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MEMORANDUM

To: Heads of Fire Departments

From: Peter J. Ostroskey
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Date: November 1, 2016

RE: **Regulation Update 527 CMR 1.00:13.7 to 13.10**

I am forwarding the attached updated regulation which can also be found on our website at www.mass.gov/dfs. Below is a brief summary; however, this code should be reviewed in its entirety.

The updated regulation is relative to smoke and carbon monoxide detection, and maintenance of said devices. The changes effect smoke alarms/detectors in certain 1 through 5 unit residential structures built or modified prior to the existence of the state building code (1-1-1975) and is applicable when complying with the smoke detector requirements upon sale/transfer of said residences in accordance with M.G.L. c. 148, s. 26F. The regulation update has an **effective enforcement date of December 1, 2016**.

Smoke alarms installed prior to December 1, 2016 that met requirements of existing regulations upon installation will continue to meet regulatory requirements of 527 CMR 1.00 and requirements for sale/transfer in accordance with M.G.L. c. 148, s. 26F until the devices are 10 years old or have exceeded the manufacturer's recommended life.

The Division of Fire Safety is scheduling training on this and other recently updated regulations. The training will be offered at locations around the state and scheduled through the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy (MFA). In addition to attached regulation update, a two page consumer guidance document is attached for ease of reading.

Further assistance is always available from the Division of Fire Safety on this and similar issues. If you have further questions, please contact the Code Compliance Help Desk at (978) 567-3375.

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