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**INFORMATION BULLETIN
OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL
SAN DIEGO FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT**

On December 15, 2020 **Information Bulletin 20-007** from **CAL FIRE – Office of the State Fire Marshal (OFSM)** was sent to all fire agencies throughout the state. The bulletin reaffirms the statewide fire prevention regulations for the use of tents, awnings, or other fabric enclosures.

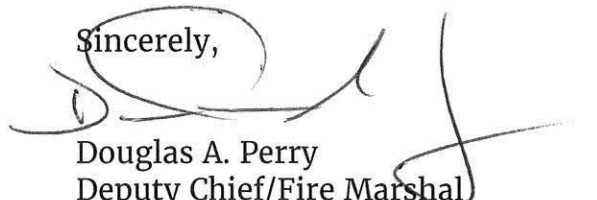
The use of tents, membrane structures, and other temporary structures have become prevalent within the **State Blueprint for a Safer Economy** for outdoor dining, beverage service, and events when such businesses are required to operate outdoors. OFSM has confirmed and the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD) wants to remind everyone that the California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 19 and 24 remain in effect. Title 19 and 24 are the two primary enforcement regulations that assure fire life safety remains the highest priority even in these trying times.

Beginning the week of January 25, 2021, SDFD Deputy Fire Marshals will be inspecting all businesses that are using tents, awnings, and temporary structures for outside dining. During the inspections, the inspectors will provide all business owners/managers with two informational handouts (**Use of Tents and Temporary Structures for Outdoor Dining, Beverage Service and Events**, and the **California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Bulletin**). The handouts will provide all requirements that each business shall follow for outside dining.

The Deputy Fire Marshals will do their best to answer any questions asked. If they do not have the answer during the visit, they will research and provide the owner/manager the correct answer as quickly as possible. We all understand that these are difficult times and know that all life safety regulations must be followed.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and working with SDFD in assuring that everyone enjoys their time dining out and are safe.

Sincerely,



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