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**STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S  
Fire Extinguisher Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 29, 2008**

**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.

**Members Present:**

James Parsegian, Program Coordinator-OSFM  
Mike Waldron, RA-OSFM  
Loran Blasdell-Porterville Fire Department  
James Carver, El Segundo Fire Department  
Randy Dysart-Cintas  
Darrell Hefley, Jorgensen & Co.  
David Casey-DSA  
Chris Gilbert, Simplex Grinnell

**Members Absent:**

Kevin Bass, Orange Co. Fire Authority  
Ian Padilla-CASH  
Chris Hoiland-Orange County Fire  
Craig Voelkert, Amerex Corp.  
Nancy Ahlswede, So Cal Apartment Association  
Mathew Hargrove-BOMA  
Cynthia Leon-California Manufacturers & Technology Association  
Glen Younger-California Small Business Association  
Mike Brand-BRANDCO  
Darrell Harguth, Brooks Fire Equipment  
Robert Nolan, ASCIP (Schools)  
Bob Gebel, City of Torrance (conference call)  
Edie Wade, Brooks Equipment  
Kent Miller-Port of Stockton Fire Marshal

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson James Parsegian @ 9:36 a.m., October 29, 2008.

## **ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS**

Roll call was taken by Vikkie Raby; there was no quorum.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None at this time.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No motion to approve minutes due to no quorum, however those present felt they were acceptable.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **I. Work Group Update**

- **Regulations**-Per Randy Dysart, no meeting of this workgroup has been held yet. Randy will be researching the Regulations used by CSLB regarding vehicle marking requirements. It was discussed with those present and determined that the company name and E# needs to be present on all marked vehicles. The phone number, address, or logo for the company should be optional. It can be either permanent or magnetic signage. If there are multiple E#s for that company, each number would need to be listed. There was no agreement as to whether sales vehicles would need to be identified or if it should be limited to servicing vehicles only. Also, the vehicles must be commercial.

It was suggested that a small group be put together to begin to do comparisons between NFPA 10 and Title 19 to determine if there are areas that should be adopted (with revisions) from NFPA 10 and possibly added to Title 19. Darrell Hefley will head the group.

- **Training**-Per Chris Gilbert, the Power Point presentation is approximately 45% complete. The group is hoping to have it ready to demonstrate to the committee at the next meeting. They will put the draft on CD and mail to the committee members for individual review prior to the committee demonstration. Chris asked for time to be set aside at the next committee meeting for review of the presentation. They are meeting again on November 12, 2008, to complete the content, freeing up time to work on the formatting and cosmetics of the presentation. The proposed name for the presentation was "Understanding Fire Extinguisher Enforcement." The goal is to have the presentation ready for Craig Voelker and the new SFM Fire Extinguisher Program Coordinator to present at the FPO meeting. Once the presentation is completed and finalized, the next priority will be to develop implementation for distribution to the AHJ's for training.
- **Enforcement**-Per Darrell Hefley, they have not had a meeting yet. They will be working on a prioritized list to determine a specific direction to work in.

**II. Vehicle Inspection Checklist-** There was no quorum to vote on finalization of the form. James Parsegian authorized to post it to the website as Form FE-4 since it was previously brought before the group and all changes agreed upon have been made.

**III. UL711A Update-**UL711A has not been adopted by the SFM as it was developed more for residential use. A Cease & Desist notice has been issued to the manufacturer of the Tundra fire extinguisher as it does not meet CA standards. Loran Blasdell asked whether it would be possible to send email notifications when new informational bulletins are posted to the web, similar to the Code Interpretations done by Ernie Paez. James Parsegian will look into starting the process.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**I. UL1093-**No more Halon extinguishers will be manufactured under the standard effective September 26, 2009. The extinguishers can still be serviced.

## **OPEN FORUM**

**I. AB32-**Randy Dysart asked if there was any status on this bill. James Parsegian said there was no status and that there has not been a work group meeting in over a year.

**II. No Quorum-**This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in a row with no quorum in attendance. James Parsegian asked for suggestions on how to address the number of members who are not attending. James suggested that those not able to attend on a regular basis could possibly send a letter suggesting a possible replacement member from their organization. It was also suggested that we look into converting to a majority vote instead of quorum. Vikkie will also look into possibly sending out a meeting announcement on Outlook with an RSVP request.

**III. Membership Renewals-**Memberships are up for renewal in June 2009. James Parsegian suggests groups submit membership letters early so we can put together the new committee. Send the original to Kate Dargan, but be sure to CC Vikkie Raby so she can track the letters that have been received.

**IV. Tabled Items-**The issue with ID tags has been tabled due to an inability to reach a consensus. The issue may be brought up again if someone decides to reinstitute.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., to be held in Southern California, the location will be announced at a later date.