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**STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S
Fire Extinguisher Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 28, 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 (via conference call)
Chris Gilbert – Simplex Grinnell/Fire Master
Bob Gebel – Torrance Fire Department / LAAFMA
Loren Blasdell – Porterville Fire Department
Edie Wade – Brooks Equipment Company (via conference call)
Mike Brand – BRANDCO Company
Darrell Harguth – Brooks Equipment Company
Bob Franck – Redondo Beach Fire Dept.
Glenn Younger – Calif. Small Business Assoc.
Craig Voelkert – Amerex Corporation Company

Members Absent:

Kent Miller – Port of Stockton
Nancy Ahlswede – Southern California Apartment Association
David Hanson – Raytheon Company
Robert Nolan – ASCIP (Schools)
David Casey – Division of State Architect
Chris Hoiland – CALSAFE/Orange County Fire Protection Company
Daniel Fitkin – Cintas Fire
Robert Calderon – Kaiser Foundation Hospitals

Meeting Called To Order:

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson James Parsegian at 10:23 A.M., Wednesday, April 28, 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 January 13, 2010 were reviewed. Motion for approval by Darrell Hefley, 2nd by Loran Blasdell—all in favor, none opposed— motion to approve minutes as amended was passed.

Old Business:

- Workgroups:

- **Regulations:** CFSA has requested to move forward with the vehicle marking regulations package individually rather than waiting for the next cycle. James will resend the language documents to the group. As a reminder, the language comes from the Business & Professions Code for plumbers. Glenn Tong is currently working on the package. The regulations will be immediately effective on the date established by the Secretary of State.
- **Training:** There will be a handout/worksheet developed that will be used with the online training. The goal is to have this completed by the July meeting. The group should be ready to present the engine company version of the presentation during the July meeting. This will need to be added to the agenda.
- **NFPA-10:** Document is approximately 1/3 completed at this time. Randy feels it should be ready to present to the group by the September meeting. The only thing left to review is whether or not there is anything from 2010 that would need to be added before moving forward. Craig Voelkert will email the 2010 Edition to James Parsegian for distribution to the group. Motion by Randy Dysart to move forward with 2010 review; 2nd by Chris Gilbert—all in favor, none opposed; motion carried.
- **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**—Vikkie will do her best to get them updated and distributed as soon as possible.

New Business:

James Parsegian and Vikkie Raby updated the group on the status of the 2010 Title 19 retesting. There were 450 technicians originally pulled. Two have retired, 109 did not appear for the testing and 252 have already completed the exam. Retesting will take place as needed over the next few months with dates and locations to be determined. Per Mike

- Brand's suggestion, Vikkie will be looking into providing a "receipt" to the testers that will show employers whether their technicians have passed or failed the retest.

- AB1773 regarding the Civil Penalty Clause is currently pending senate approval.
- The Shanghai Berlinda is a UL listed Chinese extinguisher that is showing up in California.

Open Forum:

- A handout of a news article listing the fire extinguishers to buy was distributed. It lists "Tundra" extinguishers as a "do not buy" item. Tundra extinguishers are not listed for retail sale in California. The Office of the State Fire Marshal has already issued an informational bulletin regarding Tundra. James Parsegian will work with Cal Safe to have the bulletin reissued.
- Loran Blasdell gave the engine company training presentation to his department and it seemed to be successful. The only concern is having enough time to address questions. This is why the suggestion of a corresponding handout was made. (referred to earlier)

Next Meeting:

The next Advisory Committee meeting is set for Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. at the OSFM in Sacramento.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 P.M.