



## **Joint Guidance for the Florida Fire Service on Governor DeSantis' Executive Order Number 20-112**

In the interest of supporting Governor Ron DeSantis' Executive Order 20-112 and keeping our communities safe, we encourage the Florida Fire Service to assist business owners in determining maximum capacity in their facilities. These services should be provided as a courtesy to the business communities we serve and protect to assist them in achieving a level of compliance in the interest of promoting community risk reduction.

Executive Order 20-112 allows individual businesses to reopen in Florida with limitations on occupancy. The order limits occupancy to 25% of capacity in retail spaces and restaurants. Most restaurants have an occupancy load sign posted when approved occupancy is 50 persons or greater. However, most retailers do not have an occupant load posted and may not know how to identify 25% of their capacity.

The FFCA, FFMIA and FPF leadership reminds fire and code enforcement officials across Florida that the Florida Fire Prevention Code, specifically NFPA 101®, Chapter 7.3.1.2 should be used to assist business owners with calculating their new 25% maximum capacity. We recognize that it is not within the scope of fire officials to enforce the Governor's order(s) as it pertains to restaurants and food establishments as that responsibility lies with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Still, we encourage local fire and code enforcement officials to assist appropriate agencies and the property owners within your communities to achieve compliance with this directive. Consistent application across Florida will ensure this directive is uniformly applied.