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# **Monthly Topic:**

# CO<sub>2</sub> and Beverage Dispensing

- Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), has become a main topic of discussion within the commercial industry. CO<sub>2</sub> is found in many commercial applications such as restaurants, gas stations, bars and many more.
- Carbon Dioxide is a colorless, odorless, incombustible gas formed during respiration, combustion and organic decomposition.
- People who are exposed to high concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub> may experience fatigue, tachycardia and asphyxiation. This can lead to respiratory function problems, kidney damage, a coma or death.
- A recent NFPA code for CO<sub>2</sub> detection has received national attention.
   This code mandates a CO<sub>2</sub> detector be placed in beverage dispensing applications where 100lbs or more of CO<sub>2</sub> are stored. Everyday places such as gas stations, restaurants, bars, and other facilities fall under this code.
- Per NFPA 53070.5.1&2, such applications require ventilation and an emergency alarm system. The emergency alarm system shall provide continuous gas detection where CO<sub>2</sub> can accumulate.
- Problems with a beverage dispensing system may occur due to improper installation, a faulty system or as simple as user error. Without the awareness of a leak, all personnel within the facility are exposed to the potential risk of illness or death.
- A few ways to prevent injuries or problems from happening inside of your venue consist of training employees on the possible hazards, include proper signage around the storage of CO<sub>2</sub>, installation of a CO<sub>2</sub> detection system and establish proper maintenance on the system.

**Other CO2 Applications** 

Macurco will be releasing two new higher range commercial CO<sub>2</sub> detectors early 2018.

#### **Macurco Gas Products** Gas in the News **Learn More** CO<sub>2</sub> and NFPA 5307 <u>CD-6</u> CO<sub>2</sub> in McDonalds Restaurant CO<sub>2</sub> system CD-12 CO<sub>2</sub> MSDS Explosion Proof 5100-88-IT Prevent Tragedy from CO<sub>2</sub> CO<sub>2</sub> Questions & Answers Weatherproof Housing Kit Beverage Dispensing CO<sub>2</sub> Health Risks Horn/Strobe Combo OSHA CO<sub>2</sub> Article What is CO<sub>2</sub>

#### **Beverage Dispensing Applications**

## ✓ Restaurants/Bars

- ✓ Convenient Stores
- ✓ Breweries
- ✓ Hospitals
- ✓ Grocery Stores
- ✓ Schools

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- ✓ Auditoriums
- ✓ Bottling Facility
- ✓ Agricultural Grain Storage
- ✓ Offices
- ✓ Gyms
- ✓ Conference Rooms

## ✓ Laboratories

- ✓ Retail
- ✓ Greenhouse/Growth Facility
- ✓ Theatres
- ✓ Hospitals
- ✓ Dry Ice Storage

