Question 1:
Do the provisions of California Fire Code sections 903.2 and 903.2.1.2 apply to an existing building or facility that experiences a change in use or occupancy as identified in CFC section 102.3 from a Group M to a Group A-2 with a proposed occupant load greater than 100?

Response 1:
Yes. Per CFC Section 102.3, changes shall not be made in use or occupancy of any structure that would place the structure in a different division of the same group or occupancy or in a different group of occupancies, unless such structure is made to comply with the requirements of this code and the California Building Code.

Question 2:
Is a building with a change in use from a Group M to a Group A-2, with a proposed occupant load greater than 100, required to install an automatic fire sprinkler system in accordance with CFC 903.2.1.2?

Response 2:
Yes.

Question 3:
Do the code sections located in 2016 CFC Chapter 11, Construction Requirements for Existing Buildings, supersede the requirements elsewhere in the Fire Code for a building undergoing a change in use or occupancy?

Response 3:
No. The provisions of Chapter 11 would not be applicable for requirements resulting in a change of use of an existing building, unless specifically adopted by local ordinance.
Note: The OSFM only adopts specific portions of Chapter 11.
Question 4:
Do the conditions in section 1103.5, Sprinkler Systems, supersede the conditions located in section 903.2.1.2 for installing a fire sprinkler system in a building undergoing a change in use?

Response 4:
No. The conditions in section 1103.5 would not be applicable for requirements resulting in a change of use of an existing building.

**Note: Section 1103.5 is not adopted by the Office of the State Fire Marshal**