

## Report to SNHD Board of Health, August 22, 2013 Certified Food Safety Manager Card

In an effort to promote and recognize enhanced training for food safety professionals in Southern Nevada, effective September 1, 2013, a Certified Food Safety Manager (CFSM) card will be offered in addition to the established SNHD food handler safety training (FHST) card.

To qualify for this manager level card, a person must complete an ANSI accredited Certified Food Protection/Safety Manager home study or classroom course and show food safety competency by then taking and passing a proctored examination through an approved provider/proctoring service.

A 10-year study conducted by the FDA of retail food risks identified that the presence of a certified food protection manager was strongly correlated with higher compliance levels with food safety practices.

The SNHD 2010 Regulations Governing the Sanitation of Food Establishments identifies food protection manager certification ([2-103.11](#)) as meeting one of three options for the knowledge requirement for a person in charge of a food establishment ([2-201.11B](#)).

The SNHD website will have links to ANSI accredited programs to assist interested parties in finding manager level training and testing options. The cost for training materials and taking the exam vary. Upon successful completion, the individual is issued a certificate good for a 5 year time period, at which time retesting is required to maintain certification.

To obtain a CFSM card through SNHD, the applicant shall need to provide written proof of their current Food Protection/Safety Manager certificate. The expiration on the SNHD CFSM card shall correspond to the expiration date on their certificate. To maintain/renew a CFSM card with SNHD, prior to expiration, the person will need to retest with an accredited agency and produce a current certificate/proof when renewing their SNHD card. The person shall not be required to complete the online SNHD food safety online training that is required for the FHST Card. In addition to meeting the "Health Card" requirement for employment as a food handler, the SNHD CFSM card shall confirm that the individual has successfully completed an ANSI accredited, certified food protection manager training and examination program. The fee for the SNHD issued CFSM card shall be the same price as for the FHST card however, depending upon when the applicant took the certification exam, the card could be valid for up to 5 years (again the expiration date on the card will match that on the certificate of having passed the proctored examination). The FHST card is good for 3 years. This aspect of the enhanced carding option shall hopefully prove to be an incentive for increased training and application of food safety principals in food establishments serving the residents of and visitors to Clark County.