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**STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S
Automatic Extinguishing Systems Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2009**

Committee Goal: To provide a means of communications between the Office 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
Randy Dysart, Cintas Fire
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.
Allen Quirk, Paraclete Fire & Safety Inc.

Members Absent:

Mike Waldron, RA~OSFM
Darrell Harguth, Brooks Fire Equipment
Chris Gilbert, Master Protection Corporation
Jim Feld, U.C. Berkeley
Steve Hart, NAS~IP
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

Guest

Jack Thacker

Meeting Called to Order

Meeting was called to order by James Parsegian @ 10:03 a.m. on January 15, 2009.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from July 10, 2008, were reviewed. Randy Dysart motion to accept Jim McLaughlin second.

Old Business

1. NFPA 13/13R and IFC/IBC comparison has been started. Jack Thacker and James Parsegian provided overview.
2. Discussion about the minimum code and how it affects Local Authority (NFPA 13, Title 24, IBC, IFC, Etc.)
3. Jack Thacker submitted White Paper from Zurich Insurance concerning problems with sprinklers in buildings.
4. Bruce Lecair reported on the "Residential Fire Sprinkler/Water Workgroup" meeting to develop recommendations for SFM to IRC. Workgroup consists of Water Purveyors, Developers, Fire Service and Sprinkler Contractors

New Business

1. James Parsegian discussed the "L" License changes that would be necessary on the original.
2. Bruce Lecair asked what the qualifications are.
 - a. Extended discussion regarding "L" License and Pump Testing (weekly)
 - b. James suggested he will have a Work Group meeting:
 - i. North, Sacramento -South, El Segundo both will use Web Meeting.
3. Jack Thacker asked for a Bulletin regarding Obstruction investigation requirements in Chapter 13 - 13.2.2. When is it necessary?
4. AES 25 workgroup to decide on "Top 5" items to work on. From there they should work on ONE item per meeting. They will use Web Meeting (shorter meetings work best with this format)
 - a. James Parsegian talked about "STICKER PROGRAM"
 - i. Workgroup was formed. (Bruce Lecair, Allen Quirk, Jack Thacker, Randy Dysart and James Carver) 1st. meeting is tentatively set for Feb. 1st, at 10:00 a.m. with details to follow. (Meeting Canceled)
5. James Parsegian discussed the possibility of developing a program for local fire departments to use to teach business owners how to perform inspections. .

Open Forum

Allen Quirk asked about enforcement of the UL300 upgrade requirements. Discussion followed.

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 9, 2009 at the East End Complex Building, 1500 Capitol Mall;
Conference Room 72.155, Sacramento, California 95811 at 10:00 am,