

## License History - C-61 (D 05) and C-7 transition to C-10

During the early 1980's, CAFAA members worked with the California State License Board (CSLB) staff in an attempt to establish a separate license category for fire alarm contractors. Many CAFAA members were C-61 Limited Specialty; sub-class D-05 Fire Alarm and a few were C-10 contractors. After several meetings and informal hearings, the CAFAA was informed that there were not enough of us to establish a new license classification for fire alarm contractor.

During the mid 80's, the C-61 "D-05" classification was eliminated and fire alarm companies were put into the C-7 (low voltage contractor) classification. New text was added to the C-7 description for fire alarm contractors. CAFAA members didn't agree with this reassignment mainly because the C-7 now allowed low voltage contractors; with perhaps no background in fire alarm; to perform such work.

In the very late 80's and early 90's, CAFAA and CSLB agreed on a transition program for fire alarm contractors. Additionally, the CSLB added text to the C-7 license to specifically disallow this classification from performing fire alarm work.

The transition program was a one time opportunity. It allowed persons to attend a 2-day class and test for a C-10 Electrical Contractor license at the end of the second day. The classes were held in three locations; Sacramento, San Luis Obispo and Glendale area and taught by CAFAA and FPO members. Approximately 480 persons tested and passed the exam to obtain their C-10 license.