



**STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S
Fire Extinguisher Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 15, 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
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)

Members Absent:

Kevin Bass – Orange County Fire Authority
Ian Padilla – CASH (Schools)
Mathew Hargrove – BOMA
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
Nancy Ahlswede – Southern California Apartment Association
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

Guest Present:

Daniel Fitkin – Cintas Fire
Ben Norton – Cintas Fire

Meeting Called To Order:

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson James Parsegian at 9:35 A.M., July 15, 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 April 7, 2009 were reviewed. Motion for approval by Randy Dysart, 2nd by Darrell Hefley-all in favor, none opposed- motion to approve and minutes were passed.

Old Business:

- **Workgroups:**
 - **Regulations:** James Parsegian informed group that the vehicle marking issue is the only item still pending. It is likely the package won't move forward until the next regulation package is developed. Darrell Hefley wondered if the address issue was ever decided. It was determined that only the FEC number, name and phone number should have to be visible. Randy Dysart also suggested that lettering sizing should be specified to prevent confusion.
 - **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 will also be working on developing a training course for inspection standards.
 - **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 is also keeping a separate list of areas where the language in Title 19 may need to be changed. Darrell feels the group may be able to bring something more complete to the next meeting. James Parsegian also suggested they may want to review the Annex as well.
- **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.

New Business:

- Chief John Ellis came in and gave a brief introduction of himself, his background and what his goals and expectations for the fire extinguisher program are.
- James Parsegian gave an update on the status of the ongoing case against American Fire Protection, E#1761. James informed group that SFM will be seeking an Administrative Suspension and Revocation once it has been approved by the Legal Department.
- James Parsegian presented some enforcement statistics for the 2008 & 2009 years. Cases received by SFM that are pertaining to sprinkler systems or hoods are currently being referred to CSLB by the OSFM.
- James Parsegian updated the group as to the status of the contract for Administrative Hearings. The contract has been completed and they are currently working on the corresponding procedures before the process is put into use by the SFM.
- Round 1 of the Title 19 Mandated Random Testing has been completed. The No-Shows and those who did not pass during the first round are now being retested. James will present more accurate numbers during the next meeting.

Open Forum:

James discussed that there were a few letters for appointment that still have not been received. He will be contacting those individuals. Vikkie will update a temporary roster with those whose letters have already been received.

Next Meeting:

The next Advisory Committee meeting is set for Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 9:30 A.M. in the OSFM in Sacramento.

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 A.M.