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TO: BOROUGH SUPERINTENDENTS

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SUBJECT: Places of Assembly; Acceptable Door Hardware
(Supercedes Departmental Memorandum dated October 4, 1976)

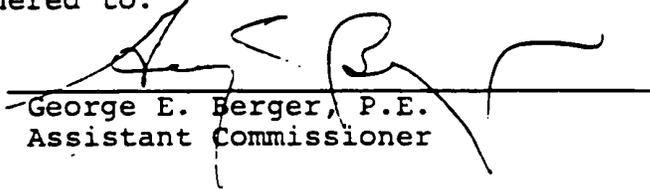
It has been brought to our attention by the Fire Department that some of our inspectors have been interpreting Section C26-604.4(j)(1) as to allow independent turn knobs in addition to door knobs as acceptable door hardware on egress doors in places assembly.

Accordingly, the Departmental Memo, dated October 4, 1976 is superceded as follows:

"3. Slide bolts, draw bolts, turn knobs or any other bolts may only be used as an integral part of approved panic hardware on required egress doors readily openable from the inside in conformance with Section C26-604.4(k)(2) when the premises is occupied, and are of such design and condition to preclude unauthorized entry from the outside."

Hereafter, when annual inspection of a place of assembly discloses independent side bolts, draw bolts, turn knobs or any other bolts, a violation is to be issued, citing Section C26-604(j)(1)a, diligently prosecuted, and a copy sent to the Fire Department. Further, in such instances, no place of assembly permit renewal is to be issued, and referrals from the Department of Consumer Affairs in conjunction with license renewal are to be returned disapproved.

In all other respects, memorandums dated February 3, 1976 and March 4, 1976, are to be adhered to.


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