



STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S
Fire Extinguisher Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 13th, 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
Edie Wade – Brooks Equipment Company
Chris Hoiland – CALSAFE/Orange County Fire Protection Company
Darrell Hefley – Jorgensen Company
James Carver – El Segundo Fire Department
Randy Dysart – CALSAFE
Loren Blasdell – Porterville Fire Department
Craig Voelkert – Amerex Corporation Company
Bob Gebel – Torrance Fire Department / LAAFMA
Nancy Ahlswede – Soouthern California Apartment Association

Members Absent:

Kevin Bass – Orange County Fire Authority
Ian Padilla – CASH (Schools)
Mathew Hargrove – BOMA
Cynthia Leon- Calif. Manufacturers & Technology Assoc.
Glen Younger – Calif. Small Business Assoc.
Mike Brand – BRANDCO Company
Darrell Harguth – Brooks Equipment Company
Robert Nolan – ASCIP (Schools)
Kent Miller – Port of Stockton
David Casey – Division of State Architect
Chris Gilbert – Simplex Grinnell/Fire Master
Mike Waldron – Office of the State Fire Marshal

Guest Present:

Brian Heyman – Southern California Edison

Meeting Called To Order:

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson James Parsegian at 10:05 A.M., January 13th, 2009. James P. thanked James Carver for providing the meeting location. Edie Wade was asked to record minutes for this meeting.

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 last meeting were reviewed. Motion for approval by Loren, 2nd by Randy- motion to approve and minutes were passed. Bob Gebel asked for clarification of AB32 2006 a bill regarding gases that affect the environment. It was explained that Halon extinguishers would no longer be manufactured (but could still be serviced) and the UL standard on 1211 and 1301 would be removed effective September 26th, 2009.

New Business:

- James P. discussed bulletin regarding American Fire Protection and legal action being take against this company. Tulare Fire Department is spearheading all legal actions with the Tulare County District Attorney's Office. OSFM is assisting them when requested.
- James P. indicated that the State furlough requirements will affect Customer Service and most likely the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month the OSFM will be closed for furloughs. RA's are not affected at this time.
- A question was brought up about a enforcement task force that has been formed in regards to enforcement issues. They are currently putting flyers together to assist local AHJ's and for them to pass out to their local businesses informing of the fraud issues.

Old Business:

Training: James Carver presented a comprehensive slide presentation of the program that is currently being developed for the FPO workshop. It is an 8 hour class developed for Florida Fire College on inspection/maintenance of fire extinguishers that the workgroup has modified and changed wording on to incorporate into California laws and regulations. The presentation will be presented at the Buellton FPO meeting, requiring a 3½ hour time slot. When presented, a hand book will be given out to accompany the slide presentation. This program is intended for fire service to understand fire extinguishers and service of same and to identify enforcement issues. James Carver indicated that this was not a final draft and changes could be made. Some changes were made during this review and James Parsegian asked committee to review their copy of the presentation (given to each meeting attendee) and to forward any

suggestions for changes or additions to workgroup. Changes made during this presentation will be updated by Loren, who is taking the minutes for the training workgroup. The training workgroup, consisting of Chris Gilbert, James Carver, Craig Voelkert, Loren Blasdel, Mike Waldron and Edie Wade was thanked by James Parsegian for the hard work and effort that went into this program and presentation.

Enforcement: No meeting as of this date. The group is working on a list to prioritize work direction.

Open Forum:

Darrell Hefley talked about the issue regarding a move of the fire extinguisher provisions from Title 19 to NFPA 10. The Committee will recommend whether to adopt or amend Title 19. He has been working on a template to continue this review. A comparison between Title 19 CCR and NFPA 10 is being conducted. Darrell would like for this to go to the Regulations Committee.

It was suggested that the workgroups consider conference calls and/or web meetings. James P. will recommend that we do this and will look into it.

James P. informed committee members that reappointment letters for membership on the Advisory Committees are due by June. Request letters should be directed to State Fire Marshal Kate Dargan, with a "cc" to James Parsegian and/or Ben Ho.

Next Meeting:

The next Advisory Committee meeting is tentative set for Tuesday, April 7th, 2009 at 9:30 A.M. in the OSFM in Sacramento.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.