

DORMITORY DEMONSTRATION FIRE TESTS

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- *200 COLLEGES AND
UNIVERSITIES WORLDWIDE*



OBJECTIVE

- *REALISTICALLY ILLUSTRATE LIFE SAFETY HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH STUDENT DORMITORY FIRES*
- *SHOW BENEFIT OF SPRINKLER PROTECTION FOR DORMITORY SPACES*



FIRE IN STUDENT DORMITORIES

- ***APPROXIMATELY 2900 FOUR-YEAR CAMPUSES IN U.S.***
- ***60 PERCENT HAVE FIRE SPRINKLER PROTECTION***
- ***OCCUR MOST OFTEN SEPTEMBER TO MAY****



FIRE INJURIES

- ***MOST OCCUR DURING FIRE CONTROL (56 PERCENT) OR ESCAPING (16 PERCENT)***
- ***SLIGHTLY MORE INJURIES WHILE SLEEPING (24% VS. 19%)***
- ***LESS WHILE ESCAPING (16% VS. 25%)***
[USFA DATA]



FATALITIES

- ***7.7 PER 1000 FIRES VS. LESS THAN 1***
- ***18 FATALITIES 1979 – 1998 [UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND STUDY]***
- ***JANUARY 2000 – THREE FATALITIES AND 60 INJURIES [SETON HALL, NJ]***

LOSS COST

- *NEGATIVE PUBLICITY = POTENTIAL RECRUITING PROBLEMS*
- *PROPERTY DAMAGE - \$24.7M ANNUALLY (1980 – 2001)*
- *HOUSING SHORTAGE DURING ACADEMIC YEAR*



TEST PROCEDURE

- *REPRESENTATIVE DORM ROOMS*

- FURNITURE

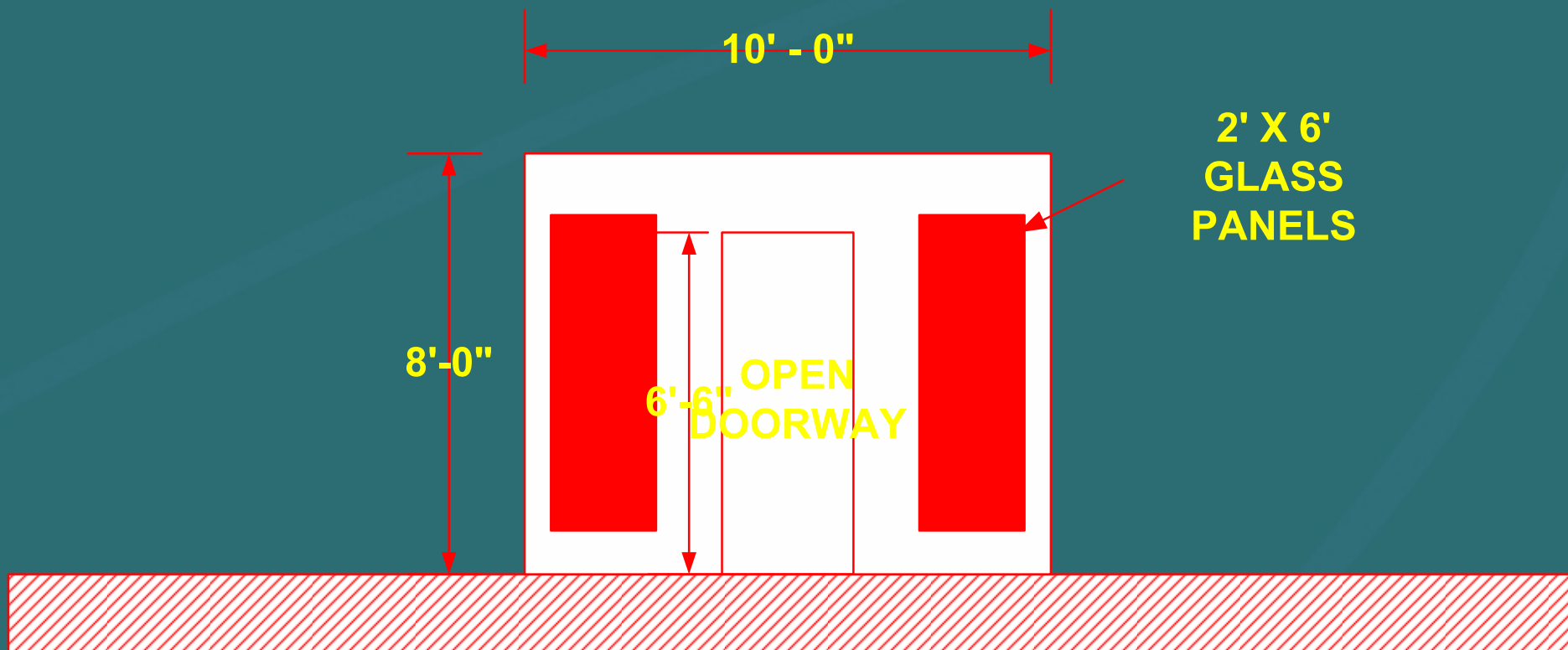
- CLOTHING/PERSONAL ITEMS

- *SPRINKLERED VERSUS UNSPRINKLERED COMPARTMENTS*

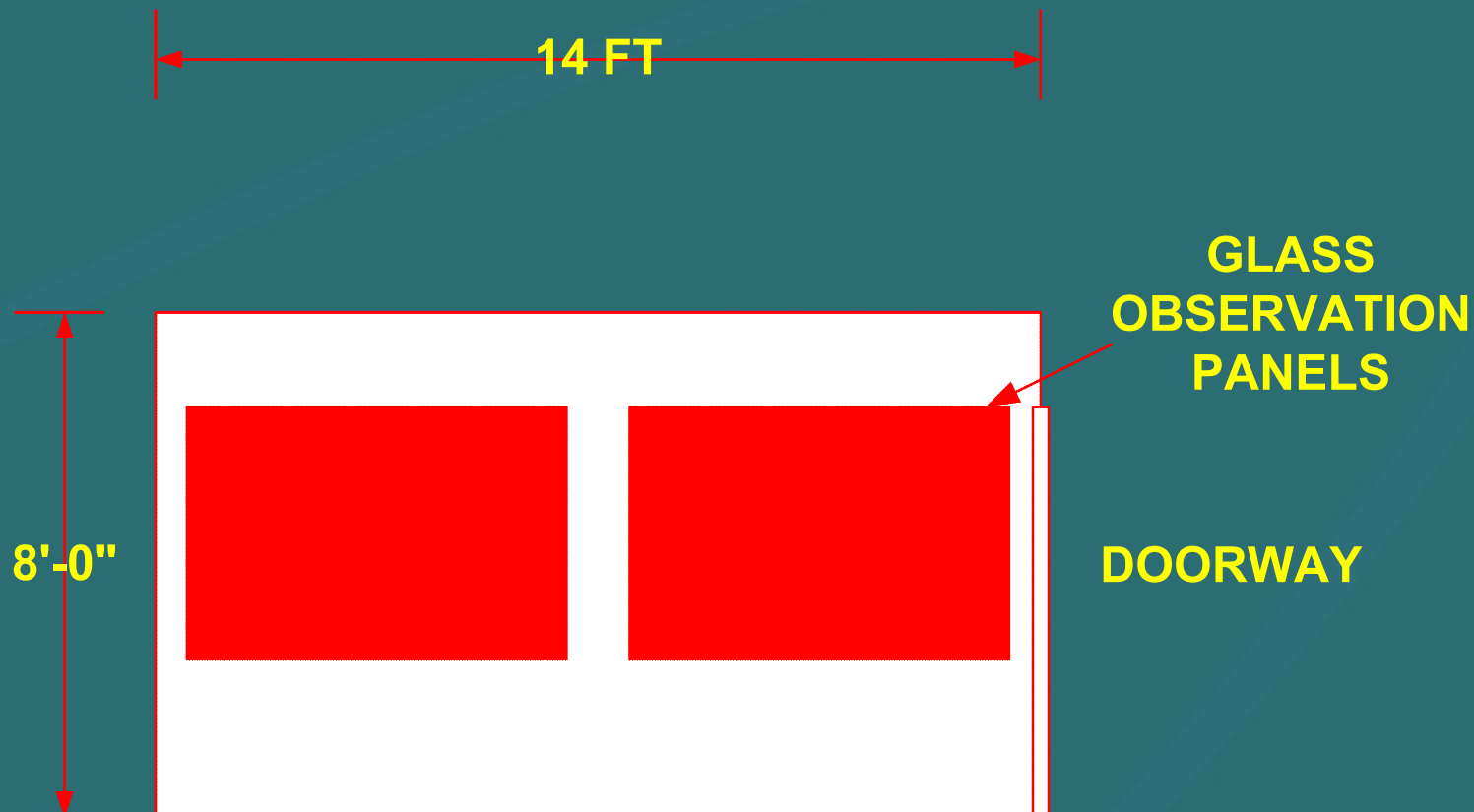








DORMITORY DEMONSTRATION FIRE TESTS ELEVATION VIEW FRONT (DOOR)

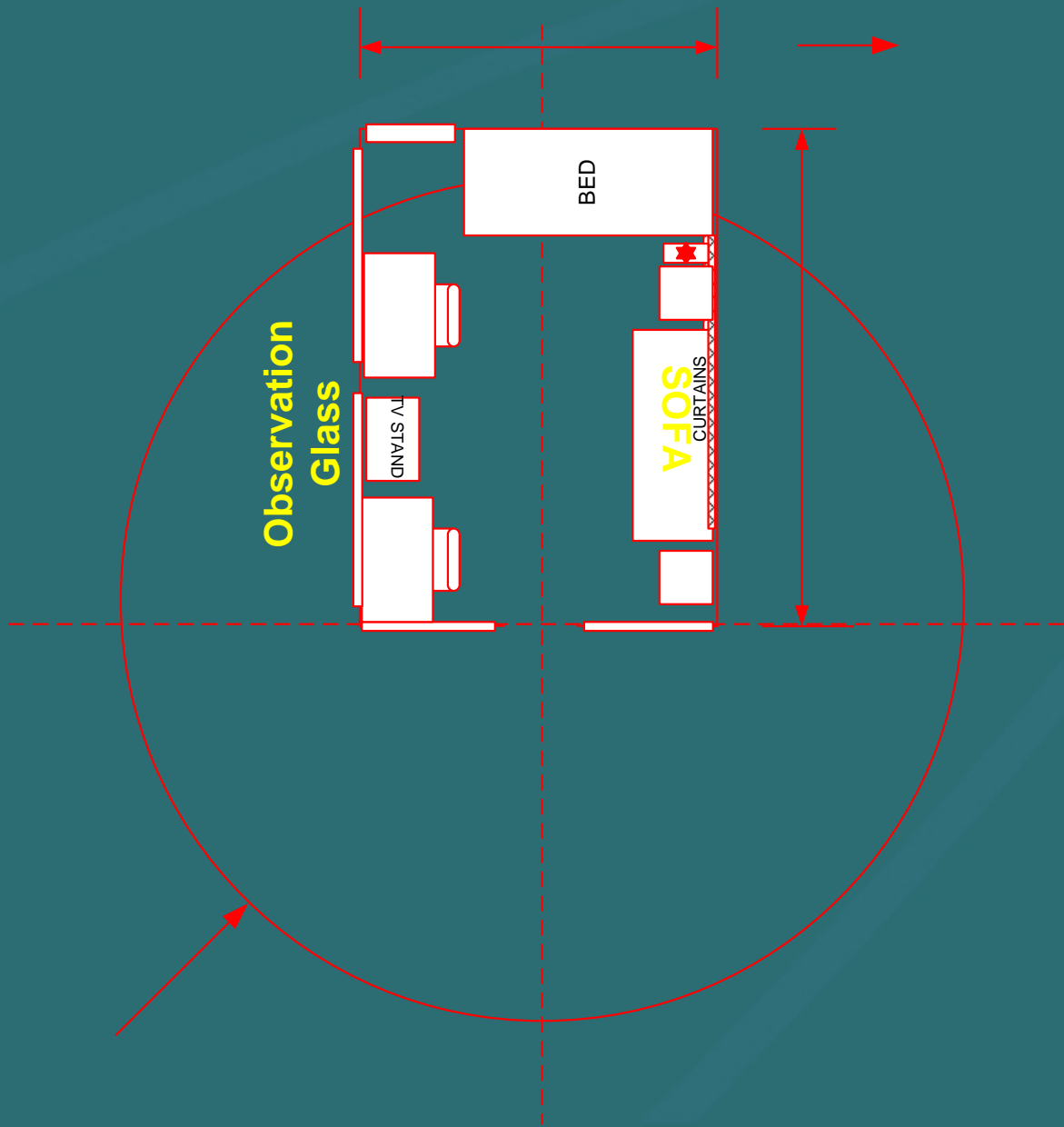


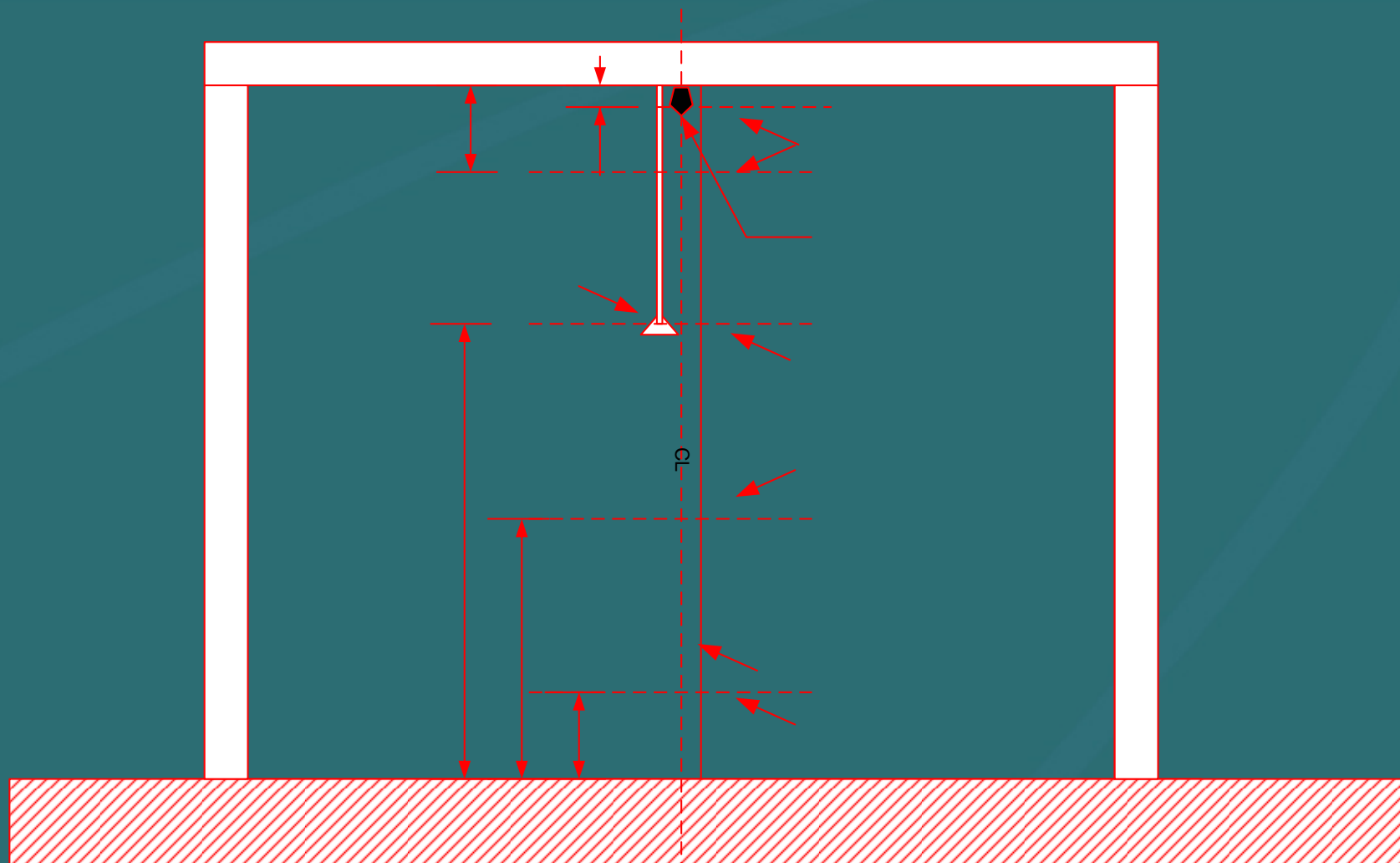
**DORMITORY DEMONSTRATION FIRE TESTS - ELEVATION VIEW
OBSERVATION PORT SIDE**











**INSTRUMENTATION STATION AT
CENTER OF ROOM**







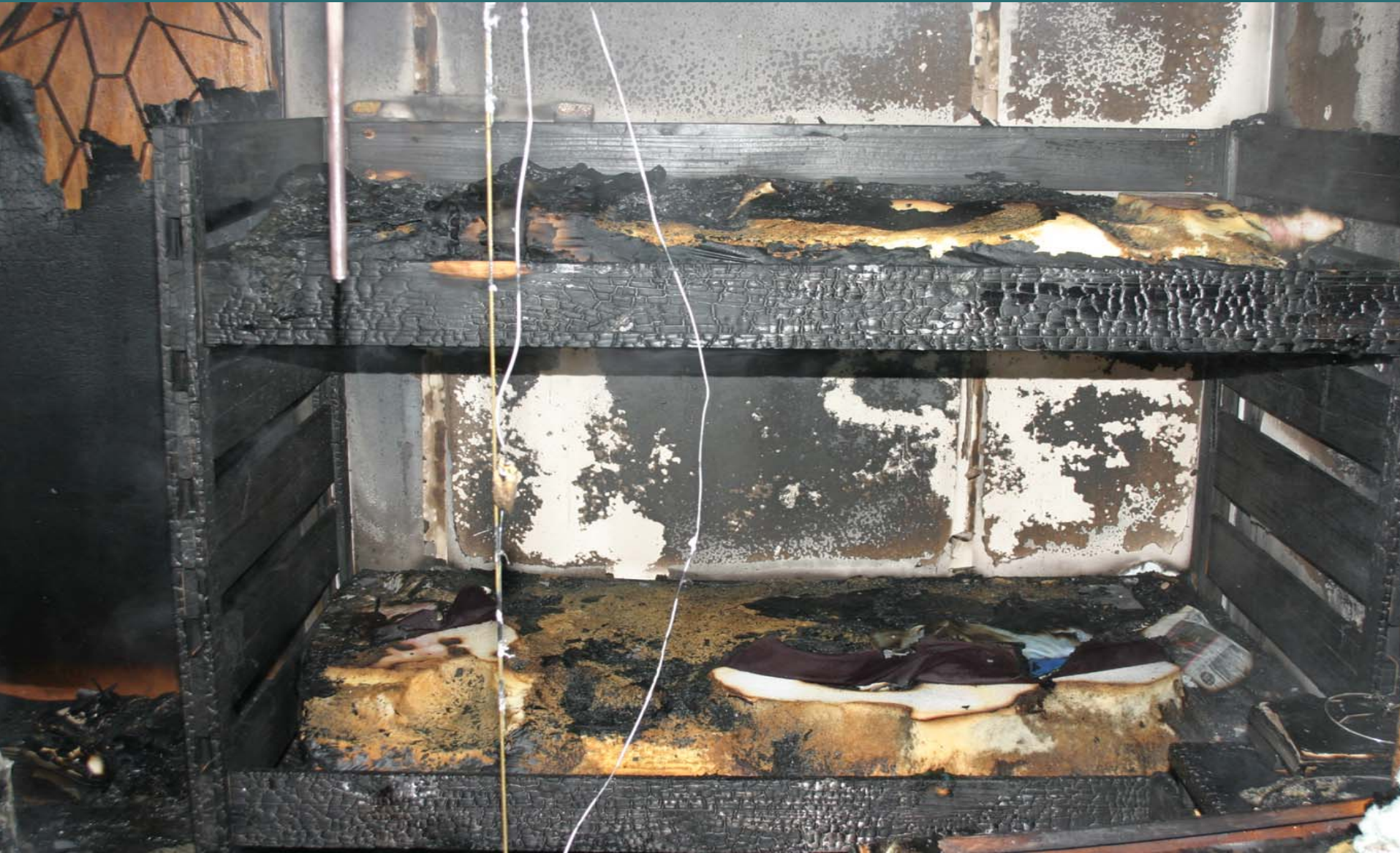


Unprotected



Protected
(Sprinklered)

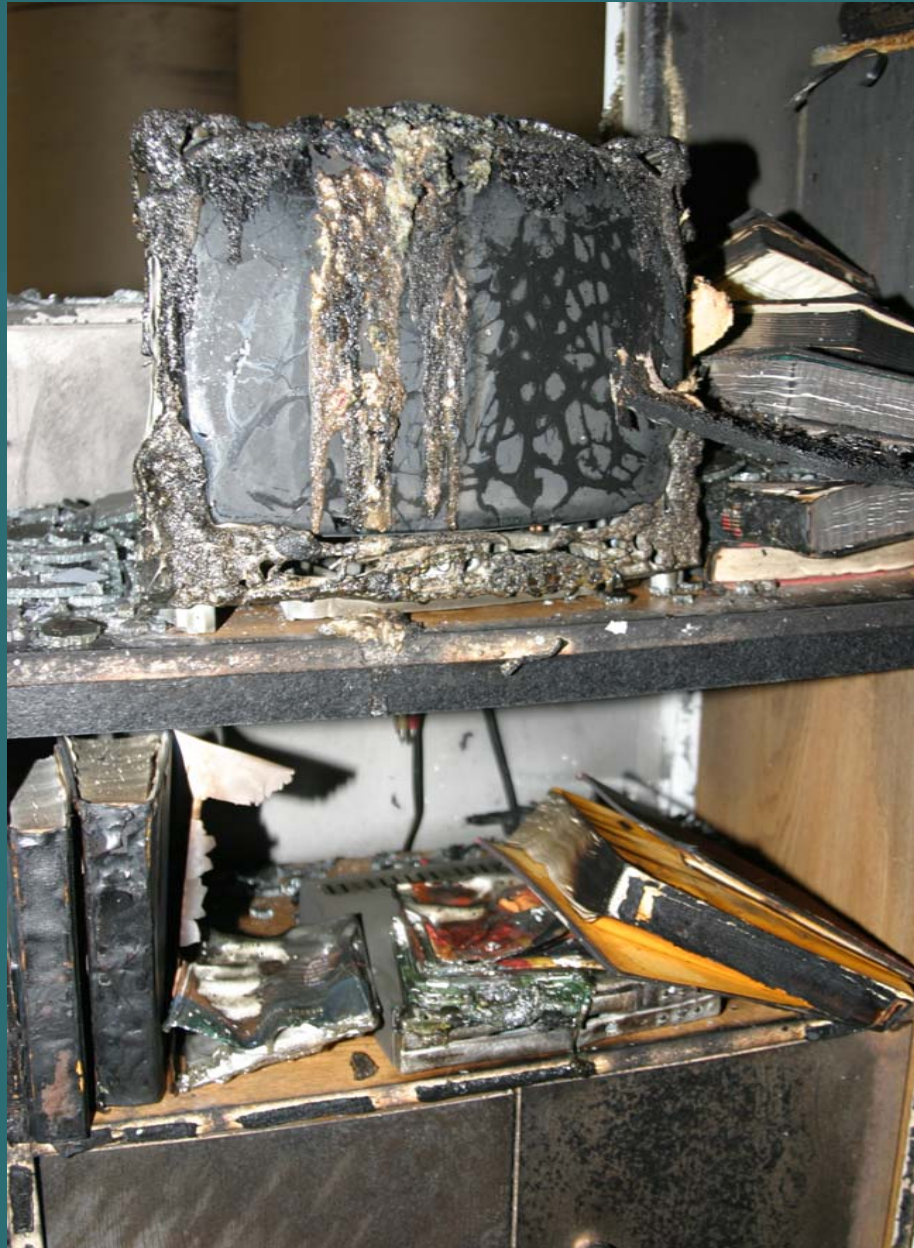














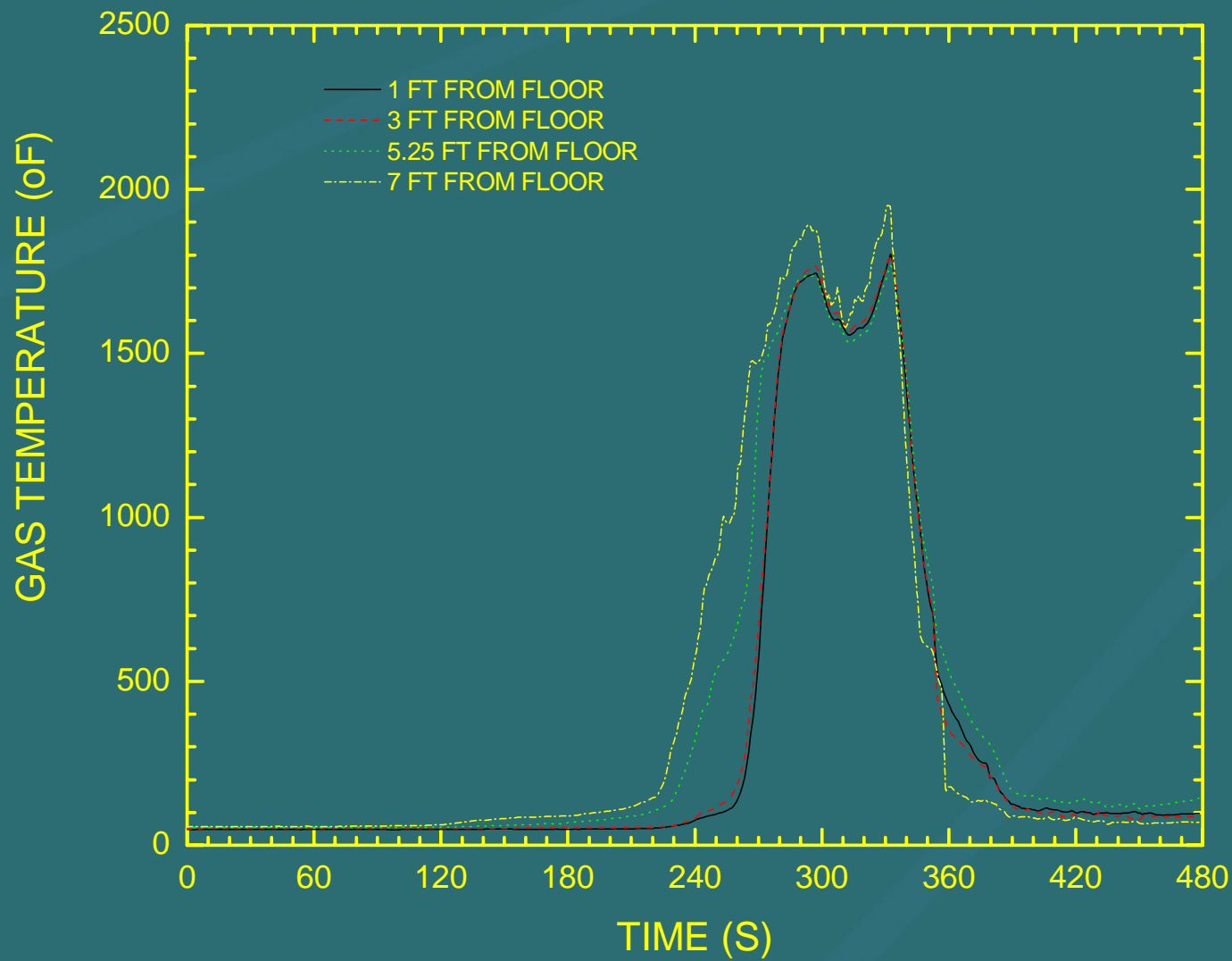


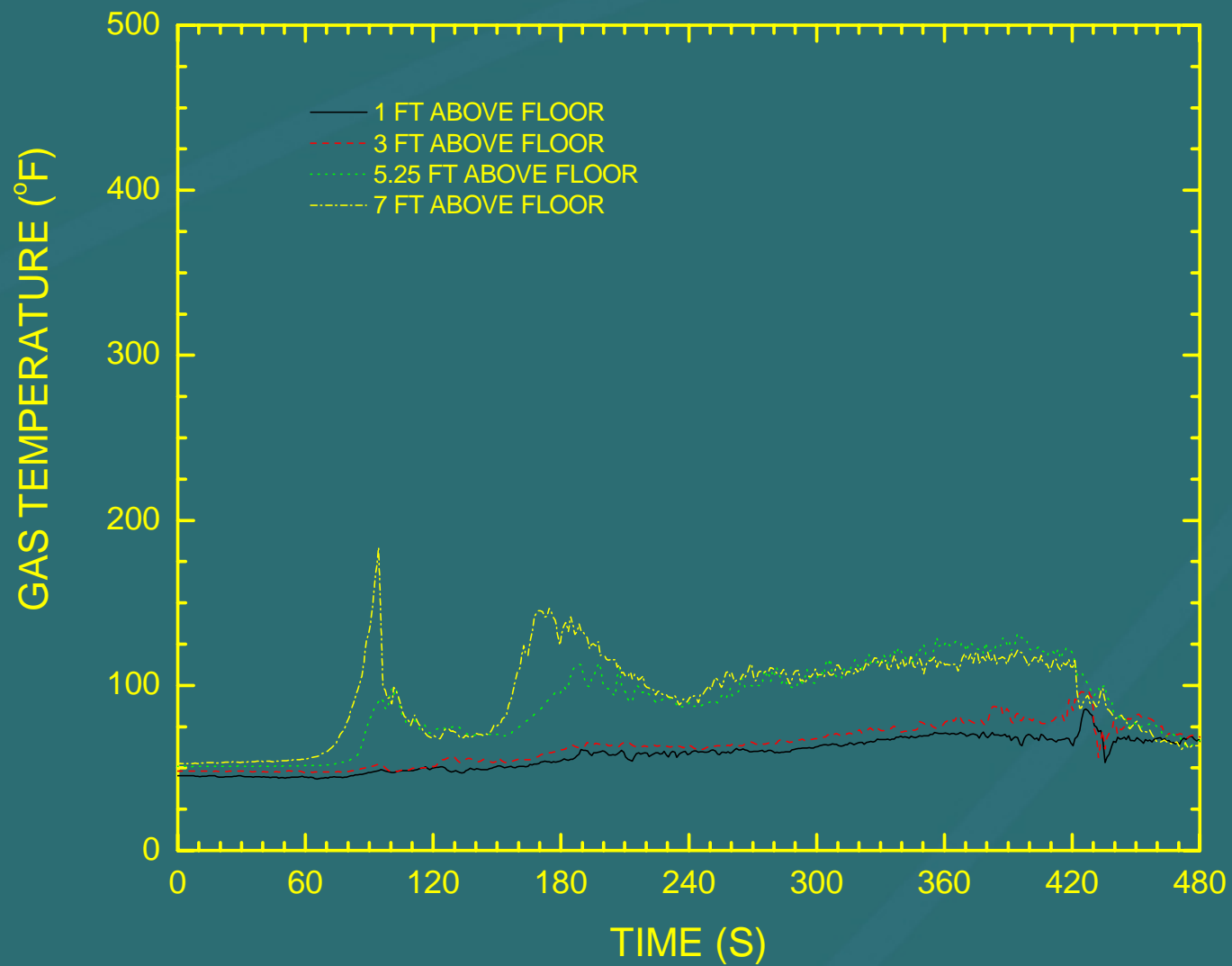












SUMMARY

COMPARTMENT CONDITIONS

| | TEST 1 | TEST 2 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| CONDITION | UNPROTECTED | PROTECTED |
| MAXIMUM EYE-LEVEL AIR TEMPERATURE | <i>1769 °F</i> | <i>131 °F</i> |
| MAXIMUM 3-FT ELEVATION | <i>1801 °F</i> | <i>97 °F</i> |
| MAXIMUM HEAT RELEASE | <i>4600 kW</i> | <i>938 kW</i> |

RESULTS

- ***SPRINKLERS PROVIDE IMPROVED LIFE SAFETY***
 - ROOM CONDITIONS
 - TIME TO EGRESS
- ***SPRINKLERS REDUCE PROPERTY DAMAGE***

