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**STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S
Automatic Extinguishing Systems Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2009**

Committee Goal: To provide a means of communications between the Offices of the State Fire Marshal, representatives of industry, the public and the fire service; and to seek comments and specific views on proposed regulations and intended future action.

Members Present:

James Parsegian, Program Coordinator-OSFM
Vikkie Raby, Program Assistant-OSFM
Randy Dysart, Jorgensen & Co
Darrell Hefley, Jorgensen & Co
Bruce Lecair, National Fire Sprinkler Association
Ken Liming, Insurance Services Office
Jim McLaughlin, Lund, Pearson, McLaughlin
James Carver, El Segundo Fire
Craig Voelkert, Amerex Corp.
Jim Feld, U.C. Berkeley
Steve Hart, NAS-IP
Darrell Harguth, Brooks Fire Equipment
Chris Gilbert, Master Protection Corporation

Members Absent:

Fred Benn, Advanced Automatic Sprinkler
Stan Smith, Sprinklers Fitters 483
Russell Blair, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Dept.
Patrick Chew, City of Roseville Fire Department
Dennis Grubb, Orange Co. Fire Authority
Wayne Martin, FPE
Robert Raymer, CA. Building Industry Ass.
David Casey, Department of State Architect
Robert Nolan, ASCIP (Schools)
Robert Rowe, FSABSC
Lorin Neyer, OSHPD
Allen Quirk, Paraclete Fire & Safety Inc.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson James Parsegian @ 10:00a.m., on Thursday, April 9, 2009.

II. ROLL CALL and INTRODUCTIONS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from January 15, 2009, were reviewed. Let the minutes reflect that Allen Quirk, Jack Thacker, Randy Dysart and James Carver are the "Sticker" workgroup members. McLaughlin motion to accept minutes as amended, Dysart second, All in favor.

Jim McLaughlin again raised the question of timely minutes. James Parsegian took responsibility, but explained that he is at a disadvantage since he is working "short staffed." He will make every effort to improve.

It was noted that Jack Thacker asked for a Bulletin regarding Obstruction investigation requirements Chapter 13 – 13.2.2 at the January meeting. There was some discussion regarding the Bulletin and FAQ answering questions about the requirements for Obstruction Investigation. James Parsegian will rescind the Informational Bulletin this month (April). It was agreed that the information would stay on the website.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

I. NFPA 13 Correlating Workgroup Update.

James Parsegian reported on status. The committee is working on amendments for sprinklers in concealed areas. The committee has developed approximately 25 amendments regarding 13 & 13R Systems.

II. NFPA 13, 13R, 13D

- i.** Final drafts submitted April 3. Additional amendments submitted April 8.
- ii.** Currently NFPA 13D does not required working plans. Steve Hart wants to develop 11 items for working plans for 13D Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems.
- iii.** Bruce Lecair reported on the Residential Fire Sprinkler/Water Supply Task Force. They recommend that OSFM develop a "Best Practices" guideline.
- iv.** Water Supply Task Force discourages the use of backflow devices on 13D Systems.
- v.** Extensive discussion led by James Parsegian regarding changes to Limited Licensing Category. The main concern is that unqualified techs are doing the fire pump weekly testing. A workgroup will make the decision as to how these issues be addressed. James Carver will lead, with Jim Bollier, Jim Feld and Robert Nolan assisting.

- vi. Forms (Maintenance and Testing): Engineered and pre-engineered systems. Reporting is currently required, both in the CFC and Title 19, California Code of Regulations. James Parsegian advised the committee that the forms would be placed in the regulation. During the next update.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2009 IFC, IBC, UMC Adoption: James Parsegian provided copies to all committee members. The UL 300 requirements are reflected in both the IFC and the UMC.

VI. OPEN FORUM

Discussion of IRC-CRC adoptions/ led by Steve Hart.

Jim Feld-A company in Florida is using an epoxy product and claiming it is California approved. One here is familiar with this product. Jim Feld received an email from UL regarding this product. Steve Hart also received information from Dave Hollister. Jim Feld will forward email to James Parsegian. Steve Hart will forward website link for product. James Parsegian will forward a link to all committee members regarding this product marketed by American Pipe Lining Company.

Riser "Sticker Program" workgroup conference call set-April 29 from 14:30-16:00.

NFPA 25 Workgroup-meeting set to establish priorities. This meeting will be held on June 3, 2009 in Sacramento 10-16:00 location TBD

Committee terms expire June 30, 2009. Send your request to Kate Dargan, cc James Parsegian or Ben Ho for reappointment.

Steve Hart-SB275 Professional Engineers pertaining to clarification of wording for "Professional Engineer." Would still give allowance for designers to install their own design as contractors. This bill seems harmless to contractor and enforcement communities. Steve will continue to track and comment.

NEXT MEETING

July 16, 2009 @ 0930
SFM Hq. 1131 S Street
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