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**STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S  
Automatic Extinguishing Systems Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 30, 2008**

**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  
Mike Waldron, RA-OSFM  
Steve Hart, NAS-IP  
Fred Benn, Advanced Automatic Sprinkler  
Stan Smith, Sprinklers Fitters 483  
Randy Dysart, Cintas Fire  
Darrell Hefley, Jorgensen & Co  
Bruce Lecair, National Fire Sprinkler Association  
Ken Liming, Insurance Services Office  
Jim McLaughlin, Lund, Pearson, McLaughlin  
Jim Feld, U.C. Berkeley  
James Carver, El Segundo Fire  
Darrell Harguth, Brooks Fire Equipment  
Chris Gilbert, Master Protection Corporation

**Members Absent:**

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.  
Craig Voelkert, Amerex Corp.  
David Casey, Department of State Architect  
Allen Quirk, Paraclete Fire & Safety Inc.  
Robert Nolan, ASCIP (Schools)  
Robert Rowe, FSABSC  
Lorin Neyer, OSHPD

## **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson James Parsegian @ 9:35a.m., on October 30, 2008.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None at this time.

## **PRESENTATION**

Mr. Frank Hightower and Mr. Rob Lienti of Asurio Inspection Systems made a presentation to the Advisory Committee outlining the capabilities of their electronic reporting program and associated program hardware. This program is currently tailored to fit the California requirements for reporting maintenance of Water Based Fire Protection Systems. It would enable reporting and storage of maintenance records electronically, providing "green" relief to AHJs, and potentially providing accurate data regarding systems for use in the development of future regulation.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from July 10, 2008, were reviewed. Jim McLaughlin motion to accept. Steve Hart second. Jim McLaughlin suggested that minutes be completed and posted in a more timely fashion. James Parsegian directed Mike Waldron to ensure that this is accomplished.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1) Schedule Clean-up Meeting for NFPA 25**

James Parsegian directed Jim Feld to work with Mike Waldron to write an agenda and schedule a workgroup meeting to identify and cleanup the current problems in NFPA 25 2006 California Edition. There was some discussion regarding the adoption of a newer Edition. James indicated that this would not happen during the current cycle.

### **2) Engineered/Pre-engineered Forms**

James has not taken the forms to the Fire Prevention Officers. He will introduce the forms at the January 2008 FPO Meeting. James Carver and Bruce Lecair will accompany James to the LAAFMA to explain the forms and reporting requirements.

### **§904.2. Testing and Maintenance Requirements.**

*(j) It is the responsibility of the contractor, company, or licensee to provide a written report of the test and maintenance results to the building owner and the local fire authority having jurisdiction at the completion of the testing and maintenance.*

*NOTE: Authority cited: Section 13195, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 13195.5 and 13196.5, Health and Safety Code.*

Chris Gilbert expressed the need for standardized forms. Bruce Lecair concurred emphasizing a need for consistency.

James Parsegian stated that without a concensus from the Fire Service, the Office of the State Fire Marshal would not mandate the use of the forms.

### 3) **MIT**

Steve Hart reported that the MIT Workgroup has not held a meeting. After some discussion it was agreed that any work on this project will be postponed and revisited at a later date. **Item closed.**

### 4) **Code Hearings**

James Parsegian reported on the hearings in Minnesota. He stated that the Fire Service got what they wanted regarding, among other things, sprinklers in single family dwellings. James directed the committee to revisit the development of the Care and Feeding of Residential Fire Sprinklers flyer to be made available to the public.

Stan Smith asked if changes in sprinkler requirements in E occupancies would be enforced in renovation projects. Dave Casey answered that renovations over \$20,000 must comply with the new code.

There was discussion on “change of code vs. change of use.” Members asked James for some guidance with this issue.

- The CBC and the CFC would not require an upgrade to an existing system if there was no renovation, except when the code specifically state a retroactive requirement. An example would be the UL 300 requirement.

James Parsegian told the committee that if they had proposed amendments for the ICode, to submit them to the Advisory Committee in writing for consideration. Any proposals should include exact language and code section to be amended.

Some discussion on NFPA 13, 13R, and 13D adoption. Submission in June 09 to Building Standards.

- The OSFM set up an independent work group on the Adoption of NFPA 13, 13D, and 13R 2007 Edition. Several members of the AES committee a participating. This workgroup reports directly to Assistant State Fire Marshal Tonya Hoover.

### 5) **AB 2288**

James Parsegian reported that this bill is theoretically dead “for now”. He emphasized that OSFM has no position regarding this legislation.

### 6) **Title 19/Fire Code**

Steve Hart asked what our progress was on moving Title 19 CCR into the Fire Code. James Parsegian spoke with the Regulations Unit, and was informed that this project is about 40% complete.

#### **7) Presentation of L License regulation package**

James Parsegian presented the package to the Advisory Committee. After extended discussion, it appears that members still have some misunderstandings regarding the language. Randy Dysart asked if the package accomplished what James Carver and Robert Nolan originally set out to accomplish. James Carver felt that it did. His original concern was to ensure that companies with qualified personnel be allowed to continue to conduct inspections/maintenance/testing. James Parsegian suggested modification to the Fire Department endorsement to resolve Industry concerns. No consensus was reached.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1) Residential Fire Sprinkler/Water Supply Task Force**

Steve Hart and Bruce Lecair gave a brief presentation regarding this workgroup. (minutes attached)

#### **2) ASCE Provisions**

Steve Hart gave a brief presentation on the 2005 date of the ASCE provisions and the 2002 edition of NFPA-13 which California adopts. (see attached)

### **OPEN FORUM**

**1)** Steve Hart shared a draft of a document he developed to illustrate the "Green" regarding installing fire sprinklers in single family dwellings. (see attached)

**2)** Bruce LeCair spoke briefly regarding fraud in the industry. He expressed concerns regarding unlicensed companies and the use of unapproved forms. He suggested an education plan that would correct the problem.

### **NEXT MEETING**

January 15, 2008 at 9:30 AM in El Segundo.