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**True Professional Team**

Re: **FW: 21.3008- MSG Sphere:** Preaction Detection and the Fire alarm success

To my teammates:

I am a Senior General Superintendent with almost 40 years in the Business of hitting unreachable deadlines. I recently took over a project and started looking into all of my deliverables and possible issues and or restraints. It was brought to my attention that we were at the 70% completion of the Preaction fire system and we had a major issue. The Fire alarm Vender and Mechanical Sprinkler contractor had missed the Detection and Controls for this system.

I had another project a couple years back we had worked with some large Fire manufacture vendors on a Critical unusual project. After 6 months of really not getting the correct responses, we were introduced to FPS/FIKE. Thomas Garcia. (Red I PAD MAN) We called him on a Tuesday and he made himself available on the next day or Wednesday. This gentleman came to the sight He came to meeting and looked over the project drawings and asked what the other Vender provided for a Code Compliant solution. He asked numerous questions and made many notes, he asked to see the building and constructability of what we were trying to accomplish. Again, asking numerous questions and taken notes and pictures.

That afternoon we got back a "Meeting Minutes" this guy had me believing he not only had a solution for are 6 month delayed problem, but knew exactly what we wanted, he had a solution with what we needed. And he provided a drawings and layouts. We got them set up and contracted and then he sent this "Tasmanian Ukrainian Superman" Nick, Yes FPS superintendent and this guy is the MacGyver, and a real professional. These guys worked together like a well-balanced machine and provided great communication with all the subs and me. They got this job back on track and we made schedules and deadlines with the fire department applauding their end result.

So back to MSG Sphere when I found out we had an issue I called "Red IPAD MAN" again I called one Thursday and he was there Friday morning at 6:00 Am He started his same cray look at drawings asking numerous questions and like a pro came back with three Options later that day with ROM cost Options. and what he felt was the "The Most responsible Solution" my team tried to go to others and duplicate his solution and we held him off a couple weeks. In the meantime, he made sure the Preaction mechanical would work as designed not his scope and or responsibility, when I asked him why he said he did not want to lose. I asked what he meant, he said if the Sprinkler contractor system does not work we will all look bad, The job is back on track we will not have major delays and FPS has made are major issue a mute issue

Man, FPS and the team is on task and really provided Craft a great end game.

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