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**CALIFORNIA STATE FIRE MARSHAL
FIRE ALARM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Date: July 20, 2005
Meeting Location: SFM Headquarters Conference Room
Sacramento, CA

SFM Staff

Mike Richwine, Chair
Diane Arend, Program Coordinator, Co-Chair
John Guhl, Technical Assistant
Darcell Hermann, Program Assistant

Members Present:

Shane Clary, Bay Alarm Company
Rick Cortina, Wheelock, Inc.
Jim Langhorne, Montecito Fire Protection District
Mark Latham, City of Santa Cruz Fire Department
Doug Myers, City of Pasadena Fire Department (on conference call)
Ed Vergaray, Redondo Beach Fire Department
Patrick Ward, Schirmer Engineering

State Agency Liaisons Present:

David E. Casey, Division of the State Architect
Mike Novotny, Gary Dunger, OSHPD

Members Absent:

Arnold Cairns, Fire Alarm Consultant
Howard Hopper, Underwriters Laboratories Inc.
Bill Hoppole, SimplexGrinnell
Jon Kapis, Rolf Jensen and Associates
John Mapes, Foster City Fire Department
Cindy Moore, Orange County Fire Authority
Michael Reeser, Santa Rosa Fire Equipment Service

Guests:

Doug Shackley, Pacific Aux Fire Alarm
Tom Barakat, Invensys

1. Call to Order

Chief Richwine called the meeting to order at 9:45 am.

2. Introductions

Chief Richwine welcomed everyone to the meeting and self-introductions were conducted. New members introduced. A quorum was not established.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

No motion to approve due to lack of quorum. Tabled to next meeting.

4. Membership

Copies of Bagley Keene Act were distributed to all members.

OLD BUSINESS (WORK GROUP UPDATES)

5. Patient Room Corridor Lamps

The draft code language proposed 3/2/05 was discussed. Mike Novotny gave background on the issue. OSHPD would like to propose different approach and provide clarity to both new and existing facilities.

Action Item: Mike Novotny will bring new language proposal to next meeting.

6. FA Plan Review Guide/Check List

No Action has occurred. With the newly appointed committee members established, a new work group was created. Doug Myers from Pasadena Fire will chair and coordinate with the other committee members through Diane Arend. The work group now consists of Doug Myers (added), Ed Vergaray, Dave Casey (added), Bill Hopple, Mark Latham, Shane Clary, John Guhl, Mike Reeser and Jon Kapis.

NORCAL FPO's have posted the SFM checklist on their website without our name as well as committee members from their jurisdictions. This checklist will serve as a guide for the work group to use.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Regulations Update

Chief Grijalva's July 12th letter was handed out. The Chief gave an update on the code adoption process and timeframes. He emphasized all stake holders would have input in the process.

Shane Clary gave a briefing on Building Standards Commission meeting of 7/19/05. He asked about adoption of NFPA 72, 2002 Edition. The monographs are on the Building Standards Commission website. UL 864, 9th Edition is in current package. NFPA 72, 2002 Edition is not included in the current package.

Action Item: Mike Richwine to check with Code Development Division for status of submission of NFPA 72, 2002 Edition. If not submitted, the committee discussed adopting the 2006 version.

8. Replacing System Control Units-Update on Draft Document

This item to be moved to "old business". Bill Hopple was not present to propose issues to members. Members discussed San Francisco's requirements for panel replacement.

Action Item: Shane Clary to email Bill Hopple to ask questions and if he has anything written up on the issue for members. Members discussed at what point do you change an existing panel to new when certain situations arise. Clarifications may be needed. SFM has a Code Interpretation #00-009 dated 8/7/00 for reference but may need request for an amendment. (See Attached)

Action Item: Doug Myers to contact SoCAL FPO's System and Devices Committee Co-Chair for information and possible need for requesting an amendment to SFM code interpretation.

Action Item: Gary Dunger volunteered to send OSHPD's concerns to Doug Myers and also submit interpretation request to SFM.

9. Update/NEMA/BML

No change, discussed status of NEMA issue.

10. BML UPDATE

BML Program has 2,684 active listings and the renewed listings are posted on website. Turnaround time for processing of new applications is at 45 days. UL 864 9th Edition is in the current monogram package submitted to Building Standards Commission. SFM met with UL and CAFAA to discuss the 864 9th Edition and impact to BML

Program. SFM has not received requested information from UL. SFM is unable to determine impact to the BML Program at this time.

11. Next Meeting:

Wednesday November 16, 2005, at 9:30 am at
Office of the State Fire Marshal
Sacramento, CA

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:24 pm.

Meeting Minutes Developed by:
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California State Fire Marshal
CODE INTERPRETATION

Date Issued	08-07-00	Interpretation #	00-009
Topic	Fire alarm systems in high-rise buildings.		
Code Section(s)	§102, California Fire Code (1998 ed.) §3403.2, California Building Code (1998 ed)		
Requested by	James R. Quiter, P.E. Rolf Jensen and Associates, Inc. 2125 Oak Grove Road, Suite 300 Walnut Creek, CA 94598-2539		
Prepared by	Joe Garcia, Division Chief (559) 437-1514		

When replacing a fire alarm panel in an existing building, should those parts being replaced be code complying (new panel listing compatible with other existing components such as pull stations, etc.) or should the fire alarm and detection system for the entire building be made code compliant as for new buildings?

In an existing building, the replacement of a fire alarm panel due to obsolescence or because of the addition of strobes, is not intended to retroactively lead to a complete system upgrade or compliance with code requirements not in place at the time that the fire alarm system was originally installed. The new panel, however, must be compatible with all existing fire alarm components.