

## **Boston Fire Department Seeks Training and Certification Agencies of Commercial Exhaust Cleaners and Inspectors**

On May 14, 2008, the City of Boston established an Ordinance for the cleaning of commercial cooking hood and ventilation systems. The following guidelines are for the cleaning of hoods, grease removal devices; fans, ducts used for exhausting grease laden vapors, and shall apply to all existing and new commercial cooking hood and ventilation systems where the City of Boston has authority. It is in the interest of public safety that all cleaners and inspectors be properly trained and certified in order to reduce life threatening incidents.

The Boston Fire Department is establishing a list of qualified certifying agencies that will meet the requirements of the Ordinance.

The following are the basic minimum teaching requirements of a certified agency.

1. Competent knowledge of NFPA 96
2. Inspection schedule prescribed in NFPA 96 as referenced by 527 Commonwealth of Massachusetts Regulations 11:00
3. Scope of inspections and inspection reports
4. Cleaning methods/techniques; cleaning agents

The agency would also administer a competency exam for the **CLEANER** of exhaust ducts and **INSPECTOR** of exhaust ducts. These would be **two** separate exams. Contractors demonstrating past experience in the business may be waived from the certifying agency training program and be given just the competency exam.

The Boston Fire Department is requesting any and all trade organizations, public or private schools or private companies who wish to be considered as a certifying agency for the purpose of training individuals and companies in the cleaning or inspection or both of commercial cooking hood and ventilation systems within the City of Boston to send a formal proposal of the course outlines for each of its areas of training using at a minimum the basic requirements set forth in the notice to the

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Proposals should be submitted for review as soon as possible due to the ordinance mandated timeline. The Boston Fire Department expects to establish a certifying list of agencies by November 1, 2008. Questions may be directed to 617-343-3402 or to [PublicInfo.bfd@cityofboston.gov](mailto:PublicInfo.bfd@cityofboston.gov)

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