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Dear CFA Fair Manager,

Each Fairground in the State of California work closely with the State Fire Marshal's office to ensure events at Fairgrounds are compliant with current State Fire Marshall Code, and events on State property are produced in the most safe and responsible manner possible, with the prevention of fire or fire related incident at the forefront of this relationship.

The State Fire Marshal's office is currently proposing changes to current regulations that the state fire marshal's office oversees for special events. Below is a link to the suggested changes. Please read the proposal and the information included in the links provided as there are other areas that impact events on the fairgrounds that may be of particular interest to you. These changes will have a significant financial impact to your event and the fairgrounds, see Table 1 page 5 "Minimum Staffing or Special Events" from the Test of Regulations Document by following this link: <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/media/c2mpemao/text-et-fls-special-event-permit-4-22-2021.pdf>. For your convenience, a copy of the table is located on the second page of this letter.

In the proposed changes you will find several adjustments that are detrimental to the future of fairgrounds and their ability to host events of any size. All fairgrounds, large, small, rural, or not, will be negatively affected by these changes. The financial impact will make it nearly impossible for our grounds to continue to operate. Now more than ever, we need to join together and voice our concerns and tell our story.

Our CALL TO ACTION -We have called for a public hearing, and will distribute hearing date and time once it has been established. In the meantime, **please submit written concerns to the State Fire Marshal's office no later than June 21, 2021.** In the essence of time, we recommend emailing your letter of concern to Office of the State Fire Marshall to ensure prompt receipt. You are welcome to also postal mail a hard copy to the address below. Please cc your local legislators and CFA with your correspondence.

EMAIL:

Diane Arend diane.arend@fire.ca.gov

NOTE – you **must** include in the subject line of the email "**Comments: Special Event Permit**"

POSTAL MAIL:

CAL FIRE/Office of the State Fire Marshal

P.O. Box 944246

Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Attention: Diane Arend, Code Development & Analysis

Thank you for your support of the California Fair Industry and your local Fairgrounds.

Table 1. Minimum Staffing of Special Events

Minimum Staffing Levels				
Event Size (Number of Attendees)	1-1,000	1,000-7,500	7,500 – 15,000	15,000 and above
Number of Deputies	2 ^{abcd}	4 ^{abcd}	6 ^{abcd}	TBD ^{abcd}
Special Factors				
a. 2 Deputies per stage. b. 1 Deputy per special effect display. c. Staffing levels are subject to change after safety analysis by the Department. d. Emergency Medical Services staffing may be required after safety analysis by the Department.				

Below are the other links for information regarding the proposed regulations.

- <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/media/jauhfdq1/nopa-fls-special-event-permit-4-22-21revda.pdf>
- <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/media/k1vpfayw/isor-fls-special-events-4-22-21-revda.pdf>
- <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/media/5khbvmqh/applicationsamplewatermarkgovmotus-special-event-permit-4-22-21revda.pdf>
- <https://www.fire.ca.gov/about-us/strategic-plan/>