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Title:

Proper Gear for Testing Fire Detectors Required by USCG

Typical deficiency (outline of comment) by PSC:

Fire detectors(heat detectors, smoke detectors, and flame detectors) not properly tested according to manufacturer's instructions; test gear is not onboard/is not used.

Port State	Country: U.S.A	Port: All port in USA
Action taken by PSC:	~~Detention~~ / Rectify before Departure / other	

Description:

It has been reported that port state control in the U.S. often points out that crews use a lighter's flame or the smoke of a cigarette instead of proper test gear to test onboard fire detectors(heat detectors, smoke detectors, and flame detectors) in a way that is not in accord with the manufacturer's instructions whenever a PSC officer asks shipside crew to demonstrate the testing of the detectors.

<Required action>
When being requested by the PSC officer, it's necessary to use appropriate test gear and demonstrate testing in line with the instructions of the manufacturer.

Example of test device use