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Fire Extinguisher Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2011

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

Chris Gilbert, Master Protection Corporation

Darrell Hefley, Jorgensen & Co

Darrell Harguth, Brooks Fire Equipment

Randy Dysart, Jorgensen & Co

Robert Frank

Craig Voelkert, Amerex Corp.

Chris Hoiland

Kent Miller

Edie Wade

Bob Gebel

Jesse Franko

Lauren Blasdell

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson James Parsegian at 10:10 a.m. on January 26, 2011.

II. ROLL CALL and INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by each individual.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the previous meeting are not available at this time. They will be sent out in the time to review for next meeting

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Portable Extinguisher Exchange Workgroup

Dan Fitkin asked to step down as “chair” of this workgroup. Chris Gilbert agreed to replace him. A date for the workgroup to meet will be set to work on “exchange language”.

2. Enforcement

James Parsegian, express terms finalized. Main issue to discuss inspections was reworded, giving local AHJ’s the authority to look at service vehicles- legal wording is now correct.

- Next thing added since last meeting, by request of fire jurisdiction, CPFA- enforcement on fraudulent representation (i.e.: saying they are members of the fire department)- requesting a link to penal code to add ability to take license away if convicted of fraudulent inspection. A motion to add language Edie, 2nd by Randy, all approved.
- Table 7 – removed all section with N/A’s. Motion to approve all other changes made by Hoagie, 2nd by Randy, all approved.
- Enforcement Chapter 12- Added to outline the requirements of the Office of the State Fire Marshal when doing an enforcement action.
- Further discussion on fines and length of suspensions. This section requires the OSFM “to take in consideration” the situation. Allow OSFM to have some latitude in their decision. Every scenario is different. . A motion was made by Edie to accept the wording changes in Chapter 12, 2nd by Chris G., all approved.

3. Vehicle Marking

Regulations package is in the 45-day comment period...lots of comments received and three requests for hearings.

- If vehicle is used for any business it must have commercial vehicle plates.
- Permanent marking- complaint was what if a company hired a service technician, required his vehicle to have permanent markings with the company name, then a short time later the service technician is terminated resulting the technician driving around in a marked vehicle of a company he no longer works for. The CSLB does not have ‘permanent markings’ in their regulations, only “signage” is required. James stated that for the time being the proposed wording would remove the permanent requirement. It was also noted that if lived in some “gated communities”, commercial vehicles were not allowed to

be inside, which would suggest the use of removable signs might be the answer.

- Bob Gebel and Jesse Franko stated that they would like the word “permanent” to remain. James said this word requires 3 public hearings, then on to OAL and that is why CSLB changed their wording. CSLB fought the battle before and lost. It was suggested that we pick the battles we can win.
- Further Discussion- Bob Gebel asked if we could define the type of sign (magnetic?)...research shows that there are no placement requirements as to where signage goes. It was suggested that one word be added to proposed wording, to read: add business name, license number and telephone “together” on two sides of vehicle. (add the word “together”). Motion to accept the word “together” was made by Chris G., 2nd by Randy, all approved.

4. **NFPA 10/Title 19**

Package completed. Three 3 items open...mounting of extinguishers, rolling of hose, signage. Regulation package just discussed will be sent to SBFS ON February 17th as part of 4 packages. After their approval, they will go back to regulation unit, go out for 45 day comment period and will then process through that as we see fit today. If no requests for hearings or comments, will come back to us for Statement of Reasons. Can be effective 30 days after.

5. **Training Workgroup**

will meet and set up an agenda by teleconference.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Limited Licenses

Request for Code Interpretation- was this designed for technician to perform external maintenance, not tear downs. James agreed with this concept. Everyone was in agreement with this interpretation and OSFM will respond with appropriate information bulletin to clarify that tear downs are not included in “L” license capability

Reviewed a “fire extinguisher” marketed as Cold Fire, sold in an aerosol can. James stated that this could not be sold within the State of California. James also showed the committee a bottle marked as SAT 119 which states it is puts out fires. As it is not a pressurized unit, James stated it can be sold, but not as a fire extinguishing unit.

Darrell Hefley asked if a workgroup could be established to do further comparisons of NFPA 10 and TITLE 19 to explore the possible adoption of NFPA 10 at some future

date. NFPA 10 is up for renewal for 2013 publication. If any suggested changes are to be made they should be submitted soon.

James announced that Vickie Raby has been promoted and that a replacement for her will be on board by the end of February.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting date – El Segundo Fire Department, Station 2, April 13th, 10-2p.m. Meeting info will be sent out to all committee members