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**Special Services and Support Division
Memorandum 2-2019**

TO: Qualifiers of Kitchen Suppression Firms

FROM: Ms. Erin St. Pierre, Deputy Chief
OSFM, Special Services & Support Division

DATE: September 12, 2019

RE: Revised LSPP Education Board Training & Education Requirements for
Certification and Continuing Education Guidelines – Kitchen Suppression
Qualifier

At the August 1, 2019 Life Safety and Property Protection (LSPP) Education Board meeting, the Education Board members voted and, thereby, approved new requirements for kitchen suppression qualifiers.

Previously, the certification requirements of the kitchen suppression qualifier were the same as that for the kitchen suppression specialist and included the FPC Pre-Engineered Fire Extinguishing Systems Course, the FPC Pre-Engineered Kitchen Fire Suppressions Systems Course, the NAFED Pre-Engineered Kitchen Fire Extinguishing Systems Technician Exam, or the NICET Level 2 (or higher) Certification Special Hazards Suppression Systems or previous Special Hazards Layout. The qualifier was also required to have the Fire Marshal Administrative Rules Course and the Fire Marshal Plan Review Course.

Effective January 1, 2021, as voted on and approved by the LSPP Education Board, all kitchen suppression qualifiers are required to meet the following certification or education criteria to receive kitchen suppression qualifier licensure by the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM):

1. Certifications:
 - a. NICET 2 Certification (or higher) in Special Hazards Suppression Systems or previous Special Hazards Layout; or
 - b. Professional Engineer with a Mechanical or Fire Protection Endorsement; or
 - c. Fire Protection Certification (FPC) Pre-Engineered Fire Suppression System Certification; and

2. Fire Marshal Administrative Rules Course;
3. Fire Marshal Plan Review Course; and
4. Life Safety Course.

In January of 2021, the OSFM will be conducting a review of all qualifiers holding a kitchen suppression endorsement to ensure compliance with the August 1, 2019 mandate of the LSPP Education Board. Anyone who has not obtained the required certification at the time of that review, his or her license will be subject to immediate suspension and he or she will no longer be authorized to perform the certification, inspection, installation, integration, and servicing of kitchen suppression systems.

Over the next year and a half, it is the intention of this Office to assist firms in facilitating the acquisition of a requisite certification. For firms which lack the appropriate certification, FPC has scheduled its Pre-Engineered Fire Suppression System Certification course for December 3, 2019 in Baton Rouge, LA. For more information, qualifiers are encouraged to call 888-670-2965 or email info@fpcltd.com to request course information and a registration form. (Note: the FPC certificate must have "Louisiana Firm Qualifier on Pre-Engineered Fire Suppression Systems Certification" printed thereon).

Please contact Karen Scott at 225-925-6766 for assistance or questions.

cc: Life Safety and Security Association
Louisiana Automatic Fire Alarm Association
Louisiana Fire Sprinkler Association

