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ATTACHMENT 8

Date: August 25, 2016

To: **State Board of Fire Services**

From: Paul Eck, Division Chief
Fire Engineering/Arson Bomb

SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:
Update on Fireworks Disposal Program

Recommended Actions:
N/A – Information Only

Background Information:

Public safety concerns have been raised by the fire service concerning the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) requirement for the disposal of all seized fireworks and the timeliness of the disposal process.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

For Fiscal Year 2015 approximately \$4 million was appropriated to fund the disposal of seized fireworks. At the beginning of the fiscal year, the seized fireworks inventory was approximately 384,109 pounds. During Fiscal Year 2015, an additional 350,612 pounds of fireworks were seized, raising the total seized fireworks inventory 734,721 pounds.

During Fiscal Year 2015, the OSFM contracted with Clean Harbors Hazardous Waste Disposal and successfully disposed of 619,000 pounds of seized fireworks.

Approximately 115,721 pounds of seized fireworks remain in the State.

At the present time, it appears that we do not have sufficient funds to dispose of the remaining seized fireworks.

Current Status:

The OSFM continues to work with the fireworks industry, Public Safety cooperators, State and Local Government, and the Legislature to develop a sustainable solution to this problem.