



Office of the State Fire Marshal Fire Extinguisher Advisory Committee

Tuesday, June 11, 2019
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Office of the State Fire Marshal
2251 Harvard Street Sacramento, CA 95815
First Floor, Redwood Conference Room

Committee members present

Randy Dysart, California Association of Life Safety and Fire Equipment (CAL SAFE)
Darrell Hefley, Jorgensen Company
Randy Rousseau, La Sierra Fire Equipment
J.R. Nerat, Badger/Kidde
Frank Gardner, Stanford University

Committee members participating via teleconference

Al Minicola, Suppression Pro
Edie Wade, Brooks Equipment
Patrick Chew, Roseville Fire Department

Committee members not present

Robert Calderon, Kaiser Permanente
Anthony Romero, Kern County Fire Department
Tom Santos, Imperial Beach Fire Safety Services
Chris Hoiland, Orange County Fire Protection

OSFM staff present

Jeffrey Schwartz
Dan Scott

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Welcome and logistics briefing

Deputy Jeffrey Schwartz called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. He informed the committee that as of the previous Thursday, he was assigned to be the Program Coordinator of the Fire Extinguisher Program

and was now the chairperson of the Fire Extinguisher Advisory Committee.

He informed the committee that the teleconference and recording of the meeting started 15 minutes before the meeting and will continue uninterrupted until the conclusion of the meeting. This will happen for future meetings, as well.

B. Roll Call/Determine Quorum

Roll was taken and a quorum was determined with 7 of the 12 members present or participating by teleconference. Frank Gardner arrived late and was not included in the roll call.

C. Approval of previous minutes

A motion was made by Darrell Hefley and seconded by Randy Dysart to approve the draft meeting minutes from March 19, 2019 meeting. They were approved 7-0.

D. Announcements

Dan Scott announced that in-person fire extinguisher examinations were being conducted over the following two weeks in Monrovia and Sacramento. OSFM estimates that combined examinations (FE 1,2,3 FE 1,2 and FE 2,3) will be added to Pearson VUE by July 1.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Workgroup Reports

Each regulations workgroup presented their progress on updating Fire Extinguisher regulations to current standards by comparing NFPA 10 to Title 19 and determining what amendments to Title 19 are recommended.

Workgroup 1 is chapters 1-6 and chaired by Frank Gardner.

Workgroup 2 is chapters 7 and 8 and chaired by Darrell Hefley.

Darrell Hefley reports that workgroup 2 has had several meetings and created a spreadsheet to track their recommendations. They are almost complete with chapter 7 and are 75-80% complete.

Frank Gardner reports that workgroup 1 has made similar progress using a similar spreadsheet method as workgroup 2 but would he update it so they both have an identical format. The committee discussed strategies to incorporate documents by reference and how to note the dates of current editions, whether to list a specific year or to simply list as "current edition" of the standard. Electronic monitoring is a new issue which needs addressing in Title 19, but the definition of electronic monitoring and other details have not been completely finalized. J.R. Nerat noted that regulatory details on electronic monitoring are still being discussed by NFPA in several conference calls and a TIA will be voted on this week. and that this topic would likely be settled in fall 2019. The committee discussed updates of definitions including foams, oxidizers, water mist, wet chemicals and wetting agents and other chemicals which was tabled

for later discussion. The committee agreed that including UL-C (UL Canada) would confuse and complicate Title 19 and any references should not be included. The committee discussed manufacturer label requirements and plan to leave Title 19 wording as is. The committee discussed “listed” hangers and brackets, fabrication and updating the language for clarity. J.R. recommended that Title 19 add the NFPA 10 chart of the minimum number of extinguishers required which are Table E-36 and E-37. Darrell Hefley recommended that language around obsolete extinguishers be simplified to eliminate all extinguishers manufactured before 1984.

III. NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business. OSFM staff reminded the committee that agenda items must be submitted at least 15 days in advance at a minimum.

IV. OPEN FORUM

Edie Wade will bring samples of seals to the next meeting for discussion. Darrell Hefley noted that the committee decided that the priority for workgroups would be the NFPA 10 update followed by additional topics such as seals.

Patrick Chew asked about the previous meeting’s presentation on the fire extinguisher presented at the previous meeting. Darrell Hefley and Edie Wade noted that the committee decided that individual products were not going to be discussed at the committee level, but larger issues such as new products could be discussed during regulatory updates. The product itself is UL listed and can therefore be sold in California, but there is no way to service it under current Title 19 regulations.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VI. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on September 10 at 10:00 am. Darrell Hefley moved to adjourn, Frank Gardner seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:01 pm passed with a unanimous vote.