

**Annual List of Rule-Making Activity**  
**Rules Adopted January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016**  
*Prepared by the Secretary of State, pursuant to 5 MRS, §8053-A, sub-§5*

**Agency name:** Department of Public Safety (DPS), **Office of State Fire Marshal**  
**Umbrella-Unit:** **16-219**  
**Statutory authority:** 25 MRS §2452; 32 MRS §§ 1373, 1374, 1382  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 4**, Water-based Fire Protection Systems  
**Filing number:** **2016-084**  
**Effective date:** 6/4/2016  
**Type of rule:** Major Substantive  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**

This rule intends to remove redundant or obsolescent content from the rule, define the roles and responsibilities of responsible managing supervisors in the State of Maine, and adopt current standards relating to water based fire protection systems. The rule is intended to reduce overall fire suppression costs, fatalities, injuries and property loss due to fire.

**Basis statement / summary:**

This rule establishes the design, installation, operation, maintenance, inspection, testing and all other aspects of water-based fire protection systems and life safety sprinkler systems for occupancies and structures with water-based fire protection system measures. This standard is intended to provide uniform requirements for the entire state to ensure the safety of occupants of structures using such measures.

**Fiscal impact of rule:**

No fiscal impact.

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**Statutory authority:** 25 MRS §2915(4)  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 71** (*New*), Uniform Standardized Forensic Examination Kit for Gross Sexual Assault Evidence Collection (*replaces* 16-222 Ch. 20)  
**Filing number:** **2016-109**  
**Effective date:** 7/3/2016  
**Type of rule:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**  
*(See Basis Statement)*

**Basis statement / summary:**

The chapter defines the uniform forensic examination kit to be used by licensed medical facilities and health care practitioners for evidence collection in cases of alleged gross sexual assault. Through this rule-making, wording changes are being made to the chapter to make it more accurate. In addition, a provision in the chapter is being stricken that allows standardized, statewide forensic examination documentation forms that include information of patients' assaults, to be substituted for patients' assault information forms included in the kit, if such documentation forms are available. Finally, the four appendices to the chapter that each provide instructions are being replaced in their entirety with four revised appendices.

**Fiscal impact of rule:**

No additional fiscal impact is anticipated as a result of the amendments that would be made to the existing chapter.