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MINUTES
Residential Care Facility Advisory Committee
April 5, 2012
Office of the State Fire Marshal, Sacramento/Monrovia, California

PRESENT:

Ernie Paez, Chair, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)
Steve Hart, National Automatic Sprinkler IP-Fund
Denise Johnson, CRCAC
Heather Harrison, California Assisted Living
Thomas Stahl, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Rocque Yballa, California Fire Chiefs Association
Richard Friend, Friend's Home Care
Tricia Nishio, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Scott Miller, L.A. City Fire Department
Walt Brandes, Riverside County Fire
Doug Pancake, Douglas Pancake Architects

ABSENT:

John Avis, Department of Social Services (DSS-CCL)
Joe Rodrigues, Department of Aging (CDA)
Steven Fairly, Melchiori Construction Company Inc.
Joe Garcia, Tulare County Fire

PARTICIPANT:

Eric Dowdy, Aging Services of California
Pat Stranahan, Mario Ballard & Associates Consulting
Michi Wong, San Francisco Fire Department
Terry Fogarty, San Francisco Fire Department
Jim Pettigrew, Ontario Fire Department
Christine Reed, Nor-Cal
Coco Gumacal, DSS
Eric Wiesenthal, DSS
Teri Speel, PAC WEST Elevator
Ellen Makenna, Care Resources Locator.com
Debbie Vanek, San Ramon Fire
Laurence Brown, Loving Care
Randy Metz, Moreno Valley Fire

STAFF:

Kevin Reinertson, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)
Steve Guarino, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)
Michell Nachtmann, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Ernie Paez, Chair, called the meeting to order at **0910** hours at State Fire Marshal Sacramento Headquarters and State Fire Marshal Monrovia Regional Office.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Each attendee gave a brief description of their background and the organization they represent.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Steve Hart to approve the February 2012 meeting minutes, Steve Guarino second the motion, all were in favor.

IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. Old Business:

Ernie Paez discussed some old business that is still outstanding.

- Committee Roster has been updated and posted
- Day Care Ad-hoc committee will be Chaired by Michelle Nachtmann who announced she will hold a meeting in late April early March. The Ad-hoc committee will be reviewing all day occupancies including adult.

2. Kevin Reinertson – Gave a rulemaking overview to the group and discussed where the state currently is with the code adoption process.

3. Heather Harrison – The group discussed the bulletin CALA has been working on with HCD regarding carbon monoxide alarms in R2.1 (7 or more) occupancies. Kevin Reinertson suggested to the group that CALA continue to work with HCD on the bulletin since this is not an SFM issue. The group agreed to table this issue until the next meeting so CALA will have more time to work with HCD on the appropriate answers to there questions.

4. Doug Pancake – Discussed with the group the possibility of a code change to CBC 1029.1. After much discussion with the group and the SFM Codes and Regs program manager Kevin Reinertson, it was decided that an Ad-hoc committee should be formed to study CBC 1029 for a code change proposal. Doug Pancake made the motion and Pat Stranahand seconds the motion, all were in favor. Doug Pancake will chair the Ad-hoc committee.

5. Fire Chief Harald Kelley – Discussed the residential care fire that occurred November 5, 2011 in the City of Marina that took the lives of 5 clients. Chief Kelley discussed the cities efforts to draw attention to the legislators the importance of fire sprinklers in the R3.1 6 or less occupancy. Steve Hart also gave an overview of previous deaths and injuries that have occurred throughout the state. Four attempts at legislation to require the installation of fire sprinklers have failed in the past including a bill to require mandatory annual inspections of these facilities. Currently DSS is not conducting annual inspections and there is no mandate for annual inspections by the local fire departments.

V. ROUND TABLE/NEW BUISNESS

No round table was conducted due to time constraints.

VI. SET MEETING DATE(S)

Next meeting July 12, 2012 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

South SFM Monrovia Office 602 E. Huntington Dr. Suite A, Monrovia Ca. 91016

Conference room will be available for Northern participants at the SFM Headquarters Office 1131 S. Street Sacramento Ca. 95811.

Conference Phone # (877) 213-9444 Participant Code 821139

VII. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1200 hours.

**Meeting Minutes Developed by:
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