



in conjunction with



Massachusetts Association of Realtors®

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Hello,

On Friday March 20, 2020, Governor Baker issued an executive order deferring M.G.L 148 § 26 F and § 26 F 1/2 Inspections due to the CORVID-19 pandemic. [Governors Emergency Order](#) . As a result, and in good faith the Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts (FPAM) has partnered with the Massachusetts Association of REALTORS® (MAR) in effort to spread the word and work-hand-in-hand through this significant temporary change. FPAM has also been in contact with the Massachusetts Mortgage Bankers

Association (MassMBA).

MAR has established a dedicated web page linked here: [MARS DEDICATED WEB PAGE](#) where fire departments can go to and enter information as to how they will wish to receive the DFS FP-007C applications [FP - 0007C-application-for-certificate-of-compliance-for-smoke-detectors-and-carbon-monoxide/download](#) . This information can be changed at any time. The MAR page will remain active while the executive order is in effect.

MAR has provided a contract addendum that can be submitted indicating the property address, buyers' contact information and the date of the closing. A copy of the addendum can be found here: (I will add it once we publish it to the web site).

The partnership formed by FPAM and MAR has come to the agreement whereas in the most practical means possible:

* Buyers will adhere to the executive order and follow-up with inspections

* The form FP-007C will be submitted to the local fire department during the period that the closing takes place for tracking purposes

* The attorney and bank receive a copy of the final inspection issued from the fire department and left with the buyer

FPAM will be putting a link on our website shortly for fire departments to share their contact information and preferred method of receiving the inspection requests.

[MAR suggested forms can be found here.](#) They include SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE INSPECTION ADDENDUM and the COVID-19 Addendum.

Please stay safe, wash your hands often and maintain social distancing,

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