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**OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL
Fire Extinguisher Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 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
Wanda Albritten, Support Staff

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Romero, Kern County Fire Department
Darrell Hefley, Jorgensen & Co
Frank Gardner, Stanford University
Randy Dysart, CALSAFE
Edie Wade, Brooks Equipment
*Mike Brand, Brandco
*Chris Hoiland, Orange County Fire
*Robert Franck, Redondo Beach Fire Dept.
*JR Nerat, Badger
*Daniel Fitkin, Cintas Fire Protection
*Kent Miller, Port of Stockton
*Bob Gebel, LA Fire Marshal Association
*Robert Nolan, ASCIP
*James Carver, El Segundo Fire Department
* *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

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson James Parsegian at 10:03 A.M. on April 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 January 16, 2013, will be finalized for the next meeting, but will be posted to the website as a draft in the meantime.

OLD BUSINESS

Verification of Service Collar

Edie Wade of Brooks Equipment consulted with their Research and Development (R&D) Unit to research and analyze the potential of having a matte finish versus a glossy finish. Brooks R&D agreed that the markings do come off easily and they are working to develop a better way to sustain what we are asking for. Edie will give us a status report at the next committee meeting. CALSAFE asked if we received the letter concerning turning the Verification of Service Collar upside down. Jeff and James said they did, but they do not need a formal Code Interpretation on this subject. It was suggested that an Informational Bulletin be provided by OSFM on this matter.

Third Party Testing

The Office State Fire Marshal did research the possibility of third party testing to allow them more testing locations and date options. The OSFM has met with a Private Company which could provide the security and testing facilities that are being requested by the stake holders. The OSFM has also met with CSU-Sacramento to discuss this topic as well. The next step is to evaluate the proposal with management to move forward. The group will be kept aware of the progress.

Workgroup Updates

The YouTube workgroup was established to create a training video to be developed and posted to the web. This video would be a training presentation that would be approximately 5 -10 minutes in length and would be for fire service personnel. The next step will be to create a script and send it to CAL-FIRE Communications office to be approved before moving forward with production.

Regulations Updates

Title 19/ NFPA 10

The Final Statement of Reason (FSOR) was reviewed by James Parsegian and Jeff Schwartz. The package is close to being completed by Diane Arend of the Code Development Division, but still needs to move through the chain of command at the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) before moving to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). Everything takes effect in one of four possible months; January, April, July or October.

Enforcement

This package is still under review by the Code Development Division.

NEW BUSINESS

A U.S. Coast Guard bulletin from March 21, 2013, was shared with the Committee. The bulletin referred to counterfeit portable fire extinguishers. A picture was shared that depicted two extinguishers; one authentic, one forged. This will be shared with the Advisory Committee via email as well.

Anthony Romero asked when and if a meeting with the California State Licensing Board (CSLB) and the Automatic Extinguishing Systems (AES) Committee and this Committee has been set up. James Parsegian noted that he has not set this up yet due to some conflicts but will do so as soon as he gets the approval.

OPEN FORUM

- (1) CALSAFE membership has a few issues with the NO EXCHANGES document from the Enforcement Regulation Package's new section language of the Sale of a Used Portable Fire Extinguisher, Section 560.7 letters (a) (1), (5) and (8). They feel that 30 days is insufficient time for the internal maintenance to be performed prior to the sale. They feel that 1 year is more acceptable. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that *"shall comply with all periodic extinguisher service requirements for at least 1 year from the date of sale"*, was an acceptable alternative and a motion was made to change the language by J.R. Nerat; 2nd by Anthony Romero; All in favor, none opposed. The motion was carried to change the language from *"shall have had an internal maintenance performed within one month prior to date of sale"* to *"shall comply with all periodic extinguisher service requirements for at least 1 year from the date of sale"* as well as the language changed in Section 560.7 (5) to, *"when a used portable fire extinguisher is sold, the proper mounting hanger or bracket shall be provided"*. Finally, that (a) (8), *"Shall only be performed by a current holder of a Certificate of Registration who is employed by an active licensed concern"* is redundant. Jeff will make the changes and email it out to the Advisory Committee in the next week.

NEXT MEETING

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

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