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MEMORANDUM

TO: DDSN Providers
Facility Administrators

FROM: Andrew Tharin, Director of Engineering & Planning

DATE: December 2, 2019

SUBJECT: 2020 State Fire Marshal Training

Through DDSN's contract with the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM), fire safety training is provided by OSFM staff. We use this tool as another way to enhance our overall readiness and to ensure the safety of the individuals we are entrusted to serve. DDSN requested more training specific to monthly and quarterly Fire Sprinkler Inspections, as the code allows the building owner to perform these inspections with qualified staff. This training is geared to assure our regional centers and provider network have qualified staff to perform these simple inspections, and also encourages local staff to become and remain comfortable with important facility safety systems.

State Fire Marshal Training will offer two sessions on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 9:15 AM and 12:30 PM, Midlands Center Training Building, 8301 Farrow Road, Columbia, SC 29203. The training will consist of a classroom session and a site visit to Midlands Center buildings for a hands-on look at a variety of wet and dry sprinkler systems. This training is for all maintenance and residential *staff who perform the monthly and quarterly sprinkler inspections*. State employees, provider employees, and administration staff who insure the continuity of these inspections are welcome.

DDSN requests a large attendance and it may not be offered again in 2020. Due to capacity limitations at the Midlands Center Training Room, DDSN will need to limit attendees per provider organization. Please make your reservation by reply email to Andrew Tharin at atharin@ddsn.sc.gov with your name, email address, and which session for each attendee.

Your continued training and preparation for potential emergencies are vital to the safety of the individuals we serve and our staff. Please share this memo with all appropriate staff.

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