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**OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL
Fire Extinguisher Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2013**

COMMITTEE GOAL

To provide a means of communications between the Offices 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

James Parsegian, Committee Chair
Jeff Schwartz, Program Coordinator
Ian Lyman, Support Staff

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Romero, Kern County Fire Department
Darrell Hefley, Jorgensen & Company
Frank Gardner, Stanford University
Randy Dysart, CALSAFE
Darrell Harguth, Brooks Equipment
Chris Hoiland, Orange County Fire
Edie Wade, Brooks Equipment
*Mike Brand, Brandco
*Robert Franck, Redondo Beach Fire Dept
*Daniel Fitkin, Cintas Fire Protection
*Kent Miller, Port of Stockton
*Bob Gebel, LA Fire Marshal Association
*Robert Nolan, ASCIP
* *Via Conference Call*

MEMBERS ABSENT

Glenn Younger, California Small Business Assoc.
Nancy Ahlswede, Apartment Association, California Southern Cities Inc.
Craig Voelkert, Amerex Corporation
Chris Gilbert, FireMaster/Simplex Grinnell
Robert Calderon, Kaiser Foundation Hospitals
James Carver, El Segundo Fire Department

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson James Parsegian at 10:03 A.M. on January 16, 2013.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

A round table roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum of members were present.

APPROVAL OF MINTUES

The minutes for the meeting on September 26, 2012, were distributed to the group for review. A motion was made by Anthony Romero to approve the minutes; Randy Dysart seconded the motion. James Parsegian called for a vote; all were in favor and none opposed. The minutes for September 26, 2012 were approved.

OLD BUSINESS**Workgroup Updates**

- No updates at this time.

Regulations Updates**Title 19/ NFPA 10 Consolidation**

This package has been returned from Office of Administrative Law (OAL) after 45-day comment period to the Code Development & Analysis Division. Jeff Schwartz contacted 29 Type L Limited Licenses, of which 28 are still active and have received responses from all but five. Eighteen are doing internal maintenance. Chris Hoiland stated the intent was only to do external maintenance, but external was removed. James Parsegian proposal was to not allow any more L licenses to do internal maintenance. Anthony Romero agreed that this would clarify the intent of the code, as well as grandfather in those who already do internal maintenance. James Parsegian proposed getting input from OSFM Legal regarding the new language and get back to the committee with the proposed new language. Darrell Hefley suggested that OSFM inspect all Type L Limited license concerns. James Parsegian agreed and made it an action item. Edie Wade made a motion to grandfather in existing companies already doing internal service; Anthony Romero seconded the motion. James Parsegian called for a vote; all were in favor and none opposed. The motion to grandfather in existing companies already doing internal service carried unanimously.

Enforcement & Implementation of H&S Code 13188.4

Package has been approved by the committee with all new language including the NO EXCHANGES document and be moved to the Code Development & Analysis Division for review.

Public Outreach

No update at this time.

Verification Service Collar Tags

Edie Wade did some research into the Verification Service Collar rings. Brooks R&D agreed that the markings do come off and they are trying to develop a better option. She will provide more information by the next committee meeting. Randy Dysart asked if this would be an appropriate topic for a code interpretation. James Parsegian agreed that it was and that the question would need to come from industry to the OSFM Code Interpretation Committee at OSFM.

Procedure between OSFM & Locals-Enforcement Work Group

There was no action taken. Jeff Schwartz will head up the work group. He asked for members interested in joining this workgroup to email him.

Third Party Testing

The Office of the State Fire Marshal is also researching the possibility of third party testing which would allow them to offer more testing locations. James Parsegian will contact the OSFM support services to move forward. The group will be kept updated of the progress.

NEW BUSINESS

OSFM shared with the group information regarding enforcement action conducted by the OSFM which included spot inspections at numerous concern locations. Deputies inspected service vehicles, facilities and quality of work at select customer locations. Randy Dysart asked if action had been taken against these companies for violations found. James Parsegian stated the cases had been turned over to the Enforcement Supervisor for further action. Jeff Schwartz was given the task of completing an article for CALSAFE newsletter. There were 93 total complaints received for 2012, eleven of which have had action taken against them. 25 are still pending and two Cease and Desist letters have been issued.

OPEN FORUM

A discussion took place about the testing standard of the Underwriters Laboratory of Canada (ULC) versus UL Inc. as well as Factory Mutual (FM) testing standards. Jeff Schwartz stated the laboratory must be on the approved laboratory list with the OSFM.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2013, at 10 A.M. at the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.