
**Department of Community Affairs
Division of Fire Safety
Memorandum**

TO: NFIRS Program Managers
FROM: Heather Puskar, NFIRS Unit Supervisor
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SUBJECT: Smoke Detector Special Study

In an effort to track the distribution of smoke detectors, the Division of Fire Safety's NFIRS Unit has developed a special study. The Smoke Detector Special Study will be in addition to the Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) Special Study and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) Special Study. Please see the attached form for more information on the Smoke Detector Special Study.

When documenting the distribution and/or installation of a smoke detector during an incident response, please use one code with one value per incident. In other words, you can document the use of the TIC and the use of an AED in the same incident; however, you can only document one value for each. For example, if you use the TIC for a civilian victim search and you find a civilian victim, and you use the AED on that civilian and it was effective, then you would document the Special Study as "6000, 5; 7000, 1".

A note to those departments that have already created their own special studies on a local level: Please do not use any code numbers between 6000 and 7999. These numbers will be reserved for State designated special studies. If you are currently using any of these numbers for your special study, please choose a different code number for your local special study.

Thank you in advance for your participation in the Smoke Detector, AED, and TIC Special Studies.

If there are any questions please contact me at hpuskar@dca.state.nj.us or (609) 324-7715.