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TO ALL NIGHTCLUB OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

This document is intended to officially notify all nightclub, dance hall, discotheque owners and managers of the new requirements of Florida State Statute 633. On December 31, 2008 Florida State Statute 633 adopted the 2007 Florida Fire Prevention Code, which mandates the installation of a supervised automatic fire sprinkler system in new assembly occupancies with an occupant load of more than 100 and existing assembly occupancies with an occupant load of more than 300.

The requirements of the FFPC NFPA 101 Sections 12.3.5.1 and 13.3.5.1 for new and existing nightclub type assembly occupancies are mandated to be provided with automatic fire sprinklers. The new provisions were developed in response to the February 2003 fire at The Station nightclub in West Warwick, Rhode Island, which claimed the lives of 100 patrons.

The Florida Fire Prevention Code allows for a reasonable time be allowed for code compliance, due to fiscal impacts, disruption of operations, and the degree of hazard as long as there is a written action plan approved by the Fire Marshal's Office for compliance. I am requesting that all existing nightclub, dance hall, discotheque owners provide my office with a written action plan, within 45 days of the receipt of this letter, outlining your intent for compliance of the new fire code requirement.

Should you have any questions concerning the aforementioned code mandates or need assistance in preparing your compliance action plan, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Kucik", on a light-colored background.

Daniel K. Kucik, Assistant Chief / Chief Fire Marshal
Orange County Fire Rescue Department

