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To: All Pyrotechnic Companies, Shooters and Venue Managers

The State of New Hampshire, Office of the State Fire Marshal has recently modified our administrative rules known as the State Fire Code to include Saf-C 6019 which requires the licensing of pyrotechnicians utilizing pyrotechnics, flame effects, or special effects before a proximate audience.

As of July 1st, 2006 any event utilizing pyrotechnic, flame, or special effects will be required to have a New Hampshire licensed pyrotechnician on site to supervise all setup, demonstrations, event displays, and removal of devices/debris. Conducting a display without a license could subject you to criminal prosecution.

Individuals wishing to obtain a license are required to do the following:

1) Complete an application (DSFM 92).
2) Successfully pass a background investigation.
3) Successfully pass a written competency test for each endorsement (pyrotechnic, flame, or special effect). Exams are based on the applicable NFPA Code or administrative rule.
4) Must be at least 21 years of age.
5) Must appear in person at the Department of Safety during normal business hours to obtain photo identification.
6) Submit the applicable license fee.
   a. Initial application $200.00
   b. Pyrotechnic endorsement $100.00
   c. Flame Effect endorsement $100.00
   d. Special Effect endorsement $100.00
7) Have been present and assisted an endorser with the display of pyrotechnic, flame, or special effects before a proximate audience on at least 10 separate displays.
8) Supply the recommendation of at least 2 individuals who shall:
   a. Hold a valid license for the display of pyrotechnic, flame, or special effects before a proximate audience.
   b. Attest that the applicant was present and assisted the endorser with the display of pyrotechnic, flame, or special effects; and make such recommendation on DSFM 93.
9) Reciprocity: A person who is currently licensed in good standing by an out of state jurisdiction may apply to the State Fire Marshal for a license. All requirements of the application process shall apply with the exception of numbers 7 and 8 above.
Written exams will be conducted by appointment ONLY, please contact Investigator Chris Wyman at (603) 271-3294 during normal business hours to schedule an appointment, walk ins will not be allowed.

The application process for our display permits has not changed, so please provide your application packages as per our normal procedures outlined in Saf-C 6018. Copies of Saf-C 6018 and Saf-C6019 can be obtained from the Internet at www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/saf-c6000.html.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the office at (603) 271-3294, Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:15pm Eastern Standard Time.