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To: All Building Officials
Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshals

Subject: Fireworks Inspections Guidelines

With the start of the summer months, the State will see an increase in the number of locations that engage in the retail sale of consumer fireworks. In an effort to provide information to local building officials and Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshals, who will be tasked with inspecting these locations, the Division of State Fire Marshal and the Rhode Island Building Commissioners Office are jointly providing information that may be helpful.

The following documents are posted on the web page for the Division of State Fire Marshal located at www.fire-marshal.ri.gov

- **Rules and Regulations Governing the Sale of Fireworks and Pyrotechnics**
 - **This is a draft only, NOT IN EFFECT, and is provided as general information only**
- **Fireworks Inspection Guide**
 - **Provides Information on NFPA requirements**
- **Rhode Island Fireworks Definitions**
 - **Provides definitions of legal consumer fireworks**

Please keep in mind that under present conditions the only permit from the State of Rhode Island that is required is a "Permit to Make Retail Sales".

For additional information please contact either of our offices.

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