



**STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S
Fire Extinguisher Advisory Committee**
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2010

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 regulation and intended future action.

Members Present:

James Parsegian, Office of the State Fire Marshal
Darrell Hefley – Jorgensen Company
James Carver – El Segundo Fire Department
Randy Dysart – CALSAFE
Chris Gilbert – Simplex Grinnell/Fire Master
Bob Gebel – Torrance Fire Department / LAAFMA (attended via conference call)
Robert Nolan – ASCIP (Schools)
David Casey – Division of State Architect
Loren Blasdell – Porterville Fire Department
Edie Wade – Brooks Equipment Company
Chris Hoiland – CALSAFE/Orange County Fire Protection Company
Mike Brand – BRANDCO Company
Darrell Harguth – Brooks Equipment Company
Mike Waldron – Office of the State Fire Marshal
Daniel Fitkin – Cintas Fire
Robert Calderon – Kaiser Foundation Hospitals
Bob Franck – Redondo Beach Fire Dept.

Members Absent:

Glen Younger – Calif. Small Business Assoc.
Kent Miller – Port of Stockton
Craig Voelkert – Amerex Corporation Company
Nancy Ahlswede – Southern California Apartment Association
David Hanson – Raytheon Company

Meeting Called To Order:

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson James Parsegian at 9:55 A.M., January 13, 2010.

Roll Call and Introduction:

A round table roll call was taken: At this time a quorum of members was present.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of July 15, 2009 were reviewed. Motion for approval by Randy Dysart, 2nd by Loran Blasdell—all in favor, none opposed- motion to approve minutes was passed.

Old Business:

- **Workgroups:**

- **Regulations:** Vehicle Marking has been completed and is currently with the Office of the State Fire Marshal Regulations Division.
- **Training:** No projects have been worked on since the Buellton presentation. The group is still focusing on how to cut the presentation down to approximately 1 hour for Engine Companies, yet leaving it complete for standard training sessions. They feel they will be ready to present during the next meeting for group approval.
- **NFPA-10:** Darrell Hefley shared with the group a copy of the working document that shows the comparisons between NFPA-10 and Title 19. The group discussed whether or not the recommendations should be moved forward or dismissed. Motion to approve all items designated to move forward by Edie Wade; 2nd by Loran Blasdell—all in favor, none opposed; motion carried. Please refer to the handout for priority rankings.
- **Extinguisher Exchange Program**—The workgroup has not yet had a chance to meet and were not prepared to make any recommendations. The concerns presented by the committee include the ability to ensure that the extinguisher replacements are comparable to those removed from the property; who does the loaner belong to (i.e. the property owner or the FEC?); what training requirements would be in place to ensure technicians doing the exchange are not incompetent. Title 19 Section 591.5 states that the original unit must be returned within 60 days if removed from the premises. How would the exchange program affect this standard? This issue was to be tabled until the next meeting.
- **Workgroup Rosters**—Mike Waldron will update the workgroup rosters and distribute.

New Business:

- James Parsegian updated the group on the status of the 2009 Title 19 retesting. There are still 11 technicians who have not passed the retest, 9 of which are business owners. They are taking the exam again on January 26th in Monrovia.
- The list for 2010 retesting has been compiled. A copy will be distributed to the committee.

Open Forum:

There has been complaint of Chinese Extinguishers that are not approved being sold at local Big Lots stores. James Parsegian will look into verifying the ULC listing legitimacy. A Cease & Desist order will be issued by the Office of the State Fire Marshal to Big Lots LLC.

Next Meeting:

The next Advisory Committee meeting is set for Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. in the OSFM in Sacramento.

Meeting adjourned at 12:22 P.M.

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