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**OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL
Fire Extinguisher Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2014
Main Conference Room, Office of the State Fire Marshal**

COMMITTEE GOAL

To provide a means of communications between the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), representatives of industry, the public and the fire service; and to seek comments and specific views on proposed regulations and intended future action.

STAFF

Jeff Schwartz, Committee Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT

- *James Carver, City of El Segundo Fire Dept.
- *Tom Santos, Imperial Beach Fire Department
- Randy Dysart, CALSAFE
- Frank Gardner, Stanford University
- Darrell Hefley, Jorgensen & Company
- Eddie Wade, Brooks Equipment
- *Craig Voelkert, Amerex Corporation
- *Robert Calderon, Kaiser Foundation Hospitals
- *Anthony Romero, Kern County Fire Department
- *Daniel Fitkin, Cintas Fire Protection
- * *Attended via telephone conference call*

MEMBERS ABSENT

- Kent Miller, Port of Stockton
- Glenn Younger, California Small Business Association
- Mike Brand, Brandco
- Robert Nolan, Anaheim Fire Department
- Chris Hoiland, Orange County Fire Protection
- JR Nerat, Badger

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

- Bob Gebel, L. A. Area Fire Marshal's Association

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jeff Schwartz at 10:07 AM on December 17, 2014.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

A roll call was taken with members at the meeting and members on the conference call. A quorum was met.

APPROVAL OF MINTUES

The minutes for the October 8, 2013 meeting were reviewed. It was determined that changes were needed. R. Dysart asked that page numbers and meeting location be added to the minutes. R. Nolan asked that his representation be updated to reflect Anaheim Fire Department rather than ASCIP. A motion was made by R. Dysart to approve the minutes as amended; second by Edie Wade. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

The minutes for the April 9, 2014 meeting were revisited. It was determined that changes were needed. R. Nolan asked that his representation be updated to reflect Anaheim Fire Department rather than ASCIP. R. Dysart asked that page numbers and meeting location be added to the minutes. R. Dysart asked that the answer to the "rental violation" question be added. A motion was made by R. Dysart to approve the minutes as amended; second by Edie Wade. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

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OLD BUSINESS

Regulations Update

J. Schwartz stated the language for the Enforcement portion has been pulled from the regulations package and has been added to the Exchange package, which is a package that will include enforcement for all programs. The package should be moving forward soon. He is anticipating the package being out for public comment around January 1st. C. Hoiland stated there seems to be a discrepancy regarding exchange language as it doesn't seem to allow the leaving of a loaner or replacement extinguisher when hydro-testing is required. J. Schwartz clarified that you can sell a new or refurbished extinguisher and it is not considered to be an exchange or a loaner. C. Hoiland asked for a definition for REPLACEMENT vs. LOANER. J. Carver suggested an FAQ to be drafted in place of adding a definition. J. Schwartz asked for a volunteer to assist with the FAQ development. D. Hefley and C. Hoiland have volunteered. They will present a draft FAQ at the February meeting.

NFPA 10 with Title 19

J. Schwartz stated an email was sent out to the group for review and he has not received any comments back. Everyone felt that this should be discussed unless no one feels there are any questions or changes needed. There was one question regarding a discrepancy between NFPA 10 and Title 19 regarding emptying dry chemical from cylinder operated extinguishers on an annual basis which is in conflict with NFPA 10 which specifically states they do not have to be fully emptied unless there's a reason. R. Dysart stated Title 19 has always had the exception.

Test Development

R. Dysart shared with the group that the exam is still being worked on. J. Schwartz stated the new questions have been written, but they are working to ensure the questions are worded correctly and that the photos/pictographs are accurate. They are also combining the pictographs and associated questions so that they are on the same page in the new edition. The 4-year recertification cycle is to be put back in place once the new exams are finalized.

NFPA 10, 96, 17, 17A

E. Wade asked if the public comment period was still closing on January 2, 2014. C. Voelkert confirmed. C. Voelkert stated that one of the controversial areas pertains to Class A cooking fuel for natural smoke flavor enhancement in NFPA 96. He suggested that J. Carver review that section for possible public comment. J. Carver stated he has seen where restaurants are putting wood into gas burning stoves for hickory/smoked flavor which is outside the intended use of those stoves. C. Voelkert stated he was not aware of any losses resulting from this type of situation. There is no UL test under UL300 for that type of setup and that presents a concern. Per J. Carver, the 2015 IFC will address woodchip burning stoves in Chapter 9 (if he remembers correctly). NFPA 17A does not address this as they feel it does not fall under the scope of wet chemical systems.

NEW BUSINESS

None discussed.

OPEN FORUM

J. Schwartz discussed an issue at Cal Expo in Sacramento regarding the Winter Wonderland display visiting from China. This display includes LED lights placed under silk fabric with metal framing. OSFM deputies, during inspection, found Chinese extinguishers in use that did not have any UL approval and included Chinese writing. Approximately 50 extinguishers were confiscated. It was determined that the extinguishers were packed with the display and brought over. There was an extinguisher on display at the meeting for those present to look over.

J. Schwartz mentioned that they are adding INFRACTION to the Enforcement package language. E. Wade would like to see a definition of an infraction. J. Schwartz stated an infraction will be the similar to a traffic ticket. It is still being determined how the fees will

be paid and where the money will be credited to. As of now, it appears that the fees will all go to the city/county in which the ticket was written; the OSFM will not see the monies. He reminds the group that this is still in the proposal stage and is not finalized. J. Carver would like to know how you will elevate the issue if the ticket is not paid. J. Schwartz stated that exact concern is also being discussed during the development of the proposal.

J. Nerat mentions So-Cal service companies are taking extinguishers that are obsolete or should be condemned to Mexico and having them refurbished then returning to CA and selling as refurbished extinguishers. He would like to know if there is anything that we can do to stop this practice. He would like to know if anyone else has input on possible language for Title 19. D. Hefley states it would be difficult to draft language that would address this issue.

R. Dysart mentioned to the group that the new AES and FE Study Guide (laws & regulations) have been updated and posted to the OSFM web. J. Schwartz states there have been some minor corrections that have been noted, but they are available as written.

ACTION ITEMS

1. D. Hefley and C. Hoiland to draft FAQ on REPLACEMENT vs. LOANER

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2015 at 10:00 AM. The meeting will be held at the State Fire Marshal's Office, 1131 S Street, Sacramento, CA. The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 AM.