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MEMORANDUM

TO: Heads of Fire Departments

FROM: Peter J. Ostroskey
State Fire Marshal

DATE: October 5, 2016

RE: **Binary Exploding Targets**

The Department of Fire Services has become aware of questions related to the use of so called binary exploding targets.

Under the provisions of 527 CMR 1.00 and NFPA 495, these targets are considered to be binary explosives and all of the requirements related to the possession, storage and use of explosives contained in Massachusetts General Law Chapter 148 and 427 CMR 1.00 including certificate, licenses and permits are applicable.

This is consistent with a January 2008 determination of the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations on the status of binary exploding targets. Similarly, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has determined that once mixed, these targets are considered to be explosive materials under the provisions of 27 CFR, Part 555.

If you need further assistance please contact the Code Compliance and Enforcement Unit at (978) 567-3375.