



**Informal Interpretation Report  
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**Question:**

Is it the intent of the requirement for Arc Fault protection in a "dwelling unit" to include those areas when they are part of a fire station?

**Answer**

Yes. The sleeping / dwelling portions of a fire station are typically classified as an R-2 occupancy. All 120-volt, single phase, 15- and 20-ampere branch circuits supplying any of the rooms or spaces specified in Section 210.12(B) of the R-2 portion of the fire station are required to be AFCI protected.

**Commentary:**

None.

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