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MINUTES
Residential Care Facility Advisory Committee
August 4, 2011
Office of the State Fire Marshal, Sacramento/Monrovia, California

PRESENT:

Ernie Paez, Chair, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)
Joe Garcia, Tulare County Fire
Steve Hart, National Automatic Sprinkler IP-Fund
Denise Johnson, CRCAC
Heather Harrison, California Assisted Living
Thomas Stahl, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Doug Pancake, Douglas Pancake Architects
Scott Miller, L.A. City Fire Department
Rocque Yballa, California Fire Chiefs Association
Pat Stranahan, Mario Ballard & Associates Consulting

ABSENT:

Walter Brandes, Riverside County Fire Department
John Avis, Department of Social Services (DSS-CCL)
Laurie Almany, Board and Care Association
Joe Rodrigues, Department of Aging (CDA)
Richard Friend, Friend's Home Care
Steven Fairly, Melchiori Construction Company Inc.

PARTICIPANT:

Chuck Skoien, CRCAC
Eric Dowdy, Aging Services of California

STAFF:

Kevin Reinertson, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)
Steve Guarino, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)
Vickie Sakamoto, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ernie Paez, Chair, called the meeting to order at **1010** 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 May 2011 meeting minutes, Scott Miller second the motion, all were in favor.

IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. **Ernie Paez** – Old Business

- The advisory committee discussed at length the draft response I.B. bulletin from the State Fire Marshal's office regarding C.O. detectors in 24 hour residential care facilities. The committee decided that question number 3 & 4 will be removed from the bulletin since further clarification is needed for those two questions. The rest of the bulletin will be moved forward as is. Kevin Reinertson made a motion to move bulletin forward as discussed, Rocque Yballa second the motion and all were in favor.
- Joe Garcia discussed the condensed provider version of the Residential Care Facility power-point presentation. He stated he made some changes and will be forwarding to Scott Miller and Ernie Paez for review and edit. Joe will present to the Advisory Committee during the October 2011 meeting.
- Doug Pancake discussed the day-care ad-hoc committee and the day care matrix the committee is working on. Doug will present it at the October 2011 meeting.

2. **Kevin Reinertson** – Discussed a possible code change to California Building Code 1029.1 rescue openings. He will be forming a small working group that will meet two or three times to propose the change. The working group will consist of the following personnel: Doug Pancake, Christine Reed, Cherly Dominich, Ernie Paez, Scott Miller, Robert Gunther, and Tom Stahl.

3. **Tom Stahl** – Asked the committee to discuss Adult Day Programs (six or less) in R-3 dwellings. Tom stated that the provisions can be found in Title 22.

4. **Rocque Yballa** – Stated that there are no State Fire Marshal listings for low frequency battery operated smoke alarms for hearing impaired. Also, there are no batteries on the market for these types of devices, therefore the detectors would have to be hardwired.

V. ROUND TABLE/NEW BUISNESS

Rocque Yballa shared with the committee that Cal Chiefs is close to completing the residential care facilities handbook and will be sending it to the advisory committee for review.

VI. SET MEETING DATE(S)

Next meeting [October 19, 2011](#) 10:00am – 2:00pm at the 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 11:25 hours.

Meeting Minutes Developed by:
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