

**MINUTES**  
**Residential Care Facility – Ad-Hoc Committee**  
**Monday, March 24, 2008**  
**Office of the State Fire Marshal, Sacramento, California**

**PRESENT:**

Ernie Paez, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)  
Joe Garcia, Chair, Tulare County Fire Department  
Greg Lake, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Department  
Patrick Stranahan, San Francisco Fire Department  
Steven Fairly, Developers Representative  
Denise Johnson, CRCAC  
Lynn Anderson, Department of Social Services (DSS)  
Doug Pancake, Irwin Pancake Architects  
Walter Brandes, Riverside County F.D. (Public)

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Joe Garcia, Chair, called the meeting to order at **1000** hours at the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) Headquarters, 1131 S Street, Sacramento, California.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

Each of the attendees introduced themselves as we had two new players in the group; Patrick Stranahan and Steven Fairly.

**III. GROUP REVIEW**

Joe Garcia reviewed with the group the accomplishments of the February 15, 2008 meeting.

**IV. REVIEW OF PROPOSED SFM CODE INTERPRETATIONS.**

Ernie Paez asked the group to review a number of proposed code interpretations. They are as follows:

1. Interpretation 08-008 – “Immediate Area”. The group agreed with the proposed response.
2. Interpretation 08-009 - “Existing Group R2.1.1 occupancies”. The group agreed with the proposed response.
3. Interpretation 08-014 – “Sliding glass doors used as exits”. The group asked that the response be revised so that sliding doors have a mechanism that allows for exterior access and that if the mechanism restricts the opening at the sliding door to less than 32”, the sliding door may not be used.
4. Interpretation 08-017 – “Change of clients in small facilities to house bedridden. This was the one that was proposed by the Ad-hoc group. After discussion, the final resolution was to leave the verbiage as is, number each situation and add a note to the bottom relative to the omission of exception #4 of CBC section 903.2.7 which exempts facilities housing one bedridden from the sprinkler requirements. The note is to indicate that this exception is in the process of being brought back into the code as it was not intended to be omitted from the code.
5. Interpretation 08-020 – “Does a fire safety inspection request for additional bedridden clients trigger the use of the new code”. The group agreed with the proposed response.
6. Interpretation 08-021 – “ New classification of R6.1.1’s”. The group agreed with the proposed response.

**V. GROUP I, DIVISION 1 OCCUPANCIES**

The group had decided to start reviewing the specific code sections of each of the residential care facilities by starting with the Group I-1 Occupancies. See attached matrix for group recommendations on each section of Group I-1’s.

**VI. SET MEETING DATE(S)**

The date for the next meeting was set for April 21, 2008 at 10:00 am, at the SFM Office located at 1131 S Street, Sacramento.

**VII. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 1500 hours.

**Meeting Minutes Prepared by:  
Joe Garcia, Chair  
SFM RCF Ad-Hoc Committee**