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Division of State Fire Marshal
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Public Notice of Proposed Changes to the Ohio Fire Code and State Fire Marshal Rules

The State Fire Marshal is considering a revision of the Ohio Fire Code (OFC) and other State Fire Marshal (SFM) administrative rules. In accordance with this intent and pursuant to Sections 119.03 and 119.032 and Chapters 3731., 3737. and 3743. Of the Revised Code (R.C.), the State Fire Marshal's Office will conduct a public hearing at **10:00 AM**, on **July 21, 2011**, at the **Division of State Fire Marshal, 8895 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068**. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment on the following proposed refiled rules of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC):

Rules to be adopted: OAC rules 1301:7-7-02, 1301:7-7-07, 1301:7-7-09, 1301:7-7-10, 1301:7-7-18, 1301:7-7-27, 1301:7-7-33, 1301:7-7-34, 1301:7-7-35, and 1301:7-7-47 are being proposed as new rules of the OAC, the former versions of the rules having been filed as rescissions. The SFM has refiled these rules to correct technical mistakes found in the May 2011 original filing of these rules, ensuring the final version of the rules corresponds with the version of the rules released with the SFM Report on Comments.

In addition, the rules are being proposed to update the OFC through adoption of the 2009 International Fire Code with Ohio amendments; to provide updated Fire Marshal rules for administrative licensing operations; and to implement various provisions of R.C. Chapters 3731 (hotel laws), 3737. (fire protection installer and equipment rules, fire code enforcement rules, the Ohio Fire Code and other Fire Marshal rules), and 3743. (fireworks laws). As further described in R.C. 3737.82, the subject matter of the OFC shall be the minimum standards for safeguarding life and property from fire and explosion in Ohio. The SFM may, in adopting the OFC, incorporate by reference existing published standards as well as amendments thereto subsequently published by the same authority. The OFC shall include, but not be limited to, rules relating to the movable contents of any building, or class of buildings, the transportation, storage, location, and use of flammable or explosive materials, the procedures to be employed by persons in the event of fire, the installation and location of fire protection equipment, and other similar matters. The OFC may contain rules applicable to particular classes of existing buildings or structures as the use and occupancy of such buildings or structures suggest are necessary.

The full text of the proposed rules has been filed in electronic format with the Secretary of State, the Legislative Service Commission, the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review, the Department of Aging, the Office of Small Business, the State Fire Commission, the Department of Health and the Emergency Response Commission as required by Sections 119.03, 121.24, 3737.86, 3737.83 and 3750.12 of the Revised Code. The full text of the proposed rules is available at the following web site: www.registrofiohio.state.oh.us.

Information concerning the hearing and the rules is available prior to the hearing from www.com.ohio.gov or:

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