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**OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL  
Fire Extinguisher Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 26, 2012**

**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.

**STAFF**

James Parsegian, Program Coordinator  
Vikkie Raby, Assistant Program Coordinator  
Tony Guevara, Enforcement Coordinator

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Anthony Romero, Kern County Fire Department  
Bob Gebel, City of Torrance  
Robert Franck, Redondo Beach Fire Dept.  
Daniel Fitkin, Cintas Fire Protection  
Chris Gilbert, FireMaster/Simplex Grinnell  
Darrell Harguth, Brooks Equipment  
Darrell Hefley, Jorgensen & Co  
Randy Dysart, CALSAFE  
James Carver, El Segundo Fire Department  
Chris Hoiland, Orange County Fire (on conference call)  
Edie Wade, Brooks Equipment  
Nancy Ahlswede, Southern Cities, Inc. (on conference call)  
Kent Miller, Port of Stockton (on conference call)  
Robert Calderon, Kaiser Foundation Hospitals (on conference call)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Loran Blasdell, Porterville Fire Department  
Craig Voelkert, Amerex Corporation  
Glenn Younger, California Small Business Assoc.  
Dave Hanson, Raytheon  
Mike Brand, Brandco  
Robert Nolan, ASCIP  
Frank Gardner, Stanford University

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### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson James Parsegian at 10:00 a.m. on January 26, 2012.

### **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 October 27, 2011, were distributed to the group for review. Edie Wade motioned to approve as written; James Carver 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, none opposed. The motion was carried. The finalized minutes will be posted to the website.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Committee Updates**

##### Fire Extinguisher Exchange

- James Parsegian would like to reconfigure the workgroup. A motion was made by Chris Gilbert to reconfigure the group; James Carver 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, none opposed. The new workgroup will consist of the following members:
  - Bob Franck—Fire service
  - Chris Gilbert—Industry
  - Bob Calderon—End user
- James Carver asked that a draft document of the proposed exchange policy be given to the committee before the next meeting for review

#### **Regulations Updates**

##### Vehicle Markings

James Parsegian informed the group that he has gotten approval to share the original disapproval document from OAL (Office of Administrative Law). James made the necessary language changes and resubmitted the package to OAL for review and approval.

##### Enforcement/Title 19/ NFPA 10

OSFM made slight changes to the order of the sections but the intent of the language was not changes. James Parsegian will be working on finishing up the Express Terms for the package and then it will be submitted to OAL.

**Type L License/Certificate of Registration**

The language for this section will be changed to specify External Maintenance Only. After discussion over specific language and intent, Darrell Hefley motioned to accept the new language as proposed; Chris Gilbert 2<sup>nd</sup>. 11 in favor, 2 opposed. Motion was carried due to majority vote.

**ABC Powder**

Eddie Wade withdrew her request to discuss this matter.

**NEW BUSINESS****Testing Locations**

James Parsegian updated the group as to the status of adding additional test locations. OSFM will be adding the Fresno location first. This location should be up and running within the next two months. Vikkie Raby and James Parsegian are drafting the testing policy voted on at the last meeting. Once this policy has been approved by the office, it will be posted to the web and mailed to all companies.

**Public Outreach**

Anthony Romero suggests developing an outreach program to provide information and education to business owners about fraud. It will also provide resources for business owners to validate the license status of those entering their businesses and what their servicing options are (i.e. other companies who may not charge as much). James Parsegian suggested the group put together an Informational Bulletin and distribute to numerous associations and organizations such as local Chamber of Commerce to be shared with the public.

Motion by Chris Gilbert for a workgroup to be developed to address the public outreach topic. Robert Franck 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

The workgroup will consist of the following members:

Anthony Romero  
Eddie Wade  
Bob Gebel  
Darrell Hefley  
Kent Miller  
Robert Calderon

**OPEN FORUM**

Bob Gebel asked about testing security. Vikkie Raby verified that there are strict security procedures in place so that the tests are never left unattended or unsecured.

The tests are transported in a locked briefcase when travelling is required. When at the office, the tests are kept in a locked filing cabinet inside Vikkie's locked office.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2012. Meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.