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**STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S  
Automatic Extinguishing Systems Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
April 23, 2008**

**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  
Mike Waldron, RA-OSFM  
Steve Hart, NAS-IP  
Fred Benn, Advanced Automatic Sprinkler  
Chris Gilbert, Simplex Grinnell  
Darrell Harguth, Brooks Fire Equipment  
Russell Blair, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Dept.  
Robert Nolan, ASCIP (Schools)  
Stan Smith, Sprinklers Fitters 483  
Dennis Grubb, Orange Co. Fire Authority  
Randy Dysart, Cintas Fire  
Darrell Hefley, Jorgensen & Co  
Allen Quirk, Paraclete Fire & Safety Inc.  
Ken Liming, Insurance Services Office  
Robert Rowe, FSABSC  
Lorin Neyer, OSHPD

**Guests**

Jim Bollier, Sprinkler Fitters Local 483  
James Carver, El Segundo Fire  
Bruce Lecair, National Fire Sprinkler Association

**Members Absent:**

Jim McLaughlin, Lund, Pearson, McLaughlin  
Patrick Chew, City of Roseville Fire Department  
Wayne Martin, FPE  
Robert Raymer, CA. Building Industry Ass.  
Craig Voelkert, Amerex Corp.  
Jim Feld, U.C. Berkeley  
David Casey, Department of State Architect

## **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson James Parsegian @ 9:55 a.m., on April 23, 2008

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sam Husoe retired as of April 1, 2008. Sam asked that Bruce Lecair replace him on the advisory committee.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from January 9, 2008, were reviewed. Stan Smith moved to accept the minutes. Robert Nolan second. Minutes were approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1) Palm Springs Update**

Fred Benn gave a brief synopsis of the Palm Springs meeting. The attempt to ensure that all residential buildings (specifically townhouses) be sprinklered was challenged. Much work is necessary to get this adopted in California.

Steve Hart agreed and added that "IBC requires that all R occupancies currently must be sprinklered."

Fred shared that California participation was poor. James Parsegian suggested that attendance at the Minneapolis meeting would get you more "bang for your buck."

Fred Benn pointed out that of a committee of 13, building officials are guaranteed 8 seats, making desired amendments more difficult.

### **2) Limited License**

James Carver presented an overview with handouts of the proposed L-License being considered in the AES Program.

These proposed regulations were developed by the workgroup (Robert Nolan, James Carver, Randy Dysart, Dennis Grubb, and Dave Casey)

Darrell Harguth commented that local AHJ's should be made of aware of who can conduct testing and maintenance on waterbased systems. Russ Blair expressed a concern over the lack of knowledge in this area.

Steve Hart commented that during discussion on some of the questions submitted by LAAFMA, a problem was identified in T-19/NFPA 25, which currently reads:

***3.3.20 Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance Service.*** A service program provided by:

*(3) a qualified owner's representative as permitted under California Title 19 Chapter 5, Paragraph 904.1(a) in which all components unique to the property's systems are inspected and tested at the required time and necessary maintenance is provided. This program includes logging and retention of relevant records.*

Should read:

A license shall not be required to perform inspections. Inspections may be conducted by any person designated by the building owner or occupant who has developed competence through training and experience.

Steve and James Parsegian will follow up to see how the error occurred. James will develop an informational bulletin to clarify this mistake.

After extended discussion, a consensus was reached with regard to the wording of the new section on "Limited Licenses", fees, etc. The final language will be emailed out for comment and/or approval.

**Amend Title 19, § 905(b) to read:**

*(4) Type L-Limited License for annual testing and maintenance of wet sprinkler systems, standpipe systems, water storage tanks, and private fire service mains*

James briefly explained the process to the committee. Committee → OSFM (develop package) → Regulations Unit → Fire Marshal → Resources Secretary → OAL (45 day comment period) → OSFM (final statement of reasons) → OAL (30 days) → Secretary of State (30 days to publish)

\*OSFM must answer all questions/comments

Steve Hart suggested that these regulations may be handled as an emergency package.

**3) Frequently Asked Questions**

Steve Hart asked about FAQs regarding NFPA 25. James Parsegian told the Committee that Mike Waldron is working on putting previously posted bulletins into FAQ format. SFM is also working on answers to questions from the LAAFMA. All will eventually be posted in specific categories with NFPA 25 being the first priority. Mike Waldron will forward questions to all NFPA 25 Workgroup Members for comment.

- 4) Engineered/Pre-engineered System Forms**-Darrell Hefley reported that all requested changes have been made to forms AES 20, 21, &22. After brief discussion a consensus on the final forms was reached. ***The new forms will be presented to various FPO groups by James Parsegian for input.*** Dennis Grubb moved to accept the new forms as presented. Robert Rowe second. All in favor.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **New Committees Formed**

James explained that new appointments to each workgroup will be made. The goal is to ensure that the workgroups are balanced, and that members are only responsible to one workgroup. Breakout sessions will follow immediately after appointment, with a chairperson reporting back to the committee for each workgroup.

### **MITS**

Darrell Hefley, Randy Dysart, Stan Smith, Lorin Neyer, Russ Blair, Chris Gilbert, and Steve Hart volunteered.

### **NFPA 25**

Darrell Hefley, Randy Dysart, Robert Nolan, Ken Liming, Allen Quirk, Darrell Harguth, Steve Hart, and Fred Benn volunteered.

### **Regulations**

Robert Rowe, Chris Gilbert, and Steve Hart volunteered.

## **BREAKOUT SESSION REPORTS**

James Parsegian asked for a consensus re: workgroup breakout session. All members liked the breakout format, and felt it was very productive.

**NFPA 25 Workgroup Report:** Bruce Lecair gave a brief report regarding the questions that the NFPA 25 workgroup looked at during the breakout. Written documentation will be provided to all members when work is complete.

**MITS Workgroup Report:** Steve Hart gave a brief report regarding the goals for the MITS workgroup. All standards will be review and a determination as to whether the current standard should be adopted. Special emphasis will be given to maintenance frequencies.

All documentation will be shared between workgroup chairs. Handouts will be provided to James Parsegian for inclusion in agenda.

**Regulations Workgroup Report:** None

## **OPEN FORUM**

**UL 300.** Robert Nolan volunteered to work with Mike Waldron in developing criteria for upgrade vs. complete replacement of commercial kitchen fire suppression systems.

Much of the information regarding Ansul R-102 has been compiled.

Other systems to be addressed are Amerex, Range Guard (Badger), Pyrochem, Kiddee.

**Diesel Fire Pumps.** Russ Blair inquired about diesel fire pumps. James Parsegian asked the group if they would benefit from a report by Alex Santos from ARB. All were in favor of a presentation.

Steve Hart reminded the group that during the development of the NFPA 25 amendments, OSFM met with ARB to determine runtime exemptions which were included in new ARB Regulations.

**Jurisdictional Application of UL 300.** Allen Quirk presented a handout obtained from the Los Angeles County Fire Department exempting a local business from the requirements to upgrade to UL 300. Members were concerned with this action by a local inspector. James Parsegian will look into this and report back to the committee.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on July 10, 2013. The meeting was adjourned by the Committee Chair 2:30 p.m.