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**STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S  
Automatic Extinguishing Systems Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
September 26, 2006**

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:

Vickie Sakamoto, Division Chief Fire Engineering (CDF-CSFM)  
James Parsegian, Program Coordinator (CDF-CSFM)  
Caroline C. Fudge, Program Assistant (CDF-CSFM)  
Russell Blair, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District  
Jim Feld, Feld Engineering  
Darrell Harguth, Brooks Fire Equipment  
Steve Hart, NAS-IP  
Darrell Hefley, Jorgensen & Co.  
Jim McLaughlin, Lund, Pearson, McLaughlin  
Gary Boyles, Rodeo-Hercules Fire District  
Sam Husoe, NFSA  
Chris Gilbert, Simplex Grinnell  
Jaymae Wentker, City of Mountain View  
Dennis Grubb, Orange County Fire Authority  
Wayne Martin, FSABSC

Members Absent:

Fred Benn, Advanced Automatic Sprinkler, Inc.  
Ken Liming, Insurance Services Office  
Randy Dysart, Beacon Fire & Safety  
Patrick Chew, City of Roseville Fire Department  
Jesse Franco, City of Los Angeles Fire Department  
Christopher Gray, City of Glendale Fire Department  
Robert Raymer, California Building Industry Association  
Jason Nailon, Apple Valley FPD  
Eddie Vasquez, DGS State Architect  
Scott McMillan, Alameda County Fire Department  
Tom Walsh, Santa Clara County Fire Department  
David Casey, Department of State Architect  
Lorin Neyer, OSHPD  
Mike Waldron, Simplex-Grinnell

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Robert Blankenship, California Department of Corrections

Meeting Called to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:04a.m..

Announcements:

The Automatic Extinguishing Systems (AES) Program has a new Program Assistant. Her name is Caroline Fudge.

Roll Call:

Program Coordinator James Parsegian called the roll of the AES Advisory Committee Members.

Steve Hart has concerns with members being absent at meetings. Current members need to show up for the AES Advisory Committee Meetings. A vote was taken and all persons present were in favor of having members attend at least one meeting a year. Membership for reappointment expires December 31, 2006.

Approval of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Jim McLaughlin to approve the minutes for the March 2, 2006 meeting. Darrel Harguth seconded the motion. Minutes for the March meeting were approved. A motion was made by Jim McLaughlin to approve the minutes for the June 14, 2006 meeting. Darrel Harguth seconded the motion. Minutes for the June meeting were approved.

Old Business:

James Parsegian announced that the NFPA 25 Update package is complete and will be sent to the Office of Administrative Law (O.A.L.) the week of October 2, 2006. Since there were changes made to the regulations, Assistant State Fire Marshal Kate Dargan must sign the documents prior to O.A.L. submittal.

James Parsegian handed out a draft of Title 19, Chapter 5, Automatic Extinguisher Systems (AES). It will be posted on the OSFM web site as soon as the regulations are approved.

Problem with water base fire suppressions systems forms, some local jurisdictions (Los Angeles) has their own forms. Action Item: James and Wayne Martin will meet with Los Angeles City Coordinator, Jessie Franko, to address the issue on September 28, 2006. The State Fire Marshal's Office will determine what form to use if Los Angeles does not want to use the state form. A recommendation was made by the committee to determine a date for forms, a 90 day window for a Bulletin was suggested, January 1, 2007, give or take to July 1, 2007. Chris Gilbert adds that it could take 60 days to set up new forms. When the bulletin goes out to the printing companies such as Brooks, Wise and San Jose Printing need to know. The smaller companies will have trouble getting them because of the limited resources.

NFPA 25 - Dave Harguth mentioned that there are some concerns about training needs for

enforcement staff and contractors. Jim Felt discussed this with Ray Bizal from NFPA and he felt that NFPA would be able to put on some seminars next year. James informed the committee that OSFM will put out a bulletin concerning effective dates for new tags and forms that are addressed in Title 19.

#### Discussions:

Steve Hart provided an informative presentation on the number of code amendments for various regulations. If you want the actual numbers, please contact him.

James Parsegian handed out the UL 300A subject guideline. There are companies who want to use this system in California. SFM would like the committee members to review the document and provide some feedback at the next meeting.

#### Committee Updates:

Jim Feld reported that the following items still need to be addressed. They are: 1) Work with NFPA for California addition of NFPA 25, 2) work with SFM code interpretation committee for the implementation of NFPA 25, and 3) develop a way to gather data for the reliability of systems. Orange County Fire Department has developed a program to gather data within their department and this may be used as a guideline. Some items of concern are valves, painted parts, broken parts, etc.

Steve Hart reported that the committee is working on code adoptions with the State Fire Marshal's Office on "Maintenance Inspection Testing Systems" (MITS). A meeting will be scheduled in October providing new standards.

#### New Business:

A new workgroup committee was established to create pre-engineered forms. The committee will be chaired by Chris Gilbert. The committee members will be Darrel Hefley, Russ Blair, Dennis Gribb, Darrell Harguth, and Randy Dysart. The items that are going to be addressed are Sections 904(c), 904.2, 904.7, and 906.3(b). The work group is to come up with a proposal and bring it back to the committee.

James would like the group to review UL 710B and see if the document is acceptable as written. The issue of whether or not a workgroup committee should be formed was mentioned.

Committee membership for this group will expire on December 31, 2006. Those wishing to remain on the committee will need to submit a letter to the SFM office. Fire Department personnel will need to submit a letter from their chief indicating his/her support of his/her staff. The State Fire Marshal will review all names submitted to him.

Open Forum:

James passed out SFM Bulletin on counter fit Globe Sprinklers.  
Steve Hart mentioned a fire in Woodland where eight (8) zx sprinklers did not function properly.  
Steve Hart questioned why SFM has not received OMEGA Sprinklers replacement information as called for in the recall documentation.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held in Southern California on November 15, 2006 at 10:00a.m. Location to be determined.