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Fire & EMS New Year's "Sweeps" Keep Revelers Safe

The Fire & EMS Department used a two-step process this year in its annual effort to promote and enforce fire safety regulations at the town's better-known New Year's Eve party venues. First, about two weeks before the big night, the Fire Marshal's Office sent reminder notices to proprietors, and included a fire safety checklist that club managers could use to inspect their own premises. The checklist included such things as proper exit signage, door hardware, egress requirements, fire sprinkler clearances, and other guidelines, both common-sense and technical. Then, during the day and evening of December 31, deputy fire marshals and line fire crews visited each of the 19 establishments for a final inspection. Reports were positive from both fire officials and nightclub operators. The inspectors found very few problems – mostly having to do with last-minute blockages of egress routes – and the club owners were appreciative of the Fire Department's efforts and secure in the knowledge that they had prepared for a fire-safe New Year's Eve celebration. The New Year's Eve "sweeps" will continue as a regular service of the Fire & EMS Department. For more information, please contact Deputy Fire Marshal Keith Haggas at 682-5261.