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Health and Safety Report

District	Location	Project #
Liberty Central School District	Liberty Public Library	2425-102
Site Visit Date(s)	Investigation type	Investigator(s)
10/10/24	Initial Fire Inspection	Gary B. Bowers II NYS DOS #B0320-0007

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Executive Summary

The NYS Education Department requires a fire safety inspection to occur, every 11 months, for each public school facility for which it has issued a certificate of occupancy. A certified code enforcement officer must perform these inspections each year during the period specified by the Commissioner of Education for each zone (the schools in Sullivan County are in the Mid-Hudson Region). On Thursday, October 10th, 2024, SC BOCES Assistant Health & Safety Coordinator Gary B. Bowers II (NYS CEO# B0320-0007) performed a fire safety inspection at the Liberty Central School District's Liberty Public Library. The fire inspection report can be found in the Appendix to this report. The information from these reports must be submitted through the NYSED Business Portal by a designated school employee. Once this is done the superintendent of schools must certify this submission, at which point the district can print their own 2024-25 certificates of occupancy.

Project Scope

Perform a visual inspection of all school buildings and complete the fire inspection report. Included in the report to the Liberty Central School District are the inspection results and an outline of the submission process.



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Materials & Methods

The fire inspection report was completed by a NYS certified code enforcement officer (#B0320-0007) pursuant to the results of the inspections. The Public School Building Fire Safety Report is prepared by the NYS Education Department, Office of Facilities Planning and available through NYSED Business Portal.

Results Summary

No environmental monitoring or diagnostic testing was performed during this portion of the investigation.

Discussion

According to the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), fires kill more than 5,000 Americans each year (more than all natural disasters combined). In addition, over 25,000 people are injured in fires each year, and the annual property loss is estimated at \$9,000,000,000. Recognizing that fire prevention is the number one way to forestall this loss of life and property, the NYS Education Department requires a formal fire safety inspection to be conducted in every public school building in New York State once every eleven months. This inspection is to be completed by a person certified by the NYS



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Department of State as a code enforcement officer via a process prescribed by the Commissioner of Education.

Comments & Recommendations

The fire safety inspection of facilities at the LCSD's Liberty Public Library took place on Thursday, October 10th, 2024. The fire inspection report can be found in the Appendix to this report. Information from these reports must be submitted through the NYSED Business Portal by a designated school employee. Once this is done the superintendent of schools must certify this submission, at which point the district can print their own 2024-25 certificates of occupancy.

References

1. **National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):** NFPA 101 – Life Safety Code. Quincy, MA: NFPA, 2003.
2. **New York State Department of State (NYSDOS):** Fire Code of NYS. Albany, NY: NYSDOS, 2002.



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Appendix

Local Public School Fire Safety Reports

Fire Inspection Site:

Building Name: Liberty Public Library

Building Use: Public Library

Inspection Date: 10/10/24

Re-Inspection Required: **No**

Inspector: Gary B. Bowers II

Registration number: B0320-0007

Location	Corrective Action	Code Section	Severity	Re-inspection date
Interior	Ensure fire extinguishers are inspected monthly	11E-1	Minor	
Interior	Discontinue the practice of propping open the fire doors with aftermarket products	14C-2	Major	
Total		3		