

## **WEEKLY QUESTION AND ANSWER FOR NEVADA HOA INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS**

**Q:** Why do we care about the fire hydrants in our communities?

**A:** Do you want what happened in LA to happen to you?

Please remember that fire hydrant maintenance is an annual requirement of the board to have them tested so your community doesn't run into the LA type of situation. It could mean major lawsuits if this happened in your communities. The State of California is blaming it on the Cities although there is broader responsibility. The State assumes a larger role of the responsibility.

Checking your hydrants is a necessary annual requirement for safety purposes.

I used to have the LV City fire department and Reno FD do a CE class for me, but they stopped after hitting all of the areas in the metro Reno and LV areas. Too busy to do any more.

Even if the streets are public, check to see if the hydrants have been inspected and tested recently by the City. Sometimes you may still be responsible particularly if they are red hydrants.

<https://files.lasvegasnevada.gov/fire-rescue/Civil-General-Notes-for-Hydrants-and-Access.pdf>

It is important that you know what type your hydrants are. In Pahrump, for example, they have yellow blue caps in some areas and I had concerns about who was to manage them. As for the different colored caps, I was told that it tells the fire fighters the water pressure (or what it should be).