

## **AUTOMATIC EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **MEETING ACCOUNT WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 08, 2003**

**Committee Goal:** To provide a means of communication 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.

#### **Meeting Attendees**

Mike Richwine, Division Chief, Chair  
Mike Waldron, Program Coordinator/ Vice Chair  
Pat Sanchez, Advisor  
Yevonne Costa, Program Assistant  
Bruce LeCair, Nor Cal Fire Prevention Officers  
Fred J. Benn, Sprinkler Contractor AFSA/NFSA  
Wayne M. Martin, Fire Sprinkler Advisory Boards of California  
James M. Feld, Fire Protection Engineers - SFPE  
Jaymae Wentker, Nor Cal Fire Prevention Officers  
Sam Husoe, NFSA  
Stephen D. Hart, Committee Historian/Consultant  
Chris Gilbert, Simplex Grinnell Fire Sprinkler Contractors  
Lorin Neyer, Technical Advisor OSHPD  
Brian Heyman, Technical Advisor DSA  
James H. McLaughlin, Lund Pearson McLaughlin Fire Protection Sys.

#### **Members Absent**

Robert E. Raymer, California Building Industry Association BIA/CBIA  
Eric Price, Fire Sprinkler Industry Design - Nor Cal  
Massoud Araghi, So Cal Fire Prevention Officers  
Barry Sigal, Manufacturer's Representative  
Darrel Harguth, Brooks Equipment

#### **Opening Remarks**

Division Chief, Mike Richwine called the meeting to order at 10:05 am at the OSFM's Headquarters conference room in Sacramento.

Chief Richwine asked for self-introductions from the committee and also welcomed the newly appointed members.

Chief Richwine asked for additions or corrections and approval of the Minutes of October 09,2002 meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### **Committee Name/ Goal**

Division Chief Richwine asked committee members, if there was a need to restructure the goals and objectives of this committee. Most members felt that this area should be revised, due to the vast amounts of code that effect this committee. It was decided that Chief Richwine would discuss this issue with State Fire Marshal John Tennant and report back to the committee as to which direction to take.

**Action Item**: Division Chief Richwine to discuss committee's goals and objectives with State Fire Marshal John Tennant. Also to be discussed with Chief Tennant NFPR13D, NFPA 25/19

### **Water Purveyors**

Member Hart spoke about the information the Water Purveyors working group has collected regarding the water purveyor connection fees. Member Hart shared with the committee a Water Meter Upgrade Fee Chart. Apparently this is not regulated and fees seem to be varying greatly through the various jurisdictions. Member Hart is currently compiling data that will be shared with the committee at a later date. This is an ongoing issue.

### **Draft Issue Paper on 1/2" tubing**

Member Hart, spoke about the governing standards of 13, 13D, 13R. The issue that arises are combined-systems, how should the local authority having jurisdiction be informed as to what to look for when inspecting systems using this type of tubing.

### **NFPA 13D**

Member Hart spoke of the need for a working group that would deal specifically with NFPA 13D. There are currently wild land interface issues, with 13D; we need to get back to educating the local jurisdictions. The committee agreed to create a working group for this topic. The chairperson for this working group is Member Fred Benn.

### **Sprinkler Maintenance Guide**

Working group will bring recommendations for changes as well as recommended

funding sources for printing. This is an ongoing issue.

### **New Business**

Ad-hoc Working Groups were established for these topics:

NFPA 13D

NFPA25/19

Residential Brochures

Fixed Chemical Systems

### **Action Item**

Objective statements need to be created for each working group they are due to Chief Mike Richwine for review by February 01,2003. Statements are to be forwarded on to Chief Tennant for final approval.

### **Title 19/25 Adoption**

Member LeCair along with Member Feld shared a power point presentation with the committee regarding educating the FPO's on NFPA 25. Its purpose is to show that uniformity is always important in code interpretation regarding residential construction and occupant's safety. There does not appear to be enough enforcement of the existing codes. The committee agreed to create a working group for this topic. The chairperson for this working group is Member Jim Feld.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.