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**OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL
Fire Extinguisher Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 28, 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

Jeff Schwartz, Program Coordinator
Vikkie Raby, Assistant Program Coordinator

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Romero, Kern County Fire Department
Bob Gebel, City of Torrance
Chris Gilbert , FireMaster/Simplex Grinnell
Darrell Harguth, Brooks Equipment
Darrell Hefley, Jorgensen & Company
Craig Voelkert, Amerex Corporation
*Robert Franck, Redondo Beach Fire Dept.
*Daniel Fitkin, Cintas Fire Protection
*Randy Dysart, CALSAFE
*James Carver, El Segundo Fire Department
*Edie Wade, Brooks Equipment
*Robert Calderon, Kaiser Foundation Hospitals
*Mike Brand, Brandco
*Robert Nolan, ASCIP
**Via Conference Call*

MEMBERS ABSENT

Glenn Younger, California Small Business Assoc.
Dave Hanson, Raytheon
Frank Gardner, Stanford University
Chris Hoiland, Orange County Fire
Nancy Ahlswede, Apartment Association, California Southern Cities Inc.
Kent Miller, Port of Stockton

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Acting-Chairperson Jeff Schwartz at 10:19 A.M. on June 28, 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 meeting on January 26, 2012, were distributed to the group for review and approval. A motion was made by Darrell Hefley to approve as written; Darrell Harguth seconded. Jeff Schwartz called for a vote; all were in favor and none opposed. The minutes for January 26, 2012 were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Workgroup Updates

Fire Extinguisher Exchange

The workgroup was established at the previous meeting. The new workgroup currently consists of the following members:

- Bob Franck—Fire service
- Chris Gilbert—Industry
- Bob Calderon—End user

Craig Voelkert has agreed to join the workgroup to represent the manufacturers. Anthony Romero has asked to be added to the group as well, but that will have to be approved by the Chair.

The working document was shared with the committee both via email and GoTo Meeting. The NO EXCHANGE document was shared first and then EXCHANGES document, which is for new language to be added to the proposed regulations on Enforcement & Implementation of H&S Code 13188.4. Both documents were compared. Jeff Schwartz called for a vote. The votes were as follows:

- Dan Fitkin—Exchanges
- Anthony Romero—No Exchanges
- Bob Gebel—No Exchanges
- Craig Voelkert—No Exchanges
- Darrell Hefley—Abstained
- Chris Gilbert—No Exchanges
- Darrell Harguth—No Exchanges
- Randy Dysart—Abstained
- James Carver—No Exchanges
- Eddie Wade—No Exchanges
- Robert Calderon—No Exchanges
- Robert Nolan—No Exchanges

Mike Brand— Abstained
Robert Franck—Unavailable for vote

James Carver expressed that he feels the committee should be working on the fraud issue rather than coming up with regulations that can't be enforced.

Jeff Schwartz asked the group to submit all comments regarding the EXCHANGE DOCUMENT to him via email by July 13th. All comments will be brought back to the workgroup. The EXCHANGES workgroup will meet by conference call on August 6th at 1 P.M.

Regulations Updates

Vehicle Markings

The new regulations went into effect March 17, 2012. The group has asked for clarification of "commercial" from James Parsegian to be given at the next meeting.

Enforcement & Implementation of H&S Code 13188.4/Title 19/ NFPA 10

These packages are currently under review with the Code Development & Analysis Division. It may come back for clean-up due to changes in Office of Administrative Law (OAL) requirements for public notices. Jeff Schwartz will keep the group apprised of the status.

NEW BUSINESS

Testing Locations

James Parsegian and Vikkie Raby have been working with Division Chief Ben Ho to try and add the Fresno location. They are currently working out a few areas of concern but are making progress. They are hoping to add the Fresno site at the beginning of 2013. Vikkie Raby and James Parsegian have completed the testing policy as discussed at the previous meeting. The document has been posted to the web and is also distributed to the technician via email each time an exam date is scheduled. Per the decision of the group, the policy will be strictly enforced.

Public Outreach

This workgroup has not met. Jeff Schwartz will arrange the conference line and GoTo Meeting for July 26th at 10 A.M. This item will be moved to the next agenda.

OPEN FORUM

1. Anthony Romero requested that James Parsegian facilitate a meeting between the Automatic Extinguishing Systems (AES) Committee/ California Contractors State Licensing Board (CSLB), and the Fire Extinguisher Committee.

2. Bob Gebel requested a meeting with Chief Tonya Hoover to discuss fraud issues. Robert Nolan suggests we meet first with AES Committee/CSLB/FE Committee.
3. James Carver would like to see James Parsegian set up a joint meeting for the fraud subgroups but feels it should consist of fire service only. No one else feels the meeting should be fire service only; it should include all parties concerned.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 26, 2012, at 10 A.M. at the CAL FIRE-Office of the State Fire Marshal. Meeting adjourned at 2:38 P.M.