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

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, Chair
Jeff Schwartz, Program Coordinator, Technical Advisor
Vikkie Raby, Assistant Program Coordinator

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Romero, Kern County Fire Department
Chris Gilbert FireMaster/SimplexGrinnell
Darrell Hefley, Jorgensen & Co
Frank Gardner, Stanford University
Randy Dysart, CALSAFE
Edie Wade, Brooks Equipment
*Daniel Fitkin, Cintas Fire Protection
*Robert Calderon, Kaiser Foundation Hospitals
*Kent Miller, Port of Stockton
*Bob Gebel, City of Torrance
*James Carver, El Segundo Fire Department
*Robert Nolan, ASCIP
* *Via Conference Call*

MEMBERS ABSENT

Glenn Younger, California Small Business Association
Chris Hoiland, Orange County Fire Company
Nancy Ahlswede, Apartment Association, California Southern Cities Inc.
Darrell Harguth, Brooks Equipment
Craig Voelkert, Amerex Corporation
Robert Franck, Redondo Beach Fire Department
Mike Brand, Brandco

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson James Parsegian at 10:14 A.M.

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 June 28, 2012, meetings were distributed to the group for review and approval. Edie Wade motioned to approve the minutes as amended; Randy Dysart seconded. James Parsegian called for a vote; all were in favor and none opposed. The minutes for June 28, 2012 were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Workgroup Updates

Fire Extinguisher Exchange

- The NO EXCHANGES document, which is new language to be added to the proposed regulations on Enforcement, was shared with the group. It was discussed in detail and a few changes were noted. Jeff Schwartz will be making the changes. A motion was made by Chris Gilbert to accept the document as amended and seconded by Edie Wade. A vote was taken; all in favor and none opposed. The motion was carried.

Regulations Updates

Title 19/ NFPA 10 Consolidation

The package has been signed by Chief Hoover and is being submitted to the Natural Resources Agency for approval. Once that is completed it will be submitted to Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for 45-day comment period.

Testing Locations

The new Fresno testing location has been set up and ready to go. The first test date will be December 4th. Vikkie will conduct testing there at least every other month in the beginning and we will evaluate to see if we need to increase it the frequency.

The State Fire Marshal's Office is also researching the possibility of third party testing and will keep the Committee informed of the outcome.

Public Outreach

A workgroup was proposed to establish a short You Tube training video for the fire service on how to inspect a portable fire extinguisher. It was suggested the video could be linked to the OSFM website as well. James Parsegian suggested the training workgroup will assist with determining content and the possibility of making a series of videos dealing with Hot Topic issues in the industry. Jeff Schwartz will send an email request to put together the new workgroup.

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

OPEN FORUM

1. Issue with Service Collars and the information wiping off were discussed. Anthony Romero would like to know if the material can be changed (use a different type of paper) so this doesn't happen. This problem has been discussed before. Brooks Equipment looked into it and determined that the hard plastic collars were the best but they are not cost effective. Edie Wade will look into whether signing on the bottom or putting the collar on upside down will make a difference on sun-fading or heat-fading and report back to the group at the January meeting.
2. Jorgensen has offered to allow the use of their web access if OSFM has future problems with GoTo Meeting.
3. James Parsegian informed the group that the Arson and Bomb Investigations Unit (ABI) has been re-establish and is now handling the licensing enforcement which includes investigations and inspections. He also gave an update on disciplinary actions.
4. OSFM will prepare a procedure to assist the locals with their investigation reports when submitting to the OSFM for additional action. Jeff Schwartz will send out an email request to the group asking for volunteers to undertake this task.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 2012, at 10 A.M. at the CAL FIRE-Office of the State Fire Marshal. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 P.M.