



STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S  
Fire Extinguisher Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
April 7, 2009

**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  
Edie Wade – Brooks Equipment Company  
Chris Hoiland – CALSAFE/Orange County Fire Protection Company  
Darrell Hefley – Jorgensen Company  
James Carver – El Segundo Fire Department  
Randy Dysart – CALSAFE  
Mike Brand – BRANDCO Company  
Darrell Harguth – Brooks Equipment Company  
Chris Gilbert – Simplex Grinnell/Fire Master

**Members Absent:**

Kevin Bass – Orange County Fire Authority  
Ian Padilla – CASH (Schools)  
Mathew Hargrove – BOMA  
Cynthia Leon- Calif. Manufacturers & Technology Assoc.  
Glen Younger – Calif. Small Business Assoc.  
Robert Nolan – ASCIP (Schools)  
Kent Miller – Port of Stockton  
David Casey – Division of State Architect  
Loren Blasdell – Porterville Fire Department  
Craig Voelkert – Amerex Corporation Company  
Bob Gebel – Torrance Fire Department / LAAFMA  
Nancy Ahlswede – Southern California Apartment Association

**Guest Present:**

Daniel Fitkin – Cintas Fire  
Ben Norton – Cintas Fire

### **Meeting Called To Order:**

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson James Parsegian at 10:05 A.M., April 7, 2009.

### **Roll Call and Introduction:**

A round table roll call was taken: At this time a quorum of members was not present, but Chairperson Parsegian indicated that changes made during the meeting would be treated as if a quorum were present.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of last meeting were reviewed. Motion for approval by Darrel Hefley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Carver—all in favor, none opposed—motion to approve and minutes were passed.

### **New Business:**

- **IFC 2009**—James P. distributed handout for discussion. After review, the tables seem accurate. All references to NFPA 10 will be changed. James P. suggested the NFPA 10 workgroup review. IFC 2009 will carry forward as-is per James P. since no changes were suggested.
- **Extinguisher Exchange Program**—Daniel Fitkin and Ben Norton were present to suggest the implementation of this program. This program as proposed would result in all servicing being done in a central location rather than having mobile units for 6 year teardown. This would result in improved quality control by companies. 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? It was decided that the issue would be presented to the regulations workgroup for discussion and review. Dan & Ben from Cintas will both participate in the discussion. James P. has asked that the workgroup have some direction to bring back to the committee by the next meeting.

### **Old Business:**

- James C. gave update on the Buellton training presentation at the FPO workshop. There are still a few changes that need to be made but it was well received overall. Some felt it was too lengthy in the laws & regs portion. Long term, private industry will be able to use the final presentation as part of their own training courses.
- James P. indicated the training workgroup will be putting together a PowerPoint presentation regarding fraud issued. It will be a 20 minute presentation. Once it is completed, it will be accessible on the SFM website.
- James P. distributed draft language proposal regarding vehicle marking. There still needs to be a decision regarding signage—should it be permanent or removable? There also needs to be a

determination of which information will be required to be displayed. These issues will be taken to the regulations workgroup for further discussion.

- Darrell Hefley stated an NFPA 10 recommendation is not yet ready but a good body of work has been started. A separate workgroup was created to continue the work on the NFPA 10 comparison. The new workgroup is to include D. Hefley, Randy D., Edie W., Bob G., and Mike W. It was suggested that Kent Miller be considered as an alternate.

### **Open Forum:**

James P. reminded committee members that reappointment letters for membership on the Advisory Committees are due by June. Request letters should be directed to State Fire Marshal Kate Dargan, with a "cc" to James Parsegian and/or Ben Ho.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next Advisory Committee meeting is set for Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at 9:30 A.M. in the OSFM in Sacramento.

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 P.M.