



Augusta Fire Department

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Inspection Reports Online

Inspection Reports Online (IROL) is a third party company that fields and processes inspection, testing, and maintenance reports from companies contracted to perform services on most fire protection systems. Systems that are reported include,

- Fire Extinguishers
- Fire Suppression Systems
- Sprinkler Systems
- Fire Alarms

By utilizing a third-party company such as IROL, fire departments essentially have someone to field these reports, track when inspection and testing is due, coordinate required services with property and business owners, and facilitate the notice of correction for found or reported deficiencies. Another benefit to utilizing this service is that IROL much like other third party reporting companies offer their service at no cost to the department. In fact, departments receive a portion of fees collected from the reporting cost paid by the service providers as a revenue stream to support their fire prevention efforts.

How does this benefit the Augusta Fire Department? Other than producing a revenue source this agreement provides the following:

- Ensure that fire protection systems are inspected, maintained and serviced at the prescribed intervals and are compliant with applicable codes and standards.
- Frees up fire inspectors to focus on projects and other related code enforcement task and increase the probability that fire inspections are passed on the first inspection, decreasing the number of reinspections needed.
- Ensures that contractors are compliant with reporting requirements for the inspection, testing and maintenance services that they provide.
- Provides early warning to fire inspectors of critical non-compliant issues that can be addressed sooner, such as system impairments.

Modestly, this type of service agreement could generate between \$88k to \$100k annually based on the number of commercial and multi-family buildings in the city where fire alarms, sprinkler systems, fire suppression systems, and fire extinguishers are required to be installed, inspected and maintained.

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