

## Profile: One Step Systems

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TECHNOLOGY ENHANCING TRADITION

Our field-proven  
**Fire Inspection software**  
provides:

- Easy-to-use interface with comprehensive data collection Capabilities
- Seamless integration to existing record management systems
- Increased accuracy of data collection through detailed data fields for Inspectors
- Gathering of complete, legible, and accurate occupancy data



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Mobile Fire Inspection Software

- Violation reports can be printed in the field using portable printers.
- Collect more occupancy information using pick lists reduces risk for occupants and the suppression team.

We know from our clients the adoption of software to complete occupancy inspections is beneficial for both the department and the community. The department is presented to the community as being technically smart and delivering a professional service and the community is made safer through the identification of fire dangers and code violations. Fire inspection helps the community help itself and significantly reduces loss of property and lives caused by fire.

## Budgeting for mobile fire inspection

Budgets are always difficult to manage with all the competing interests and needs of a modern fire department. It is sometimes more difficult to assess the effectiveness of occupancy inspections while there is little doubt about the effectiveness of extinguishing a blaze. However, the validity of a prevention program is reflected in the reduced number of fires and casualties over time.

Change within the prevention department is also difficult especially when the current process is seen as valid and not requiring any operational changes. Departments need effective leadership to identify the gaps in the inspection process and communicate the benefits of digital data collection. However with the development of occupancy data collection software and mobile computers, inspectors are able to do more with less effort and increased accuracy.

The benefits include:

- Being able to complete more inspections within the same time frame. As the inspections are completed digitally, inspectors can update the department's electronic records by synching throughout the day or at the end of each shift. As the re-keying task is eliminated inspectors spend more time doing inspections.
- Information accuracy and consistency. As all inspectors are working with the same mobile information through the use of pre-defined pick lists, errors are virtually eliminated and data entry clerks do not need to "interpret" inspector notes.
- Better reporting. Occupancy information is digital and can be queried to gather statistical and anecdotal information to satisfy reporting requirements.
- Eliminating the need for clerical support for data entry allows the department to manage those savings and direct them to suppression or public safety campaigns.
- Code and department information changes are quickly deployed electronically to all users from the shared data base.
- Carry the code book electronically with full search capabilities.