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RE: Hood Suppression System

The Office of the State Fire Marshal has received information from the Kansas City Missouri Fire Department about a company that has potentially sold hoods and suppression systems in Kansas that are not designed or installed in accordance with the applicable codes. The company goes by the name of Charlie Cart Company and two associates include Arlando White and Charles White.

Kansas City Missouri Fire Department (KCMFD) has issued a cease-and-desist order against the company. The most recent hood system that was to be installed for a restaurant in Topeka was stopped before it could be installed. The Topeka Fire Department has been informed of the issue.

The company makes food trucks and installs hood suppression systems that do not meet code, according to KCMFD. When the company makes a food truck hood suppression system, they are using caulk, that is made for a home setting, the KCMFD stated. The information came from a customer of Charlie Cart. That customer is having to replace his hood suppression system, according to the KCMFD.

Be advised, if you are aware of hoods or suppression systems sold by this company, they may not be compliant with standards and requirements and should be verified by a third-party inspector with the competency to determine compliance.

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