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To: All Massachusetts Chiefs of Police
The Police Commissioner of the City of Boston

From: Heather E. Rowe, Director
Department of Labor Standards

Date: October 23, 2013

Re: **Permits for Holiday Openings**
Thanksgiving Day– November 28, 2013
Christmas Day – December 25, 2013

The Department of Labor Standards must approve all local permits to permit the performance of work at retail stores and businesses and to permit such businesses to be open on certain holidays, including Thanksgiving, November 28, 2013, and Christmas Day, December 25, 2013. Permits must be approved by the Department of Labor Standards on a uniform basis statewide. See Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 136, §15.

Please be advised that the Department of Labor Standards will not be issuing statewide approval for permits for businesses to open on Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day, 2013.

For further information please view our Blue Laws Overview on our website at http://www.mass.gov/lwd/labor-standards/dls/mass-blue-laws/ or contact the Department of Labor Standards at (617) 626-6952.

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