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MEMORANDUM

To: Heads of Fire Department

From: Stephen D. Coan
State Fire Marshal

Date: August 19, 2015

RE: **Restaurant Hood Cleaning**

My office has been involved in the investigation of several fires at chain style restaurants. A common factor in these fires has been that the hood and duct system have been cleaned and inspected by companies whose employees do not hold certificates of competency issued by this office.

Some of these restaurants are owned by corporations or franchisees who are located out of state and may not be familiar with the hood cleaning and inspection requirements contained in 527 CMR 1.00, Chapter 50.

I would ask for your assistance in making restaurant operators in your community aware of the requirement that hood cleaners hold a certificate of competency issued by this office and comply with the requirements of 527 CMR 1.00.

Additional fire prevention resources for restaurant owners/operators is available at <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/dfs/dfs2/osfm/fire-prev/restaurant-fire-prevention-resources.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 Mass at (413) 587-3181.