 2013.**

During that time, two former fire systems contractors were jailed for stripping buildings of potentially life-saving firefighting equipment. Hundreds of fire system connections, including inlets and risers, were stolen from 110 commercial and residential buildings, putting public safety at risk.

The recent thefts have once again targeted essential firefighting equipment, which is crucial for ensuring the safety of our communities. These thefts not only endanger lives but also force changes in firefighting operations and increase costs for building owners.

**We urge all members to be vigilant and report any suspicious activities or instances of theft to the Fire Protection Association (FPA) and the police immediately.**

Additionally, we recommend that any time your staff are onsite for regular testing of sprinkler systems or pumps, flow tests, IQP checks, etc, they take the time to **physically inspect the fire inlets points**. Your prompt action can help prevent further incidents and ensure the safety of our communities.

**Thank you for your cooperation.**