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**OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL
Fire Alarm Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2015**

COMMITTEE GOAL

To advise the State Fire Marshal on proposed regulations and technical issues by providing views and comments from members of industry, the public, and the fire services.

STAFF

James Parsegian, Supervising DSFM, Chair
DeeDee Garcia Assistant Program Coordinator

MEMBERS PRESENT

Walter Brandes, Riverside Fire Department
Shane Clary, Bay Alarm Company
Rick Cortina, Pyro-Comm Systems, Inc.
Ronald Farr, Underwriters Laboratories Inc. Regulatory Services
Wendy Gifford, Nest Labs
Jay Levy, Hochiki America
Pat Ward, AON Fire Protection Engineering

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tom Connaughton, Intertek -ETL
Gary Dunger, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development
Bill Hopple, Hopple & Co.
Ray Iverson, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Department
Rick Lewis, Rolf Jensen & Associates
Ken Quick, Culver City Fire
Michael Reeser, Santa Rosa Fire Equipment Services
Richard Roberts, Honeywell Life Safety

GUESTS PRESENT

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson James Parsegian at 1:10 PM on June 18, 2015.

II. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

DeeDee Garcia conducted a roll call and it was determined that a quorum of members were present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee members review the minutes of January 28, 2015. Shane Clary made a motion to approve the minutes and Jay Levy seconded the motion. James Parsegian called for a vote and the minutes were approved unanimously as written.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. James Parsegian informed the committee that X from UL was on the phone to assist in questions regarding UL 217 for smoke alarms and UL 985 for accessories to a control panel. James then went on to discuss a specific product that had previously been rejected by the OSFM and this product has since come to our attention through the fire service that the makers of this product are advertising it as part of a fire alarm system. James asked for the committee's input regarding this issue. Ben Ho clarified that the OSFM has concluded this product to be a fire alarm accessory, therefore it must be listed and there is no current standard to list it to. There was a roundtable discussion on what standard this product should be tested to due to its features and intended purpose. James concluded that he will send out the inquiry letter from the SoCal Devices Committee as well as the response from the OSFM to the Fire Alarm Advisory Committee. He asked the committee to make recommendations on both letters for next meeting.
2. Shane Clary expressed his concern about testing the alarm and the second was the possibility of the lack of picking up an alarm if a door was closed and the alarm was not interconnected. X other guest clarified that the installation manual explains this.
3. James also gave an update on the Information Bulletin regarding smoke alarm requirements. He stated that it is a clarification to what the manufacturer and consumer have to do for the new law.
4. James provided an update regarding SB1394 for smoke alarms. Letters have been sent out to the manufacturers with the renewal notices back in mid-March to allow sufficient time for them to revise these listings so they stay compliant. After June 30, 2015 all BML Program listings will meet the new statutory requirement.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. James provided an update on the OSFM BML Program Coordinator. They are processing the paperwork to change the position to a Senior Engineer classification which will greatly decrease the time it takes for the hiring process.
2. James briefly spoke on a legislation update regarding dryer standards. Some folks are trying to pass legislation to require the OSFM to monitor and create regulations for dryers in California.

3. The next discussion was on SB1394 as it relates to Title 19, Section 208(d) Exception (C). The issue is battery replacement and the office is looking into how to address this issue. The exemption is focused on how long the battery lasts. The committee discussed various scenarios and solutions. James then asked UL how they test and what the requirements are. The 6th edition of the test standards has no requirements for supervision while the 7th edition will have requirements for supervision and it will be out in less than one year. Ben suggested to wait until we see something for 217 before we consider changing anything. The committee was in agreement on this idea.

VI. OPEN FORUM

1. Shane Clary brought up complaints and fines from local authorities having jurisdiction and environmental groups regarding the flowing of water as well as drought concerns. He feels that the OSFM should be assisting in this issue and push for support of the best practices manual across the State. James stated that Chief Hoover is informed and he will do some research on this issue to provide her with information.

VII. NEXT MEETING

September 22, 2015 from 10:00 AM to noon (Pacific Standard Time) at the Office of the State Fire Marshal, 1131 "S" Street, Sacramento. A conference line and GoTo Meeting will be available.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Chair James Parsegian, at 2:40 PM.

Meeting Minutes developed by:
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