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**CALFIRE - OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL
Fire Alarm Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 08, 2018**

COMMITTEE GOAL

To advise the State Fire Marshal on proposed regulations and technical issues by providing views and comments from members of industry, the public, and the fire service.

STAFF

David Castillo, Chairperson

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nanci Timmins, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development
Sagiv Weiss-Ishai, San Francisco Fire Department
Rick Cortina, Apple Valley Communications
Wendy Gifford, Nest Laboratories
John Guhl, NoFireOne
Rick Lewis, Sabah International
*Jay Levy, Saf-Com Supply

**Via Conference Call*

MEMBERS ABSENT

Howard Hopper, Underwriters Laboratories, LLC
David Meyers, City of Los Angeles
Shane Clary, Bay Alarm Company
Andrew Thul, tk1sc Collaborative
Richard Roberts, Honeywell Security & Fire

GUESTS PRESENT

*Daniel Tate, Intrepid

**Via Conference Call*

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Castillo at 10:02 PM on May 08, 2018.

II. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

David Castillo conducted a roll call and it was determined that there was a quorum of members present.

III. OLD BUSINESS

David Castillo: No old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Modification of SFM existing amendment 907.6.1.1, 2016 CFC. John Guhl

- John Guhl introduced the draft code change to 907.6.1.1, 2016 CBC/CFC. John distributed the draft change dated 1-28-2018. The committee reviewed the change and introduced additional language to clarify the intent of the change.
- The committee voted on the changes made with 100% YES votes and zero NO votes.

Effective dates for nuisance resistance of smoke alarms. Wendy Gifford

- Wendy presented on the proposed effective dates for the resistance to common nuisance alarms which are to become effective January 1, 2019.
- Section 29.7.3, 2016 NFPA 72 requires smoke alarms and smoke detectors used in household fire alarm systems to be listed for resistance to common nuisance sources.
- Primary concern was the effective date of January 1, 2019.
- California Building Code Chapter 35 - references 2016 NFPA 72 and does not amend 29.7.3.
- California Building Code Chapter 35 - references UL 217 – 06 which does not require smoke alarms and smoke detectors to be listed for resistance to nuisance alarms.
- California Building Code Chapter 35 - Referenced Standards takes precedence.
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Removal of manual pull stations in schools with regards to shootings. Jay Levy

- Jay Levy introduced the question and plausibility of removing manual pull stations in schools because shooters can activate the pull station to get occupants to exit the building which allows the occupants to become targets of the shooter.
- Sagiv presented the idea that pull stations could be removed in existing, fully sprinklered schools because the occupants would be protected. However, if existing schools were not fully sprinklered, occupants would not be protected if pull stations were removed.

- NFPA committees are aware of this and are working to develop the means and methods to introduce this idea into the current codes.

Open Forum

- Several members of the committee commented that the Fire Alarm Advisory Committee could provide valuable input on all fire alarm related Code Interpretations, Information Bulletins, and Code Development.
- David Castillo stated he would present all fire alarm related Code Interpretations, Information Bulletins, and Code Development that he received to the committee.
- Sagiv announced that he has been appointed to the position of Fire Official of the Building, Fire and Other Committee (BFO) at the California Building Standards Commission.
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Next Meeting Date, Time, and Location

August 29, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM (Pacific Daylight Time) at the San Francisco Fire Department, 1660 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94103. (415) 558-6421
A telephone conference line will be available.

Public Comments: NONE

V. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Chairperson David Castillo at 1:00 PM.

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