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**STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S
Fire Extinguisher Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2008**

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 regulations and intended future action.

Members Present:

James Parsegian, Program Coordinator-OSFM
Mike Waldron, RA-OSFM
David Casey-DSA
Kevin Bass, Orange Co. Fire Authority
Loran Blasdell-Porterville Fire Department
James Carver, El Segundo Fire Department
Bob Gebel, City of Torrance
Kent Miller-Port of Stockton Fire Marshal
Randy Dysart-Cintas
Chris Gilbert, Simplex Grinnell
Darrell Harguth, Brooks Fire Equipment
Darrell Hefley, Jorgensen & Co.
Chris Hoiland-Orange County Fire
Craig Voelkert, Amerex Corp.
Edie Wade, Brooks Equipment
Nancy Ahlswede, So Cal Apartment Association
Mathew Hargrove-BOMA
Cynthia Leon-California Manufacturers & Technology Association
Robert Nolan, ASCIP (Schools)

Members Absent:

Mike Brand-BRANDCO
Lorin Neyer, OSHPD
Ian Padilla-CASH
Glen Younger-California Small Business Association

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson James Parsegian @ 10:00 a.m. on January 10, 2008.

ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS

Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcement at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Correction of member listed as present. James Parsegian apologized for the untimely receipt of minutes, and promised to do better in the future. No other changes were requested. Motion to accept the minutes with corrections by Edie Wade and second by Kevin Bass.

OLD BUSINESS

I. Work Group Update

Vehicle Inspection Checklist-Darrell Hefley passed out a draft Vehicle Checklist. James Parsegian directed that the checklist would be formatted to look similar to existing FE 1, 2, and 3 forms.

James Carver asked about responsibility for filling out the new checklist. James Parsegian explained that this would be an internal form, to be filled out by OSFM.

Darrell Hefley expressed concern required inventory for vehicles assigned to annual maintenance vs. vehicles assigned to six year maintenance. After discussion it was determined that required inventory would be based on the type of maintenance performed.

James Carver expressed the need for training for local AHJs.

James Parsegian emphasized the need for this important tool (standard) to help the OSFM and local AHJs with enforcement.

All issues regarding the new form were discussed and a consensus on changes required was reached.

The meeting was break for lunch at noon and reconvened at 12:37

James Carver presented an overview of the proposed L-License regulation package being considered in the AES Program. After a short discussion, James Parsegian informed the committee that a workgroup was established and will be working out the details and return to the committee with a proposal. Robert Nolan, James Carver, Randy Dysart, Dennis Grubb, and Dave Casey will participate on the workgroup.

Training-Darryl Hefley spoke about developing an 8 hour class geared towards obtaining certificate with a test at the end.

Regulations-Did not meet (no report)

Training-Did not meet (no report)

Enforcement-Darrell Hefley presented the latest revision of the proposed Certificate of Registration, and the Fire Extinguisher Technician Identification. There was discussion on changing the verbiage on the Certificate of Registration to “does not represent the OSFM”. A consensus was not reached with regard to other changes.

James Parsegian assigned the issue to the regulations workgroup to develop a proposal.

C of R Testing-Mike Waldron advised the committee that two complete examinations have been developed.

As of this date, 33 Type 1 examinations have been administered. Twenty three persons have passed with at least 70%. Mike elaborated that he is tracking all questions as well as the Type 2, and Type 3 examinations.

Thorough review of individual questions will not be complete until after 50 examinations have been completed.

Mike Waldron advised the committee that a program will be purchased to randomize the examination, and he hopes to develop a pool of 2-3 hundred questions.

NEW BUSINESS

James Parsegian discussed plans for fee increases in three areas.

1. An increase in the fee for Certificate of Registration from \$55 to \$85.
2. A new fee for Certificate of Registration re-tests of \$85.
3. An increase in fee for “L” licenses to \$250.
4. A new fee for re-inspections

The Certificate of Registration re-test is tentatively scheduled for June, and possible locations were discussed. Letter will be forthcoming to effected Certificate holders.

Craig Voelkert advised the committee that he just recently received a fee schedule from the New Jersey State Fire Marshal’s office. He will forward that schedule to Mike Waldron.

Periodic Inspections

Discussion on periodic concern inspections. James Parsegian explained that the office will not propose a fee for these inspections. He advised the committee that it is a necessary function of this office to periodically inspect concerns.

Elimination of Type 3 Certificate

James Parsegian assigned the investigation of this proposal to the Training Workgroup. They will take a close look at the implications and report back to the committee with a recommendation.

Bob Gebel advised the committee that the D.O.T. does an excellent job of enforcement in this area and that he felt it was a good idea.

OPEN FORUM

Randy Dysart raised an issue regarding the requirements for the D.O.T. label used to indicate high pressure hydrostatic testing. The OSFM format for these labels does not conform to the D.O.T. format. This issue was given to the Regulations workgroup to ensure that the correct format is reflected in regulation.

Dave Casey advised the committee that he will attend a CASH meeting on February 26-27. He would like to put together some general information to present at that meeting. James Parsegian will arrange to meet with him to develop an informational handout.

Background Investigations

Bob Gebel advised the committee that he (representing the LAAFMA) has had some initial contact with a potential sponsor, and that he felt the meeting was positive.

There was a discussion on the applicable Penal Code sections. The applicable Education Code requirements will be used as a starting point, with attention to the inclusion of fraud in the new statute.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled as following:

Office of the State Fire Marshal
Main Conference Room
1131 S Street
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Thursday, April 25, 2008
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.