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**Fire Station Sprinklers**

**Code:** 2018 Fire Prevention Code  
**Section:** 903.2.10.1

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**Question #1:**

Does Section 903.2.10.1 for commercial parking garages apply to fire stations?

**Answer:**

Yes, a fire area that contains a parking bay that exceeds 5,000 square feet is required to be equipped with a sprinkler system designed in accordance with NFPA 13.

Separating the fire station into multiple fire areas (defined by the ratings contained in Table 508.4 of the North Carolina Building Code) less than 5,000 square feet each would compartmentalize the building and remove the requirement for sprinklers.