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**OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL  
Fire Extinguisher Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 16, 2013**

**COMMITTEE GOAL**

To provide a means of communications between the Offices 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.

**STAFF**

James Parsegian, Committee Chair  
Jeff Schwartz, Program Coordinator  
Ian Lyman, Support Staff

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Anthony Romero, Kern County Fire Department  
Darrell Hefley, Jorgensen & Co  
Frank Gardner, Stanford University  
Randy Dysart, CALSAFE  
Darrell Harguth, Brooks Equipment  
Chris Hoiland, Orange County Fire  
Edie Wade, Brooks Equipment  
\*Mike Brand, Brandco  
\*Robert Franck, Redondo Beach Fire Dept  
\*Daniel Fitkin, Cintas Fire Protection  
\*Kent Miller, Port of Stockton  
\*Bob Gebel, LA Fire Marshal Association  
\*Robert Nolan, ASCIP  
\* *Via Conference Call*

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Glenn Younger, California Small Business Assoc.  
Nancy Ahlswede, Southern Cities, Inc.  
Craig Voelkert, Amerex Corporation  
Chris Gilbert, FireMaster/Simplex Grinnell  
Robert Calderon, Kaiser Foundation Hospitals  
James Carver, El Segundo Fire Department

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## **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson James Parsegian at 10:03 A.M. on January 16, 2013.

## **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

A round table roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum of members were present.

## **APPROVAL OF MINTUES**

The minutes for the meeting on September 26, 2012, were distributed to the group for review. Anthony Romero motioned to approve; Randy Dysart 2<sup>nd</sup>; All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Committee Updates**

- There were no changes.

### **Regulations Updates**

#### **Title 19/ NFPA 10**

The package has been returned from Office of Administrative Law (OAL) after 45-day comment period to the Regulations Division. Jeff Schwartz contacted 29 Type L Limited Licenses, of which 28 are still active and have received responses from all but five. Eighteen are doing internal maintenance. Chris Hoiland stated the intent was only to do external maintenance, but external was removed. James' proposal was to not allow any more L licenses to do internal maintenance. Anthony Romero agreed that this would clarify the intent of the code, as well as grandfather in those who already do internal maintenance. James proposed getting input from OSFM Legal regarding the new language and get back to the committee with the proposed new language. Darrell Hefley suggested that OSFM inspect all Type L Limited license concerns. James agreed and made it an action item. Edie Wade made a motion to grandfather in existing companies already doing internal service and Anthony Romero second the motion. None opposed and the motion carried unanimously.

**Enforcement**- Package has been approved by the committee with all new language including the NO EXCHANGES document and be moved to the Code Development Division for review.

#### **Public Outreach**

A workgroup was proposed to establish a YouTube video approximately six minutes in length which would be for fire service. It was suggested the video could be linked to the SFM website as well. It was also suggested that the training workgroup should determine content and the possibility of making a series of videos dealing with "Hot Topic" issues in the industry and send it to CAL-FIRE Communications office to be approved and move

forward with production. Jeff Schwartz will send an email request to put together the workgroup's next meeting.

#### Verification Service Collar Tags

Edie Wade did some research into the collar rings. Brooks R&D agreed that the markings do come off and they are trying to develop a better option. Edie will provide more information by the next committee meeting. Randy Dysart asked if this would be an appropriate topic for a code interpretation. James agreed that it was and that the question would need to come from industry to the Code Interpretation Committee at OSFM.

#### Procedure between OSFM & Locals-Enforcement Work Group

There was no action taken. Jeff Schwartz will head up the work group. Jeff asked for interested members to email him.

#### Third Party Testing

The State Fire Marshal's Office is also researching the possibility of third party testing which would allow them to offer more testing locations and date options. James contacted business services to move forward. The group will be kept aware of the progress.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

OSFM shared with the group information regarding enforcement action conducted by seven deputies, including spot inspections at numerous concern locations. Deputies inspected service vehicles, facilities and quality of work at select customer locations. Randy asked if action had been taken against these companies for violations found. James stated the cases had been turned over to the Enforcement Supervisor for further action. Jeff Schwartz was given the task of completing an article for CALSAFE newsletter. There were 93 total complaints received for 2012, eleven of which have had action taken against them. 25 are still pending and two Cease and Desist letters have been issued.

### **OPEN FORUM**

- Discussion of the Canadian UL testing standard vs. US UL and FM testing standards. Jeff stated the laboratory must be on the approved laboratory list with the OSFM.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2013, at 10 A.M. at the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.