DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE

PROPOSED RULES FIRE SPRINKLERS FOR ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS

ARKANSAS STATE POLICE RULES 2009-2

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY; INTENT

- (A) These rules are promulgated and adopted in compliance with the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, codified as Arkansas Code Annotated §§25-15-201, et seq. These Rules are promulgated by the Director (Director) of the Department of Arkansas State Police (Department), who serves by operation of law as the Arkansas State Fire Marshal under the authority granted by Arkansas Act 254 of 1955, codified at A.C.A. §§ 12-13-101 to A.C.A. §12-13-116, as amended, and specifically under A.C.A. §12-13-105(5), and A.C.A. §12-13-107(b).
- (B) These Rules are intended to serve as guidelines to continue to assure compliance and continuity with laws and rules to protect Arkansas lives and residential property against the peril of fire and smoke, and primarily to clarify the use and installation of automatic fire sprinkler systems in new one and two family dwellings.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

These rules shall be effective on and after October 1, 2009.

SECTION 3. FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLERS AND FIRE PREVENTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS FOR SPECIFIED RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS

- (A)The Director as State Fire Marshal shall not mandate the use and installation of automatic fire sprinkler systems in new one and two family dwellings. <u>Exception</u>: <u>Subdivisions having more than thirty</u> (30) dwelling units and only a single entrance.
- (B) Cities and counties and other political subdivisions of this state may address and adopt at their own option local ordinances for the use and installation of automatic fire sprinkler systems in new one and two family dwellings.
