

STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-11-08

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The following is offered in response to your letter dated July 17, 2008 regarding your request for formal interpretation of the designated use group of a fire house/fire station. This question would apply to Section 302.1, of the 2003 International Building Code portion of the 2005 State Building Code.

Scenario: The fire house building will include four bays of vehicle storage, administrative space, two sleeping rooms, kitchen, dayroom and restroom/shower accommodations.

Question: Am I correct in designating the sleeping rooms only as Use Group R with the balance of space which does not store vehicles being classified as Use Group B?

Answer: No, all spaces supporting the residential use are classified as Use Group R-2. The kitchen, dayroom, sleeping rooms and their closet storage, and toilet/shower rooms are part of the Use Group R-2 area. The residential use group is R-2 where the occupants are not transient and are familiar with their sleeping unit and surroundings.