



State Board of Fire Services
MINUTES
Thursday, November 21, 2013
California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee
CPAT Testing Center
2560 River Plaza, Sacramento, CA
Sacramento, California



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CAL FIRE

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California Emergency
Management Agency

Dan Terry
California Fire Fighter
Joint Apprenticeship
Committee

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tonya Hoover, Office of the State Fire Marshal
Jerry Davies, Insurance Industry
Teresa Deloach Reed, CA Metropolitan Fire Chief Association
Mark Ghilarducci, California Emergency Management Agency at 10:40 am
David Gilotte, International Association of Fire Fighters at 10:30 am
Steve Kovacs, Fire Districts Association of California
Michael Lopez, CDF Firefighters
Robert Magee, City Government*
Patrick McOsker, California Labor Association
Lou Paulson, California Professional Firefighters
Russell Rawls, California State Firefighters Association
Michael J. Smith, California Fire Chiefs Association*
Dan Terry, California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee
Anne Walker, Fire District
Michael S. Williams, California State Firefighters Association

* attended via conference call

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Janet Barentson, CAL FIRE

STAFF:

Amanda Elliott, Office Technician, Support Services
Sherry Habon, Administrative Assistant
Ben Ho, Division Chief, Fire Engineering
Jennifer Lorenzo, Fire Engineering
Mike Richwine, Assistant State Fire Marshal, Chief, State Fire Training
James Parsegian, Supervising Deputy State Fire Marshal, Fire Engineering
Ramiro, Rodriguez, Deputy State Fire Marshal III Specialist, State Fire Training
Rodney Slaughter, Deputy State Fire Marshal, State Fire Training
Jeff Schwartz, Deputy State Fire Marshal III Specialist, Fire Engineering
Bill Vandevort, State Fire Training
Ken Wagner, State Fire Training

GUESTS:

Taral Brideau, California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship
Yvonne de la Peña, California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee (CFF JAC)
Mike Esparza, Riverside City Fire Department
Ken Kehmna, CICC
Kim Zagaris, California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Tonya Hoover, State Fire Marshal, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. at the California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee (CFFJAC) CPAT Testing Center 2560 River Plaza, Sacramento CA

- **Swearing in of New Board Member(s)**
Mike Esparza was given a letter of appreciation from the Board and a thank you for service. Teresa Deloach Reed, Steve Kovacs, Michael Lopez, Lou Paulson, Russell Rawls, Anne Walker and Michael Williams are sworn in.
- **ROLL Call/Determine Quorum**
Roll call of the State Board of Fire Service was conducted. Introductions were made, including over the phone. A quorum was established at 10:15 a.m.
- **Electing a new Vice Chair**
Lou Paulson nominated Jerry Davies to serve as Vice Chair. Members voted Jerry Davies unanimously (16 – 0) the new Vice Chair
- **Approval of Minutes from August 22 2013 Meeting** (*Discussion/Action*)
Discussion/Correction - Russell Rawls requested that the spelling of his name be corrected
Motion – Michael Williams moved to approve the August 22 2013, minutes; motion was seconded by Michael Smith. Members unanimously (16 – 0) approved the August 22 2013 minutes as submitted with the correction.
- **Announcements**
Lunch will be provided by the CFFJAC, Chief Hoover encouraged everyone to donate \$10 to the California Fire Fighters Foundation.
Tonya Hoover – The CAL FIRE - Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) Coins in front of you (given to all of the board members) is in recognition the OSFM's 90 years of service to the State of California.

II: Program and Advisory Committee Reports

A: State Fire Training Division

Mike Richwine - Responsibilities of the board are to review and recommend training standards. The next 18 months are going to be busy with issues relative to training.

1. Mission Alignment Objectives

a: Achieving National Recognition

i. Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP)/

Accredited Local Academy (ALA) Accreditation Site Visits

 (*Information/Discussion*)

Rodney Slaughter - The accreditation site visits are going to be conducted with one member of STEAC, a Community College Fire Technology Director, and a State Fire Training staff member. We are trying to get the accredited colleges up to date with their accreditations. There are six colleges that submitted their self-assessment reports. Merritt Community College was to have their site visit in November but due to the availability of the deans and staff to get together this was not possible, so it has been postponed to February 2014. As you can see there will be many site visits in February and early spring. STEAC members are going to be asked to help in their January meeting. There will be a complete list of campuses and schedules provided when dates and times are determined.

Russell Rawls - What are the requirements for the colleges?

Rodney Slaughter- The requirements are to meet the State Fire Training regulations in terms of staffing, curriculum, procedures and resources.

Russell Rawls - What do the colleges need to provide to you when you do a site visit?

Rodney Slaughter - We will need their record keeping and know the security that they use for their exams and certifications. We also evaluate the learning resources available at the ARTP.

b. Curriculum Development and Delivery

i. Curriculum Development Task Force Update

Bill Vandevort

Update on on-going curriculum development projects utilizing new curriculum development model and discussion on curriculum approval timeframes. *(Information/Discussion)*

There are big changes that are going to be coming up in 2014. We are planning to streamline courses and we have multiple projects going at the same time: Fire Fighter I and II, Fire Inspector I and II, Plans Examiner, Fire Instructor I and II, Company Officer, Chief Fire Officer, Executive Chief Officer and Community Risk Officer. In spring 2014 we will have Fire Fighter III and Community Risk Officer in the works. The second round will be Driver Operator, Fire Investigator, Emergency Vehicle and Tactical Rescue. The rescue courses are part of the FSTEP courses and the NFPA 1006. The documents are going to be different.

Some history of this:

In 1966 there was a survey done by asking fire service what exactly they did and for how long they did it. This was the study of Firemen Occupation and came out in 1967. This study consulted many different people that were part of the small, medium and larger departments, so they would have a wide variety of information. They wanted specifics such as the percentage of time and how often. The base documents were to develop the fire science courses. Before this document there was the Service Occupation Analysis that was out in 1929 by the fire chiefs of the LA area, this was the foundation for all other documents. California Fire Chiefs Association (CFCA) wanted a centrally located area for their academy. This was located on the Monterey Peninsula called the State Fire Academy. The academy was transferred to State Fire Training because the CFCA was unable to manage the program successfully. State Fire Training inherited all of the courses that were already set in place. In 1974 the NFPA standards were established, after that the State Fire Training Division developed their training and certification courses. Then in 1980 the State Fire Training owns the academy and they are there to maintain the courses that were needed to be taken by future fire service personnel. Once this was set in place they did not revise or update the document for 30 years. They did not separate training courses (to further develop fire fighters) and the certification (set of standards). Training and certification does go hand in hand but they are different topics that need to be separated. They had training materials in the certification standards. State Fire Training was to develop student manuals, instructor support and guides to help teach these courses. Since California was so far ahead of the county they did not pay attention to develop or update the documents. The old standards were based on the NFPA guidelines, a single text, while the new standards are on NFPA Job performances. There are 3 system documents; Certification training standard (job performance to be certificated and NFPA), California Standards and Course plan (replace instructor guides, lesson plan guidelines). Within the course plan there is the CAPSTONE task book, job performance before certified (doing the job before getting the job). This update will go to the development team, the cadre of different departments, ranks, and communities to add to it, then to STEAC and back to the board for approval.

Lou Paulson- Who from California do we have on committees with NFPA? What input do we have at the national level?

Bill Vandevort- Honestly, I do not know

Mike Richwine- This is hard to determine because of all the different boards and committees that are there.

Tonya Hoover- We have people and positions on Pro Qua committee

Lou Paulson- Have we talked to our reps? Are we actively involved in NFPA?

Bill Vandevort- No we have not talked with them. If there is training needs that need to be discussed then we will.

Lou Paulson- The issue that I see it with using NFPA standards when it is most convenient. It is too easy to look away from the standard when it doesn't fit what you want. We either need to adopt it or not. Since we are getting material from outside vendors are we going to put into effect a state mandate? In regards to Capstone testing are we creating artificial barriers for people to promote from within?

Bill Vandevort- We are at least 2 years away from any transition plan. There is time to change things and to fix things that do not seem to work.

Teresa Deloach Reed- With capstone, we are not falling into the issue like CICCIS, is this going to be in house?

Bill Vandevort- CICCIS depends on incidents. This is all going to be in house and it is not going to involve incidents.

Russell Rawls- Where do we start? Is NFPA going to be the minimum?

Lou Paulson- Authority is with the jurisdiction to adopt the standards. They cannot pick and choose when to use it and when not to.

Bill Vandevort- We cannot teach everything to everyone in just one class. We need to know what the individuals already know and what they have.

Russell Rawls- We need a base line and to go from there.

Mike Williams- We are working on picking and choosing our need. This cannot be half way. Who is representing us and what are their intentions? How do we transfer to the new set of standards? In regards to reciprocity would the amendments change certification for people coming from out of state into California?

Bill Vandevort- NFPA revises standards. NFPA updates their standards every five years. Our intent is to update the standards and we are very confident that we will be in line with NFPA in updating them every 5 years. The text that we are coming up with needs to have some kind of structural support.

Ken Wagner- Reciprocity efforts will be accredited and to develop programs to bring people in that are outside of California.

Mike Richwine- There will not be a reciprocal agreement; they will need to have some of the same training that we have in California. They will need to have experience before they will be hired.

Mike Esparza- When the circumlunar comes back are you using or adopting the standards?

Mike Richwine- Certification training standards could be considered.

Mike Esparza- Once everything is taken care of the new standards will need to be approved, is there a time issue?

Bill Vandevort- Going through certifications there is no time limits on how long to complete.

Lou Paulson- If we adopt the standards, will we have additions to the board? Will there be adoptions to California standards?

Tonya Hoover- this will be similar to adopting the building fire standards. You will have a base document, NFPA standards, and amendments with California concerns.

Mike Esparza- Then we need to adopt it.

Tonya Hoover- I sent an email out to see just how many California members are on NFPA committees, I will have the answer for you at our next meeting. This way we have an idea and we will be able to reach out to them to get some answers.

Kim Zagaris- If you are from out of state can you challenge a course?

Mike Richwine- There is no challenge process but there may be a test for equivalency test and peer review process.

Bill Vandevort- If a person took courses and they have documentation to prove this we will compare the course that was taken to what we have and make a decision based on this.

Kim Zagaris- the idea of reciprocity is great but I would like to see promotions from within the state before someone outside of the state gets a particular position.

Bill Vandevort- This is not going to be just an open door to let everyone from other states be a California fire fighters, this is adding a third party to make sure the testing is tight and that they are well qualified.

David Gillotte- So, are they just going to sign off saying that they have completed the necessary elements? There should be some kind of checks and balances to see if the agencies are doing this properly. Are we controlling standards to regulate?

ii. Approval of Fire Fighter I Course Plan *(Discussion/Action)*

Mike Richwine

The action item that is presented needs to have an amendment added to it. On the item it states that this is the Fire Fighter I curriculum, it should state that this is just the course plan. The CTS is undergoing changes. The intentions today are to get the board to approve the Fire Fighter I course plan and for us to run a beta test in this area. This beta test will take place starting January 2014 at Sierra College Fire Academy.

Motion – A motion was made by Lou Paulson to approve the Beta Testing portion of Fire Fighter I at this time. Motion was second by Michael Williams and approved 16 – 0 by the members.

iii. CICCIS 2014 Qualification Guide *(Discussion/Action)*

Ramiro Rodriguez/Ken Kehmna

Ramiro Rodriguez- Our purpose is to ask the board for the approval of the 2014 CICCIS Qualification Guide. As of right now the 2010 guide is in effect. We needed to review and update this because we needed to include the All Hazard courses. The adoption of course was passed in January 2013. We incorporated the training for the all hazard courses.

Ken Kehmna- This was made into one document with the administration, position and appendices. This document is now an easier read; we cleaned up the language and removed any duplication. The FEMA and CALJAC courses were incorporated. The line positions and the support positions were revised to indicate the definition between the two. This document is easier to follow the certification track and to understand. There were some classes added and deleted because there is no equivalence, not needed at all or it was a job aid. With adding FEMA courses there are the levels of G, E and L. (State, local or tribal, campus courses or resident courses)

Ken Kehmna- We are planning to have this adopted by January 2014.

Anne Walker- How long is this going to last? Is this going to have to change again soon?

Ken Kehmna - This is a continuous document. This is a living document that will have to be updated all the time.

Kim Zagaris - We will have to eliminate courses and adopt L courses. There will be a need to stay current. You will see this in the next few meetings. This will need to go to the committee, STEAC and back to the board to be approved.

David Gillotte - Including the FEMA courses are going to be a positive outlook. This is great that we are moving forward.

Ramiro Rodriguez - there have been a tremendous amount of work that went into this and we thank you for your support.

Motion - David Gillottee moved to approve the new 2014 CICCIS Qualification Guide; Second by Michael Williams second the motion. Motion was unanimously approved (16 – 0)

iv. Active Shooter/ Active Assailant Program *(Information/Discussion)*

Yvonne De La Pena

Mike Richwine- This is a discussion on active shooter/armed assailant training program. STEAC is requesting that we do this training. The CAL JAC program already has this underway and would like to educate us on this. MSUB would like to know what tactical EMS is and what area is fire. Basically, what each area does or what they are responsible for. State Fire Training is willing to work with CAL JAC to get this part of the training that is required to be certified.

Yvonne De La Pena- We did a beta class at the JAC conference to bring awareness to this subject because this seems to be a problem that fire fighters are going to have to deal with on a daily basis in some areas. The terrorism committee's goals are to make them aware, provide tools to be prepared for these types of incidents, and the most important is to have multiple agencies work cooperatively. For the training we will have the master trainer class with ten people from fire and 10 people from police, the people from fire are going to have to have their LE with them. We were asked to provide the building blocks to do their own training by providing a template. The objective is to recognize the violence, follow local, state and federal guidelines, and to set up a unified command. We are hoping to start the master training course in May 2014; we will schedule these with the various agencies.

David Gillotte- We need to look at active shooters with the micro component in TEMS. With TEMS each agency is doing whatever that they want, and not working together. With federal issues happening the fire departments and police departments are going to have to work together. We have the ability and driving force to do something legislatively through integrated fashion. We want to give the state a vision, have a law and start mandating this statewide.

Yvonne De La Pena- We have skill modules. The course outline will be in the BLS packets. We have the components that are skill based but they are not on level with TEMS.

Teresa Deloach Reed- This issues of active shooters are an everyday occurrence. How to coordinating with police departments, I think that it is critical to have this work with the up most level to the street level.

Yvonne de la Pena- We did several videos of situations like this.

- LA County with a trash can fire and an active shooter opens fire.
- Paradise with a bomb in the stands at a high school game.

We wanted to use realistic situations because that prompts a realistic response. We wanted to unify the Fire and police departments' response to violent incidents. The master training class is a 2 day class and the train the trainer course is about 6 hours. Our first grant was to try to get everyone and agencies on board by marketing.

Mike Richwine - The strengths of the program is the collaboration between fire departments and police departments. They need to know that this is not just for fire departments. Has POST endorsed this training?

Yvonne De La Pena - No, we are planning to talk with them soon about the LE component. We need the political folks to establish relationships and to inform them how important this is.

When this test started there was tension in the air between each person but by the end of the test and filming they were best friends. They understood what needed to get done and the main purpose is to save people. We hope that this will make people from both the police and fire have a much closer relationship and to understand the purpose.

Teresa Deloach Reed - This is a problem because for example the shooting at LAX, it took the emergency staff 30 minutes to get help to the person that was shot. This was due to the lack of communication between the different agencies. They were being told different information. The goal is to

get help to the injured people faster. Fire needs to work with PD to determine what it means when they say that the scene is clear.

v. Hybrid/internet Course Evaluation *(Information/Discussion)*

Rodney Slaughter

Rodney Slaughter - October 2008 STEAC accepted the beta test at Alan Hancock College for online courses of the Fire Fighter I. The new courses that are going to be established need to be evaluated to see if they would be eligible to be an online or hybrid course. STEAC is forming a subcommittee that will evaluate courses for the hybrid format. In LA County they have built smart classrooms where the instructor is able to be transmitted to 30 different locations. This may be a challenge to State Fire Training. There will be a letter to Chief Richwine to pilot this type of teaching. This is just to make you aware to where we are headed in the training area.

Mike Richwine - Just to clarify this is not exclusive to Alan Hancock College; this is where the beta test took place. Any college could do this if they have the components and we would like to have in writing the ability to access their system to see what they are teaching and the results of testing. We would like to ensure that there is ample interaction between the teachers and the students.

Mike Richwine - The academies will train their instructors. We want to have it in writing to monitor what is happening on the online classroom.

Rodney Slaughter - The regional training group is giving STEAC subcommittee access to information and will be available by spring.

vi. IAFF Fire Ground Survival Program Equivalency *(Information/Discussion)*

Ken Wagner

Ken Wagner - This has been finalized and it is fully implemented. The plan is good to go and it is sent out to the agencies.

B. Fire Engineering Division

1. Fire Engineering Update. Inform the board of all the new and proposed regulation for Fire Engineering programs *(Information/Discussion)*

Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act

Jennifer Lorenzo - Fire Engineering has been delegated the task for the Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act per AB1566. We were directed to have a committee established. We are in the process of developing regulations as required by the law. Both the CUPAs that implement the program at the local level and the regulated community need to know what the requirements are. We have 83 CUPAs that implement the program at the local level. Therefore, consistency is needed throughout the state. Sub-committees have been formed to develop the actual language of the regulations which will be in Title 19 of the California Code of Regulations. Subgroup A is in charge of articles 1-3, which includes the administration, definitions and applicability. Subgroup B is in charge of articles 4-5, which covers general and specific requirements. Subgroup C is in charge of requirements for CUPA inspections, training, enforcement and so forth. We expect to complete the task of developing the regulations in about a year.

Fire Alarms

Ben Ho - SB 1394 was passed in 2012 to mandate new requirement for smoke alarms in homes. SB-745 was recently passed as a clean-up bill to SB-1394. The new law is going to phase out the battery powered smoke alarms and replace them with smoke alarms that have that have non removable, non-replaceable, 10 years battery. This requirement become effective July 1, 2014, however, the existing inventories that meet the exceptions under SB 745, have until July 1, 2015 to comply. The OSFM is promulgating the regulations, in Title 19, California Code of Regulations, to address these new requirements.

Teresa Deloach Reed - What is the difference in prices with the two different smoke alarms?

Ben Ho - We cannot say how much the manufacturers are going to charge for the new alarms, but from what we have researched there is not that much price difference. In the future there will be lots of alarms that are

both smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO)

Teresa Deloach Reed - Are they going to phase out the ones that are already made?

Ben Ho – SB 745 has exceptions that were created to address the existing inventories. If the exceptions are met, the deadline can be extended until July 1, 2015. Consumers who already owned the alarms are allowed to keep them until they remodel, rent or sell as described under the new law.

Automatic Extinguishing System (AES) and Portable Fire Extinguisher (FE) Regulation Package

Jeff Schwartz- This regulation package is to provide the enforcing authority with additional tools to enforce the fire extinguisher laws and regulations. The FE package addresses the assessment of violation administration fines in lieu of suspension guidelines. This package also addresses local authorities' inspection authority. We also adopted a penal code section into Title 19 which allows the license or certificate of registration to be revoked or suspended for a conviction of impersonation of a fire official.

Flame Retardant Program and Committee

James Parsegian- This is a set of regulations dealing with tests and standards that need to be updated and the certification process. We are planning on getting this out at the beginning of 2014 and our goal is to have it finalized by the end of 2014. This is a simple package to get going.

Tonya Hoover - James, you may want to inform the Board of the box that the committee is in.

James Parsegian - We are only talking about decorative materials, tents and awnings.

Ben Ho - The issue of toxicity of FR chemicals in furniture is a separate issue and it is regulated by the Bureau of Home Furnishing, Thermal Insulations, and Electronic, Appliances Repair.

Tonya Hoover - The rulemaking packet goes to Kevin Reinertson to sign off on; we work really well with our other agencies to get this into effect.

Russell Rawls - Do stage drapes fall under this category?

James Parsegian - Yes

2. Fireworks Update. Discussion/update of current status on the disposal/destruction of seized dangerous and illegal fireworks. (Information/Discussion)

We have not able to find sustainable funding for the destruction of illegal seized fireworks in California. We have been and will continue to work with other agencies/departments to find sustainable funding for fireworks disposal. Due to the emergency burning operation, and packed and shipped of one truck, we are able to reduce the current inventories to approximately 190,000 pounds.

Tonya Hoover - This is a statewide issue that needs to be dealt with by everyone.

Russell Rawls - What is the road block preventing us in destroying these fireworks?

Ben Ho - There are many issues that we are facing. For emergency burning in state, we have to clear it with DTSC, local AQMD, local FD, San Bernardino Sheriff Department, and the CAL FIRE Unit prior every burn. We need to get approval from all of these sources before we can go ahead with the burning. For packed and shipped, we send a lot of our fireworks that need to be destroyed to a facility in Colfax, Louisiana using a hazardous waste contractor. This is the only disposal method and it is very costly. We cannot do it on a regular basis due to the lack of funding.

Tonya Hoover- Another issue is to send them out of state to be destroyed they need to be in their original packaging. The federal government will not allow us to ship fireworks that damaged, opened, or no longer in the original packaging.

Ben Ho - USDOT will not allow us to transport the loose unpackaged fireworks that are not in the original packaging.

Tonya Hoover - We will need to figure out a new way of destroying them. Right now all we have is burning them and ship out of state when we have funding.

Mike Richwine - We cannot transfer the loose material because of the DOT regulations, can't burn it due to environmental laws and regulations and it is also a financial issue. We send our seized fireworks to Louisiana because it is the only approved method but very expensive.

Russell Rawls - What about building facilities?

Tonya Hoover - We have looked into building our own facilities at a cost of 7 million dollars each.

Ben Ho- It has been an ongoing challenge for the past 15 years.

Steve Kovacs - Any responsibility to the distributors?

Ben Ho - SB 839 authorizes the collection of fines from people that bring in illegal fireworks to California. It works on paper but not in reality.

Tonya Hoover - This relies on local governments to prosecute people with illegal fireworks and this is not a priority for the court system.

Ben Ho – It places a hardship on local governments because if we can't take the seized fireworks then they are stuck with it. Last year there was a couple hundred pounds of seized fireworks and we were not able to pick them up because from the local FD because they soaked them in water. Now the products became hazardous waste and it must be disposed by a hazardous waste contractor.

Mark Ghilarducci – Fireworks were used in the Boston bombing- we have created regulations that make it harder for us to follow up on. We are looking elsewhere for answers. What regulations do we need to streamline this issue?

Tonya Hoover – We are trying to work with the Federal Government and DOT to move fireworks to an approved disposal site. We are not the only state that has this issue; other states look to us because we have so much of the product that needs to be destroyed.

David Gillotte - Where is it mostly coming from? Have we been able to isolate this and figure out where it is all coming from?

Mike Richwine - There are firework wholesale facilities in Nevada that can sell fireworks that are illegal in California. Stop the sales out of Pahrump, Nevada then you would stop most of our issues.

C. Code Development and Analysis Division

Kevin Reinertson

1. Title 24 Update and National Code Development Efforts

The past two years the focus we have was on adopting the 2013 Fire Code, Residential Code and fire sprinklers in a family dwelling. This was approved in January, published in July and is going through January 1, 2014. One of the major changes in the code was with a non-adoption. There was a repeal of an adoption of fire access roads being an issue for the State, this issue is staying with the local jurisdictions. This was based off of the Attorney General's opinion. For the last 14 months we have partnered with Nor Cal and SoCal Fire Prevention Officers on doing a local code adoption class. We did this so local jurisdictions could set their ordinances in place for their local code. The benefits of this is that it takes out the qualification based amendments on climatic, geographic or topographic conditions, this gives it all back to local control. California code on storage building smoke and heat vents made it into the national code. We are going to repeal state amendments and adopt the national code. Instead of waiting for a new national code to come out we are going to use what has been approved and amend it later when the national code is adopted. This is a positive for consumers and people of fire service.

The 2013 code adoption was to refine some of the wording and to add solar guidelines into code; this was a statewide appointment with people from the solar business, fire service, national agencies, fire marshal and national solar agencies. For the 2013 intervening cycle many people were vested and worked on this for several months. The rule making packet was small and did not have many amendments to it. There were big issues such as carbon monoxide alarms AB56 regulations. This is a regulation on having carbon monoxide alarms in schools; this is now a national standard.

The second issue was AB127; this was a bill to reduce flame retardant chemicals in building insulation. This was a very political issue. More research and reports may write regulations without chemicals to reduce flame and smoke spread. There is a work group that is going to be getting together in January to deal with this issue, department of finance was added to the staff/research group.

Tonya Hoover - This is only going to be a short time and we would like to ask for a representative in the room.

David Gillotte - It doesn't make sense that we use all flame retardant materials to build homes but then we put insulation in the walls and ceiling that burns easily.

Kevin Reinertson - They use foam that may be easily flammable. AB127 does not just cover 1-2 family dwelling structures. There is new technology happening so this is may not be an issue. This fire code was proposed to the national agencies but was unsuccessful with proposals. The California fire service has a huge impact on the National level. We have been teaming up with many stakeholders to fix or change the code and the conversations have been that there needs to be support from all Chiefs. California is trying very aggressively to remove these chemicals from the insulation.

Tonya Hoover- Kevin has been holding classes up and down the state to inform everyone.

Kevin Reinertson - TB117 flame retardant for couches is done by the Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair, Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation.

III: Old Business

A. CAIRS- Web Links, FAQ codes (Information only)

Tonya Hoover - Kirsti Fong could not make the meeting today. We have handouts, if you have questions please email me and we will talk about it next meeting. Cooking fire reports are included.

IV. New Business

A. Tribal Reporting of Incidents

Michael Smith - Most California Tribes are not reporting to CFIRS (CA Fire Information Reporting System), but reporting to the National Native American Patrician that is outside of California. Trying to pull that information back from them and bring it back here to accurately track and report what is happening in California.

It was suggested that Chief Smith contact and work with Kirsti Fong (CAIRS) to see if there is a way to get the information from the CFIRS database. Also, if possible find a way for the tribes not to have to report twice.

B. CA Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee Update

Yvonne De La Pena

Welcome to the CPAT center, this is one of three cites under JAC. We train fire fighters here; have meetings and recruit people to become part of the fire service community. We are aiming to recruit more women, especially military women coming back. We would like to have the master training courses here.

We currently have facilities in Livermore and Orange. We have contact with Oxnard College and we are looking into establishing a facility in San Diego.

The JAC Conference had a great turn out, 300 participants. The videos that we showed at the conference are online; the active shooter, the two year wrap-up of involvement and we recognized a labor union/fire service that focused on training. This was San Diego Fire and Rescue. We have a grant that gave us the ability to put seven training modules online, all the departments have to do is to have people sign up for training. The fire service departments may have a concern with this training due to the different platforms they are on; they are able to do

both. We are also working with Caplin University so the CE classes are available. Would like to introduce Tarel Verdo, Mary Jennings and Debora, they are part of JAC and CPAT. Mary Jennings is an RA consultant and going to stay on until Tarel's training is done.

V. Roundtable discussion

Members

Jerry Davies- Thank you for the vote to the Vice Chair position. I am honored.

VI. Public Comment

None

VII. Set Meeting Dates

2014 Meeting dates are February 20th, May 22nd, August 21st and November 20th.

Motion to have the next meeting on February 20th and to have the meeting adjourned by Michael Smith and second by Teresa Deloach Reed