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SC Department of Corrections Annual Inspection Process

- 1. The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation's Division of State Fire, Office of State Fire Marshal will perform final fire inspections of new local jails and prisons as identified by the SC Department of Corrections to audit compliance with South Carolina Fire Code per SC Code of Law 24-9. State Fire Marshal Inspection Orders will be filed with the SC Department of Corrections who is responsible for prescribing corrective actions and time frames for compliance and issuing those orders to the appropriate facility representatives. The SC Department of Corrections retains the responsibility of approving and enforcing minimum standards in jails and prisons as described in SC Code of Law 24-9.
- 2. For state prisons, per the SC Consolidated Procurement Code, the Office of State Engineer will serve as the building official and will perform all final inspections per SC Code of Law 11-35-835. Should a state prison construction or renovation project be exempt from the oversight of the Office of State Engineer, the State Fire Marshal will perform those final fire inspections at the request of SCDC as described herein.

II. Requesting the Inspection:

- 1. Each facility will select 2 personnel to serve as the point of contact and administrator for inspections.
- 2. SCDC will notify the facility to submit the request.
- 3. Inspection request will be entered into the State Fire Marshal Information Management System (IMS) as a Building Inspection request by the facility representative. https://osfm.llr.sc.gov/
- 4. All paperwork is to be submitted and reviewed prior to the inspection, the following documentation will be uploaded into the IMS at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled inspection date. Failure to do so may result in the inspection being cancelled.

Required Documentation:

- a. Fire alarm annual inspection.
- b. Sprinkler system inspection reports to include weekly and monthly inspections
- c. Kitchen hood inspection.
- d. Emergency light testing log.
- e. Fire drill records







- f. Employee fire safety training
- g. For Smoke Control Systems testing
- h. Emergency plan review
- i. Other documents at the request of the State Fire Marshal.

III. Scheduling the Inspection:

- 1. The State Fire Marshal will conduct the inspection within 14 days of the inspection request. The State Fire Mashal will assign a date to the inspection request and all parties associated with the request in the IMS will receive an email notifying them of the inspection date and the assigned Deputy State Fire Marshal (DSFM) who will be responsible for the inspection. DSFMs will attempt to call the individual requesting the inspection to discuss available dates before scheduling.
- 2. Within 48 hours of the scheduled inspection, if all of the required documents have not been submitted, the State Fire Marshal will attempt to reach out to the facility to check the status of the inspection readiness. If the required documents are not uploaded within 24 hours of the inspection, the State Fire Marshal *may* cancel the inspection.
- 3. Cancelled inspections and failed inspections will require a new inspection request which will be conducted within 14 days of the request as described above.

IV. Conducting the Inspection:

- The facility representative must be present at the time of the inspection. SCDC is not required to be present.
- 2. The Deputy State Fire Marshal will lead this final fire inspection.

V. Results of the Inspection:

- Inspection reports will be available within 48 hours of the completion of the inspection and will be delivered to the SC Department of Corrections and other persons associated with the inspection request in the IMS.
- 2. SCDC is responsible for issuing its approval to allow occupancy of the inspected structure. SCDC may issue their approval with or without a final inspection from the State Fire Marshal.

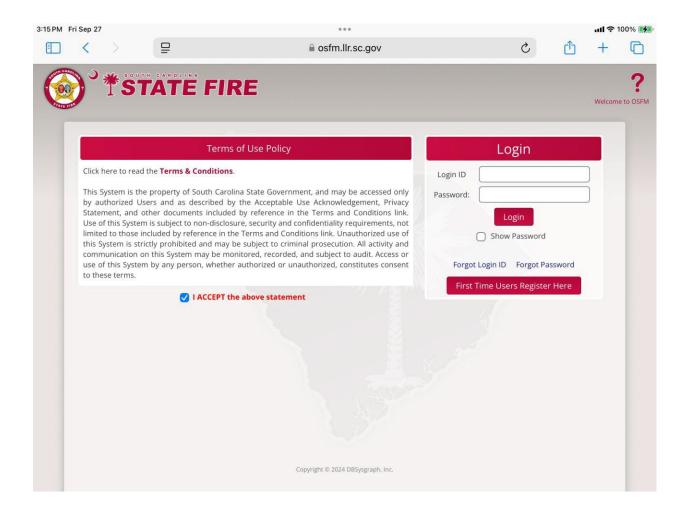






Jails and Prison Annual Inspection Request Guide for State Fire IMS

You will need to create an account in the State Fire IMS if you don't already have one. The web site is: https://osfm.llr.sc.gov.



Click on "First Time Users Register Here".

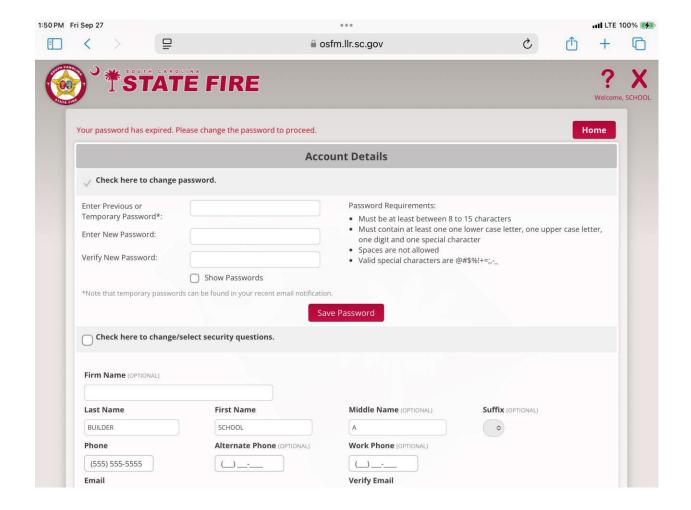


After filling in all contact fields and creating account, you will receive an email with your temporary password. Login to IMS with this temporary password and you will be brought to this screen to create a permanent password and verify your personal information. Save the new password and select "next".





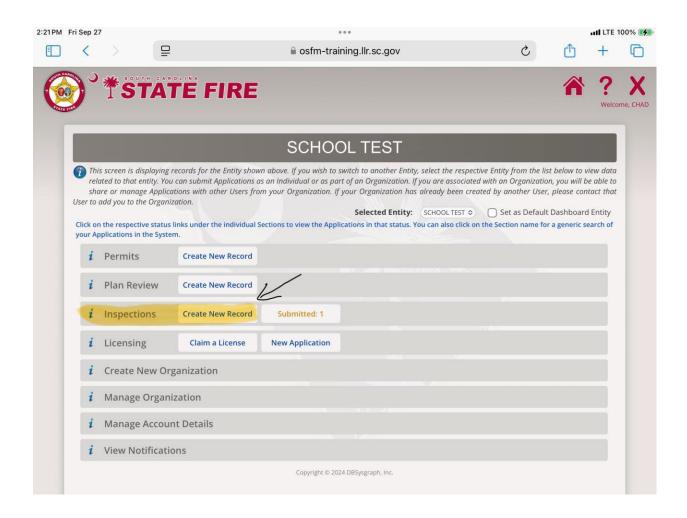




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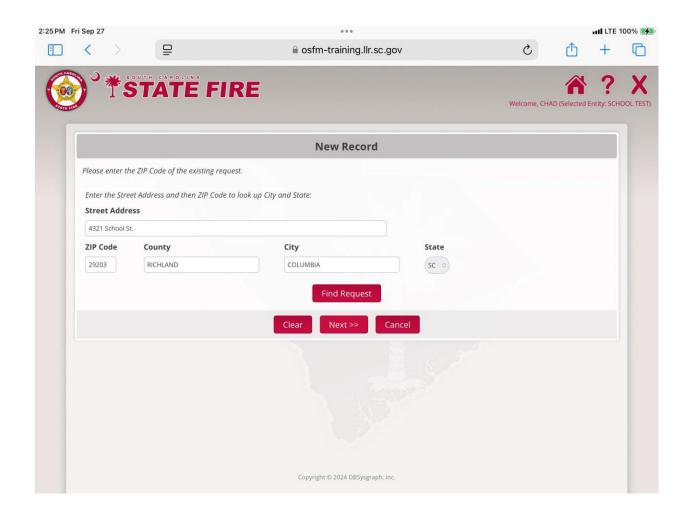


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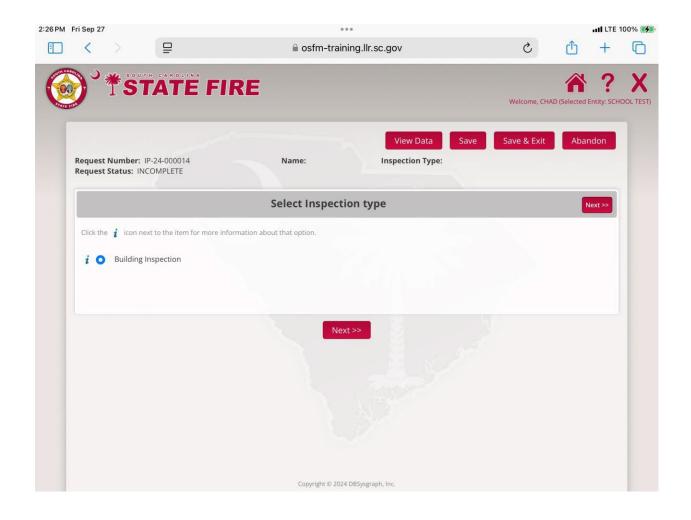






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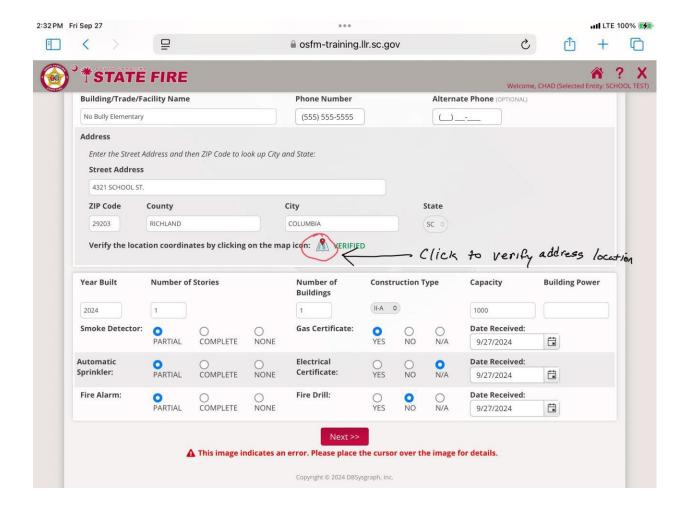


The next screen is all the information on the facility. After filling in all the pertinent information, you will need to verify the coordinates with the address before moving forward (See the circled area in the slide). After you have verified this information, you can select "next" to move on.



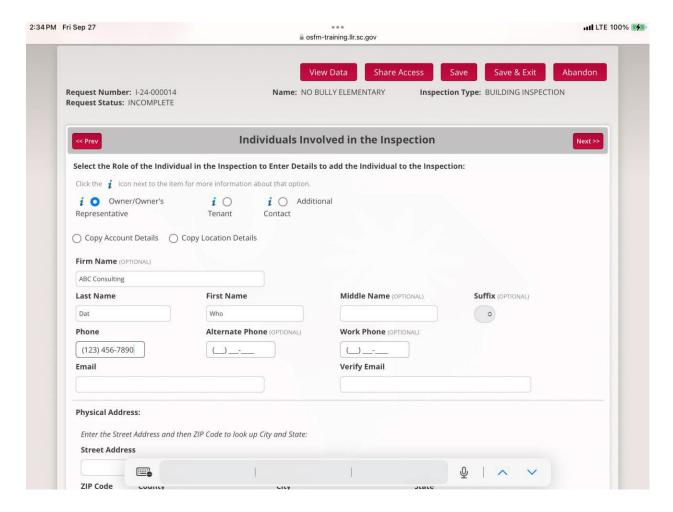






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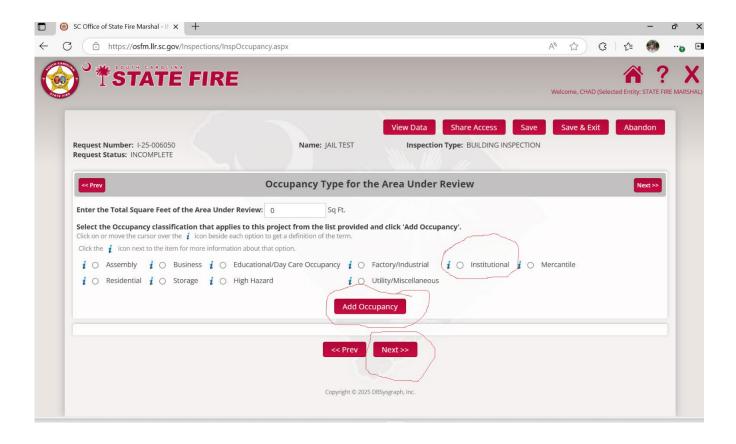
Be sure to include the SCDC inspector

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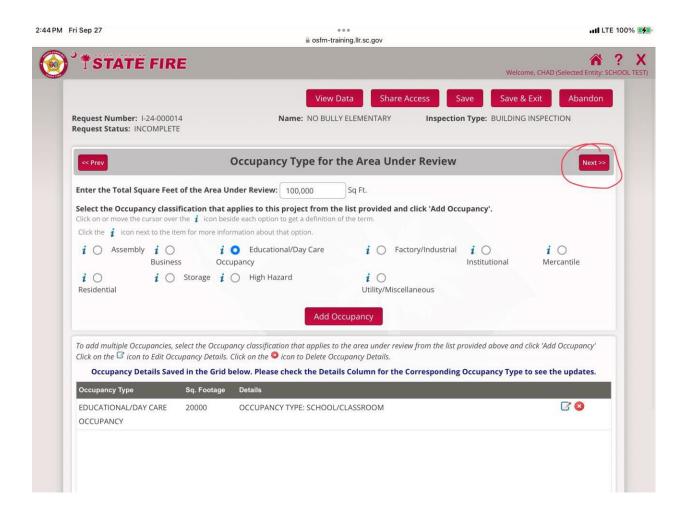


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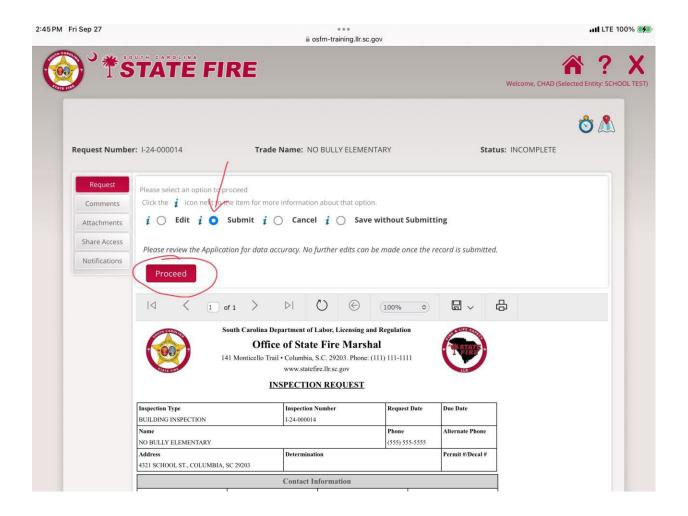






In this last screen, verify the face of the inspection request, select "submit", and then click, "proceed".





Use the Attachments tab on the left to upload the documents that are required prior to 24 hours before the scheduled final inspection.





