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

Meeting Date: August 10, 2006
Meeting Location: OSFM Main Conference Room
1131 S St., Sacramento, CA 95814

Members Present:

Diane Arend, BML Program Coordinator, Vice-Chair
John Guhl, Senior DSFM Technical Assistant
Rick Cortina, Wheelock, Inc.
Bill Hopple, SimplexGrinnell (arrived 10:40 a.m.)
Jim Langhorne, Montecito Fire Protection District
Mark Latham, City of Santa Cruz Fire Department
Cindy Moore, Orange County Fire Authority
Doug Myers, City of Pasadena Fire Department (arrived 10:40 a.m.)
David Casey, Division of the State Architect (DSA)

Members Absent:

Vickie Sakamoto, OSFM Fire Engineering, Chair
Shane Clary, Bay Alarm Company
Howard Hopper, Underwriters Laboratories Inc.
Rick Lewis, Rolf Jensen and Associates
John Mapes, Foster City Fire Department
Michael Reeser, Santa Rosa Fire Equipment Services
Patrick Ward, Schirmer Engineering

Guests:

David Secoda, Bay Alarm Company (On behalf of Shane Clary)
Kevin Reinertson, DSFM Code Development and Analysis

1. Call to Order

Diane Arend called the meeting to order at 9:40am.

2. Introductions

Diane Arend welcomed everyone to the meeting as Vickie Sakamoto, Chair, could not be present. Announcements were made. Self-introductions were conducted. A quorum was later established when Doug Myers and Bill Hopple arrived at 10:40 a.m.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion to approve the March 30, 2006 minutes was made by Bill Hopple provided that corrections are made on item number 12, second by Rick Cortina. Item number 12 corrections were made. Minutes of March 30, 2006 were approved.

4. Membership – Renewals/Expirations

Membership reinstatement letters have not been mailed out yet. Committee Chair's goal is to have each membership term expire on December 31, 2007. Letters will be sent soon.

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OLD BUSINESS (WORK GROUP UPDATES)

5. Patient Room Corridor Lamps

Mike Novotny from OSHPD was not present. No action has occurred. Issue was tabled for next meeting.

6. FA Plan Review Guide/Check List

Bill Hopple stated the new sections from the "I" Code adoption are not yet available to finish the Fire Alarm Check List. The Fire Alarm Plan Review Guide is being worked on.

Action Item: The Check list will be tabled until the updated code references are released. Bill Hopple will start marking up the obvious areas on the Plan Review Guide and will discuss at the next committee meeting.

7. Replacing System Control Units – Update on Draft Document

Rick Lewis was not present. The issue was tabled for next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Regulations Update-I Codes/Fire Alarm

The package of proposed State Fire Marshal fire alarm amendments for the IFC, Chapter 9 were distributed by John Guhl and highlighted for the committee. Discussion and questions followed.

Kevin Reinertson from Code Development distributed handouts of the OSFM's Code Development & Analysis Adoption and Development Process and Timeline. The statewide effective date of the "I" Codes is scheduled to be January 1, 2008. Discussion and questions followed.

9. Update NEMA/BML

Diane Arend stated the renewal process for all Building Material Listings (BML) is complete for fiscal year 2006/2007.

AB 2177 Legislation regarding the BML Program process is being reviewed. The legislation is in regards to expediting the approval process for fire alarm listings. The bill has been amended and the SFM is asking for a working group of 4-5 fire service representatives either from the committee or others. A background in plan review, building construction and/or code development is desired. Participation is voluntary and no stipend is paid. Diane Arend distributed a copy of the bill to members. The work group meeting is scheduled for October 18-19, 2006 at the SFM office in Sacramento. The fire service members requested to meet with SFM prior to the October meeting to familiarize themselves with the issues and current processes so they could participate effectively.

Action item: A Sign up sheet was distributed for those interested in volunteering for the work group. The interest list will be submitted to the Executive staff for selection.

Diane Arend stated the SFM Adoption of NFPA 72, 2002 Edition has been submitted to the Building Standards Commission for the CBC 2004 annual rulemaking and was approved on March 24, 2006. The SFM is now waiting for the supplement from the publisher. The 2002 Edition will then take affect 180 days from the supplement publication date. The committee suggested putting a notice on the State Fire Marshal's website to inform AHJ's to purchase a copy of NFPA 72, 2002 edition before they are no longer published by NFPA because of the newly developed NFPA 72, 2007 Edition approved for release by the NFPA Standards Council in July 2006.

Diane Arend announced effective September 1, 2006 she is leaving the BML Program and transferring to the Code Development and Analysis Division as the new Coordinator in charge of T-19 regulations as well as working with Kevin Reinertson on the I Code adoption. The BML Program does not have a replacement at this time but will be filling the position with another Deputy shortly. All listings will continue to be processed utilizing other resources until a replacement is made. In the mean time, Supervising Deputy James Parsegian may be contacted for BML questions.

Next meeting

Thursday, December 7, 2006, 9:30 a.m., Office of the State Fire Marshal, 1131 "S" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rick Cortina, second by Jim Langhorn. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Developed by:

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