

**DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION**

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MINUTES
Residential Care Facility Advisory Committee
Tuesday November 5, 2009
Office of the State Fire Marshal, Sacramento/Monrovia, California

PRESENT:

Ernie Paez, Chair, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM) (teleconference)
Stephen Hart, National Automatic Sprinkler Association
Joe Garcia, Tulare County Fire
Pat Stranahan, San Francisco F.D.
Bob Gebel, LAAFMA (teleconference)
Tricia Nishio, Department of Social Services (DSS-CCL)
Steve April, Contra County Fire Department
Denise Johnson, CRCAC (teleconference)
Heather Harrison, California Assisted Living
Walter Brandes, Riverside County Fire Department
Cristina Flores, San Francisco State University (teleconference)
Eric Dowdy, Aging Services of California (teleconference)
Doug Pancake, Irwin Pancake Architects

PARTICIPANT:

Debbie Vanek San Ramon Fire Dept. (teleconference)
Scott Miller, L.A. City Fire Department
Steve Bunting, Newport Beach Fire Dept.
Ellen Makenna, Board and Care Owners Association
Paulette Moses, Board and Care Owners Association
Nancy Seibert, Child Care Licensing Program

ABSENT:

Ken Rohde, Erickson Retirement Community
Diane Arend, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)
John Avis, Department of Social Services (DSS-CCL)
George Miller, CRCAC
Thomas Stahl, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Rocque Yballa, California Fire Chiefs Association
Jim Pettigrew, SoCal Fire Prevention Officers Association
Edward J. Garza, Small Provider Alliance
Joe Rodrigues, Department of Aging (CDA)
Richard Friend, Friend's Home Care
Charles Skoien, CRCAC

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

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Ernie Paez, Chair, called the meeting to order at **1003** 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

Steve Hart motioned to approve August 20, 2009 minutes, Joe Garcia second. Minutes were approved and have been posted.

IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. Pat Stranahand gave an overview of the power-point presentation. The group did make some comments on a few items. The comments were reviewed by the committee and the presentation was updated during the meeting. Pat Stranahand and the Ad-Hoc Committee will look at the presentation one more time and return it to Ernie. During this discussion the issue of the new language defining bedridden was discussed. It was agreed on that the State Fire Marshal will issue an information bulletin clarifying the new statute. Trish Nishio stated that her office will do an implementation plan, which means what her office will do to carry out or implement the bill. She said she would provide that to the Chair to post with the information bulletin. Also, a bulletin will be put out by the SFM regarding the change in statute regarding pre-inspection fee. Pat Stranahand made a motion and Steve Hart second the pre-inspection fee bulletin.
2. Walter Brandes – Exterior ramps Ad-Hoc Committee asked the committee if they still wanted to pursue looking into the exterior ramps issue. The Committee stated that it should be pursued. Volunteers include: Walter Brandes, Joe Garcia, Tulare County, Steve Guarino, SFM, Steve Hart, Private, Lisa Martinez, Contra Costa County, Scott Miller, L.A. City, Ernie Paez, SFM, Doug Pancake, Architect, Kevin Reinertson, SFM, Nancy Siebert, DSS, Pat Stranahan, San Francisco, Paulette Moses, Board and Care Owners Association
3. Doug Pancake – Day Care Ad-Hoc Committee – The Day Care Ad-Hoc Committee will be re-grouped. Volunteers include: Doug Pancake, Architect, Joe Garcia, Tulare County, Ernie Paez, SFM, Michelle Nachtman, SFM, Steve Hart, Private, Steve Guarino, SFM, Nancy Seibert, DSS, Pat Stranahand, San Francisco, Scott Miller, L.A. City, Heather Harrison, CALA, Kevin Reinertson, SFM
4. Steve Guarino and Ernie Paez gave an overview of the discussion the SFM had with the Drug and Alcohol Program. One of the biggest issues was that ADP would now be filling out the 850 fire clearance request rather than allowing the fire service to do it. More information to follow. Steve Guarino will keep us informed as to their progress.
5. Steve Guarino gave a brief overview on the ICC Code Hearings in Baltimore.

V. ROUND TABLE

- Pat Stranahand stated that section 509.2 CBC is getting a lot of questions regarding this section.
- Steve April will be retiring December 30th, 2009 Lisa Martinez from Contra Costa County will replace him.
- Tricia Nishio asked if the fire service were taking the H1N1 precautions into consideration.

VI. SET MEETING DATE(S)

Next meeting **February 4, 2009** 10:00am – 3:00pm 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 1210 hours.

**Meeting Minutes Developed by:
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