

907.5.2.2.4

Emergency Voice/ Alarm Communication System Captions

CHANGE TYPE: Modification

CHANGE SUMMARY: Large public venues are required to provide real-time captions that are integrated with the emergency voice/alarm communication system.

2018 CODE: **907.5.2.2.4 Emergency voice/alarm communication captions.** Where stadiums, arenas and grandstands are required to caption have 15,000 fixed seats or more and provide audible public announcements, in accordance with Section 1108.2.7.3, the emergency voice/alarm communication system shall be captioned provide pre-recorded or real-time captions. Prerecorded or live emergency captions shall be from an approved location constantly attended by personnel trained to respond to an emergency.

CHANGE SIGNIFICANCE: This revision adds language from Section 1108.2.7.3 in the *International Building Code* to correlate the accessibility provisions with the requirements in Chapter 9. IBC Section 1108.2.7.3 requires real-time captions of all audible public announcements. This revision affords the code official and designers to design and enforce the requirements for emergency voice/alarm communication systems and coordinate with the requirements for accessibility.

This provides for a visual notification to the large audience in these venues.



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This venue, with over 15,000 fixed seats, requires captioned announcements from the emergency voice/alarm communications system.