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MEMORANDUM

To: Heads of Fire Department

From: Stephen D. Coan
State Fire Marshal

Date: February 1, 2015

RE: **Open Air Burning**

It has been brought to my attention that there is some confusion regarding the provisions of 527 CMR 1.00 § 10.11.4.3, as it relates to the 25' distance from structures.

The Department of Environmental Protection regulation on Open Burning, 310 CMR 7.07, requires that open air burning take place at least 75' from a structure. Because the DEP regulation provides for a higher standard of safety, it prevails (527 CMR 1.00 § 1.3.3.3).

For additional information on open burning, please visit our web page at <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/dfs/dfs2/osfm/pubed/fs-topics/fs-topics-a/safety-tips-for-open-burning-season.html>

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 and Enforcement Unit at (978) 567-3375 or in western Massachusetts at (413) 587-3181.