



LOCAL FIRE MARSHAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

presented to
**The Connecticut Association of Housing Code
Enforcement Officials**

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All Around Swell Guy (A.A.S.G.)



Introduction

**What does the local Fire
Marshal do?**



The Public Perception



Reality



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We've gotta protect our phony baloney jobs!



State Organizational Structure

**Commissioner
Melody A. Currey**

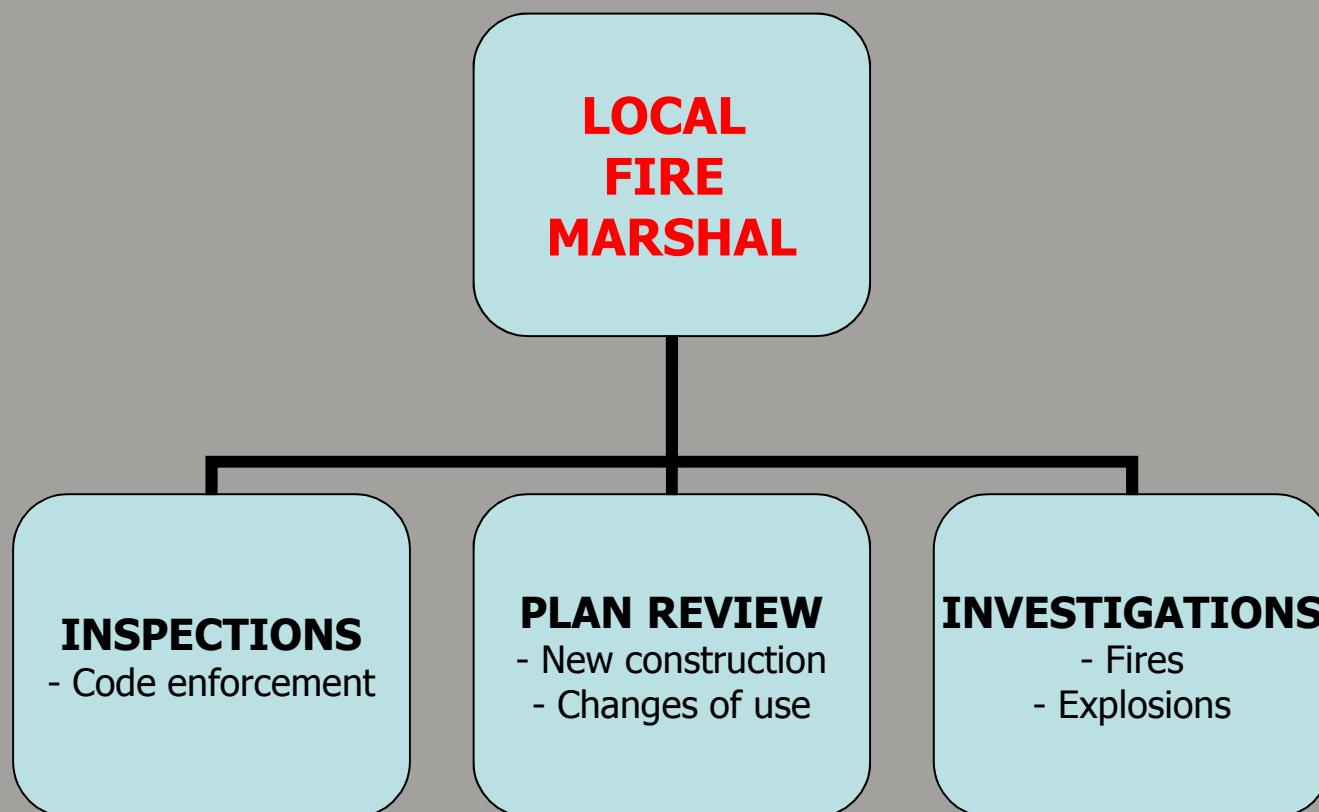
**State Building Inspector
Joseph V. Cassidy
P.E.**

**State Fire Marshal
William Abbott**

LOCAL FIRE MARSHAL



Local Fire Marshal Duties



On A Mission From God



- Per Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 541, Section 29-305, each local Fire Marshal shall inspect all buildings regulated by the State Fire Safety Code within the local Fire Marshal's jurisdiction.

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- Frequency of inspections varies by occupancy type:
1 year, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years; or as often as the local Fire Marshal deems necessary.
- Occupancy types (use groups):

**Assembly
Business
Educational
Factory
High-Hazard
Institutional
Mercantile
Residential
Storage
Miscellaneous**



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Fire and Building Codes



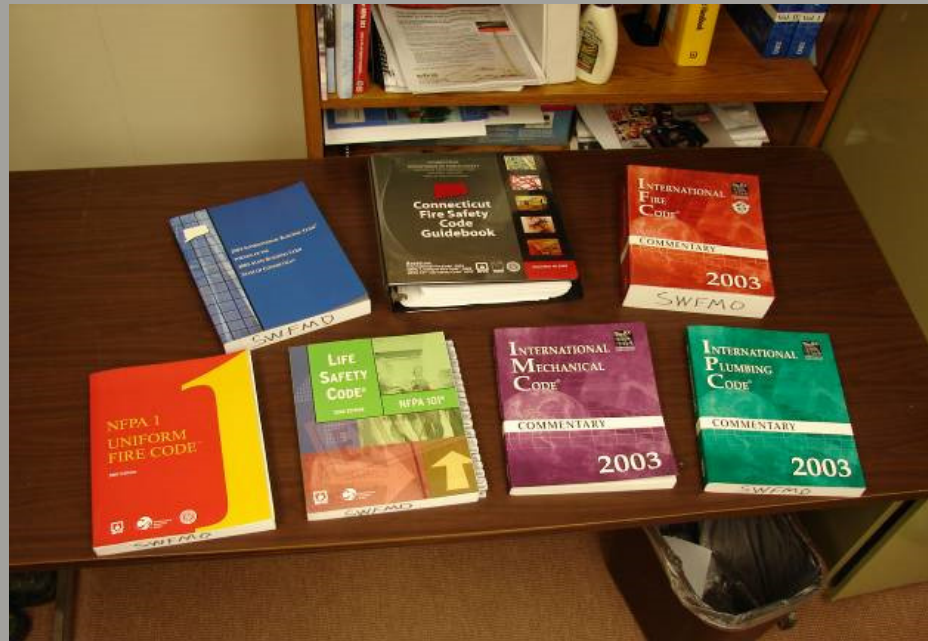
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- We enforce the following fire and building codes:
 - **Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 541**
 - **Connecticut State Fire Safety Code**
 - **Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code**
 - **Connecticut specific codes** (Fireworks and Special Effects, etc.)
 - Many adopted **NFPA standards**

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Connecticut Fire Safety Code



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**Some common items we inspect for
compliance . . .**



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Emergency Lighting



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Fire Extinguishers



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Fire Alarm Systems



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Fire Protection Systems



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Electrical Systems



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Commercial Cooking Equipment



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Storage



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New Construction



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Morons of the West - Blazing Saddles



Violations

- When code violations are found, the local Fire Marshal has different options:
 - **Abatement Order**
 - **Order to Vacate**



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Abatement Order

- An Abatement Order is a written document sent via certified mail or delivered by the Fire Marshal, granting the building owner a specific amount of time (typically 30 days) to correct the violations. A reinspection is conducted by the Fire Marshal at the end of that time period.



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Abatement Order

Town of South Windsor
Fire Marshal Office
1540 Sullivan Ave
South Windsor, CT 06074
**CONNECTICUT STATE FIRE SAFETY CODE
ABATEMENT ORDER OF FIRE LIFE SAFETY HAZARDS**
April 8, 2016

Certified Mail Return Receipt # _____

Owner: Mark Cohen
8 Bay Hill Drive
Bloomfield, CT 06002

Occupancy: Cohen Building
1440 John Fish Blvd
South Windsor, CT 06074

Dear Mark Cohen,

On April 5, 2016 an inspection was conducted of the premises located at 1440 John Fish Blvd, South Windsor, CT 06074 for the purposes of determining compliance with the Connecticut Fire Safety Code and the applicable standards, adopted pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 29-292 and 29-293. The Code and said standards are available for your inspection at this Office.

The violations of the Code found on the date of inspection are listed on the attached inspection report.

You are hereby ordered to take proper corrective action to remove or remedy all listed violations within thirty (30) days from the day this Notice is received, unless otherwise noted on the attached inspection report.

If you believe that compliance with the Code will pose an unreasonable hardship, and that alternative methods of achieving an equivalent level of life safety could be achieved, you may request a variance. A determination of the appropriateness of any such request is subject to the inspection of the Fire Marshal's Office. If you believe compliance will take more time than that specified, you may request an extension of time prior to the expiration of the thirty (30) day period. Unless otherwise noted on the attached inspection report, the Fire Marshal's Office will not grant an extension of time for compliance. The Fire Marshal's Office may, at its discretion, suspend the time period for compliance for a period of not more than thirty (30) days from receipt of the request.

Please! specifications for work to be done shall be submitted to this Office prior to the commencement of any construction. The Fire Marshal's Office shall avoid unnecessary expense that could result from non-complying changes. Please agencies prior to any construction.

This is the only order you will receive. This Office will conduct a re-inspection of the premises to determine compliance with this order after the expiration of the thirty (30) day period or the time period specified on the attached inspection report. Your failure to comply with this order within the time period specified as determined by said re-inspection constitutes your failure to comply with the Connecticut Fire Safety Code which may subject you to criminal prosecution as prescribed by Connecticut General Statutes 29-306 with penalties of a fine of not less than two hundred dollars (\$200) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or imprisonment of up to six months, or both, as prescribed in Connecticut General Statutes 29-295.

Non-compliance may also result in a civil proceeding against you as authorized in Connecticut General Statutes 29-309.

This Office is looking forward to working with you in the interest of fire and life safety, and awaits a timely response regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Walter Summers FM or Designee

Town of South Windsor Office of the Fire Marshal, Fire Inspection Report

Owner: Mark Cohen
8 Bay Hill Drive
Bloomfield, CT 06002

Occupancy: Cohen Building
1440 John Fish Blvd
South Windsor, CT 06074

Occupancy ID: 47721640
Inspection Date: _____

Viol. No.	Section No. of Referenced Standard	Details of Section Number and Violation Location/Description of Violation	*Specific days for Compliance	Date Viol. Corrected
1	13.3.3.4.1.2	Changes in Occupancy, Use, Process, or Materials Violation carried over from inspection on 04/05/2016 Violation carried over from inspection on 08/17/2016 Recheck violation record auto-generated from inspection on 04/05/2016 Changes in Occupancy, Use, Process, or Materials. The property owner or designated representative shall not make changes in the occupancy, the use or process, or the materials used or stored in the building without evaluation of the fire protection systems for their capability to protect the new occupancy, use, or materials. [25.4.1.6]	05/05/2016	
2	13.3.3.4.1.6.1	PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM FOR THE NEW BUILDING USE CLASSIFICATION (SEE #2) Addressing Changes in Hazards. (Evaluate System) Violation carried over from inspection on 08/23/2016 Violation carried over from inspection on 08/17/2016 Recheck violation record auto-generated from inspection on 04/05/2016 Where changes in the occupancy, hazard, water supply, storage commodity, storage arrangement, building modification, or other condition that affects the installation criteria of the system are identified, the property owner or designated representative shall promptly take steps to evaluate the adequacy of the installed system in order to protect the building or hazard in question. [25.4.1.6.1]	05/05/2016	
3	I-SEC 29-292-11	CHANGES OF OCCUPANCY OR USE Violation carried over from inspection on 08/23/2016 Violation carried over from inspection on 08/17/2016 Recheck violation record auto-generated from inspection on 04/05/2016 In any building or structure, whether or not a physical alteration is needed, a change from one occupancy classification to another shall be permitted only where such a structure, building or portion thereof conforms with the requirements of this code that apply to new construction for the proposed new use, except that a change of tenants or ownership shall not be construed to be a change of occupancy classification where the nature of use and assigned occupancy classification remain the same.	05/05/2016	

PROVIDE AN EVALUATION BY A LICENSED DESIGN PROFESSIONAL FOR THE CHANGE OF USE OF _____

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Green Card

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION		COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired.■ Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.■ Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.		A. Signature X <input type="checkbox"/> Agent <input type="checkbox"/> Addressee	
1. Article Addressed to:		B. Received by (Printed Name)	C. Date of Delivery
		D. Is delivery address different from item 1? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If YES, enter delivery address below: <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		3. Service Type <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Express Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt for Merchandise <input type="checkbox"/> Insured Mail <input type="checkbox"/> C.O.D.	
2. Article Number (Transfer from service label)		4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	

PS Form 3811, February 2004 Domestic Return Receipt 102595-02-M-1540



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Order to Vacate

- Per Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 541, Section 29-306, (c) If the local Fire Marshal determines that there exists in a building a risk of death or injury from:
 - 1) Blocked, insufficient or impeded egress
 - 2) Failure to maintain or shutting off any fire protection or warning system required by the State Fire Safety Code or the State Fire Prevention Code
 - 3) The storage of any flammable or explosive material without a permit **or** in quantities in excess of any allowable limits pursuant to a permit
 - 4) The use of any fireworks or pyrotechnic device without a permit
 - 5) Exceeding the occupancy limit established by the State Fire Marshal or a local fire marshal

... such Fire Marshal may issue a verbal or written order to immediately vacate the building.

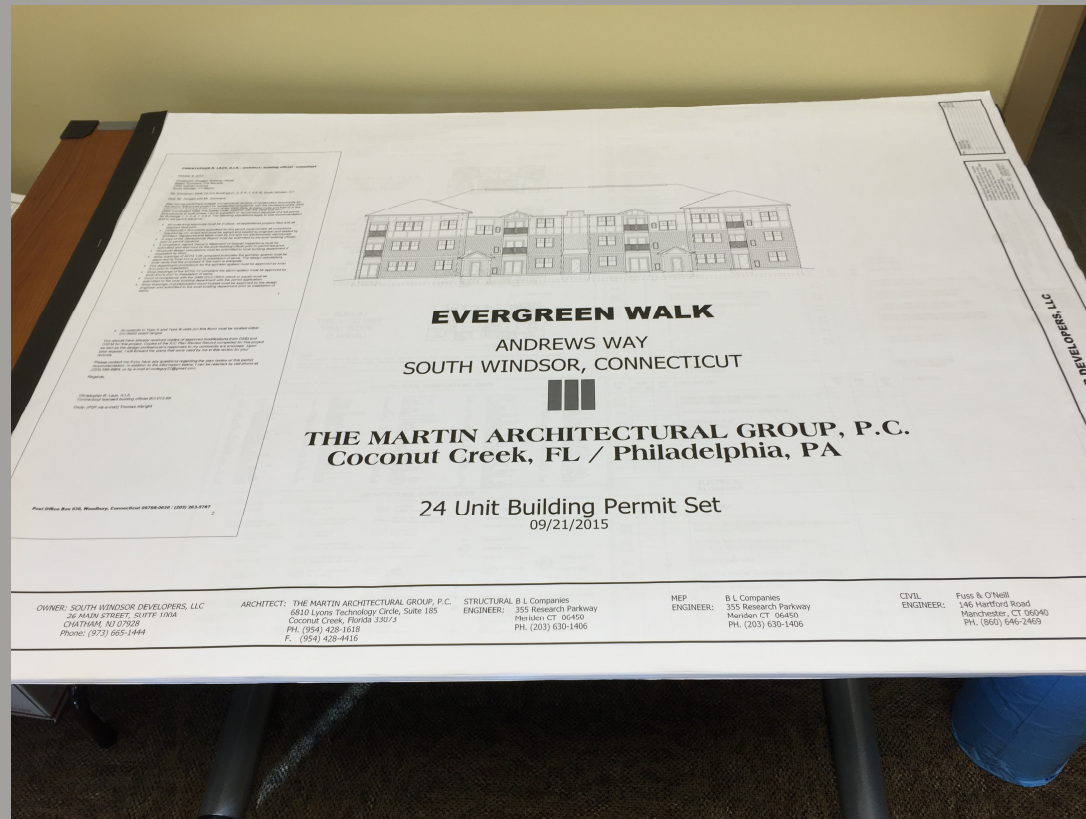
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Jim Carrey - LIAR LIAR (1997) - "Court Rambling"



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Plan Review



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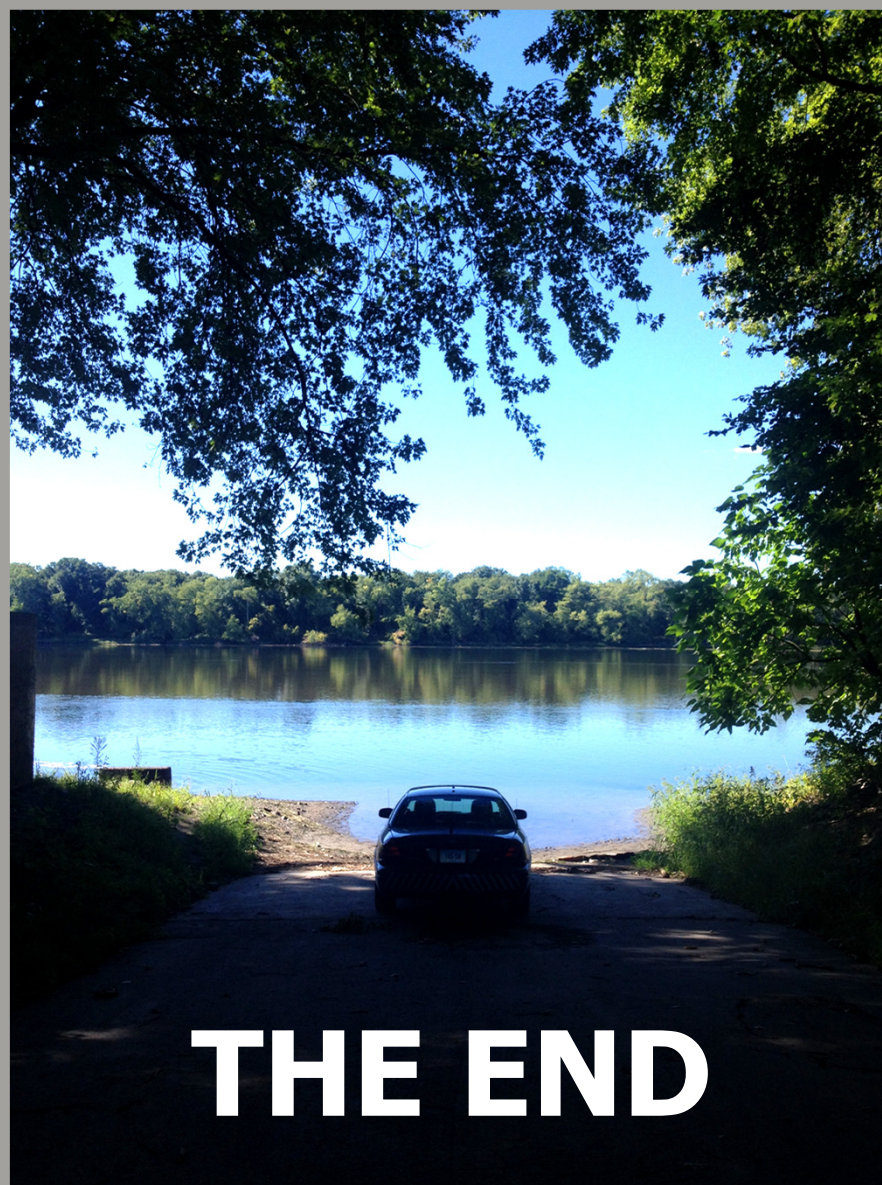
- Per Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 541, Section 29-302, the local Fire Marshal shall investigate the cause, origin and circumstances of any fire or explosion within his jurisdiction.



Investigations



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Any Questions?

