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MEMORANDUM

To: Head of Fire Departments

From: Stephen D. Coan
State Fire Marshal

Date: August 1, 2007

Subject: Administrative Order – 6/2007 Fire Sprinkler Recall

On June 12, 2007, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the Globe Fire Sprinkler Corporation (Globe) issued a joint recall of Globe Model J Series Dry Fire Sprinklers manufactured from 1990 through 1999 (see attached details).

Therefore, pursuant to my authority under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 148 Section 33, I am directing you to assist in the following:

1. Identifying all locations in which the recalled fire sprinklers have been installed, and to supply that information to this Office.
2. Notify all property owners with these identified sprinklers of this recall, and direct the removal and replacement of these devices pursuant to your authority under 527 CMR 1.06(1)(b).
3. Seek the cooperation of your local building official in this determination and notification process.

This is a **joint recall of select Globe fire sprinklers** and poses a very serious life safety risk. Enclosed you will find a package for your use. This package includes:

- June 12, 2007 press release from CPSC in the matter of Globe dry-type fire sprinklers
- Safety Notice from Globe's internet site
- Sprinkler Identification Instructions from Globe's internet site
- Property Owner Recalled Fire Sprinkler Response Form

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Information on locations that you identify should be supplied to the Code Compliance and Enforcement Unit of our Office by phone 978-567-3375 or by facsimile at 978-567-3199. This information will assist us in obtaining a clearer picture of the problem.

The fire sprinklers are dry-type fire sprinklers designed to be installed in areas of buildings where the sprinklers or water supply pipes may be subject to freezing, such as unheated attics, freezers and coolers, parking garages, porches and warehouses. Dry-type fire sprinklers may also be found installed on fire sprinkler system piping in heated spaces with dry-pipe and preaction systems to avoid water being trapped in drops.

Additional information can be obtained at Globe's internet site www.globesprinkler.com or by calling Globe at (800)248-0278. The same contacts can be used to obtain replacement fire sprinklers.

Note: All state owned facilities will be handled by the Department of Public Safety.

It is important that the public trust in fire sprinklers be maintained. Sprinklers have a 100+ year record of reliability and effectiveness. Aside from fire fighting and explosion fatalities, the National Fire Protection Association has no record of a fire killing more than two people in a completely sprinklered building where the system was properly operating. Our collective efforts are directed towards maintaining the public's ability to have complete confidence in sprinklers. I thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter.