



STATE FIRE MARSHAL

FIRE ALARM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Announcement and Agenda

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm (Pacific Time)

HILTON PALM SPRINGS RESORT
400 Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, California 92262

Tapestry Room
Teleconference Number: (916) 217-7654

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Welcome and logistics briefing
- B. Roll Call/Determine Quorum
- C. Approval of draft meeting minutes from the May 31, 2023, meeting
- D. Announcements/Updates

2. OLD BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Form Work Groups:
 1. POTS In a Box – Sagiv Weiss-Ishai
- B. Horizontal Two-Way Communication Systems – Sagiv/Joseph Cervantes
- C. **Follow up with Greg Andersen on CFC 907.2.10.6: Develop a code interpretation if needed.** Member Sagiv Weiss-Ishai brought up the issue regarding CFC 907.2.10.6, existing R2 unit/buildings that are hard wired with a battery for smoke alarms. If a smoke alarm has integral strobe, is it required to have stand by electrical system in existing R2 building? The question is limited to existing buildings not new construction. Chief Andersen stated this issue has been discussed at the code interpretation meetings. He posed the question if the device can be OSFM listed, and will it comply with the American Disability Act (ADA) if the strobe does not have back up power? Chief Andersen will discuss with other agencies.
- D. **Modify the language for the next 2025 CFC edition regarding this section:** Member Sagiv Weiss-Ishai discussed the issue regarding fire alarm systems specifically for R2 operated by colleges/universities. Smoke alarms listed to UL 217 must be connected to the building fire alarm system and might create a lot of issues. The committee worked on the language for Section 907.2.9.3 to clarify the intent and has been submitted as public comment. Chief Andersen informed the proposal was moved forward with the original language due to tight deadlines.

E. Modify the language for the next 2025 CFC edition regarding this section:

Member Sagiv Weiss-Ishai brought up the issues concerning public/common use areas, Section 907.5.2.3.1. Member Sagiv Weiss-Ishai shared with the committee his proposed language update to the exception. Chief Andersen request to put this issue on the agenda for the next meeting to allow the committee to review and give feedback.

F. Discuss exempt location for sprinkler CFC Section 903.3.1.1.1 item # 6 and per Greg's input below:

Confirmed. Sprinkler coverage is not required in the condition you described, with smoke or fire detection. The OSFM modified NFP 13 and deleted the section that required sprinkler. If there is not a fire sprinkler requirement then the smoke detection is not required.

The smoke detection is required if there is elevator equipment in the hoist way for a Machine Room Less (MRL).

G. Task Group Report: CFC Section 907.6.4 Zones

The goal is to clarify the California requirement for notification zoning for fire alarm systems on the initiating side. Guest Christopher Creamer and member Travis Tyler volunteered to be in the work group.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Issue of key operated pull stations for I occupancies (Jay Levy)
- B. Provide a summary of fire alarm and signaling system proposals submitted for the 2027 edition of the IFC. (Richard Roberts)
- C. Review of OSFM NFPA 25 form and requirements by group (Rick Cortina)

4. OPEN FORUM

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. MEETING ADJOURNMENT / SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

This notice and copies of the written materials have been posted on the [Office of the State Fire Marshal website](#).

For information concerning the Committee meeting, please contact Greg Andersen at (626) 712-4260 or Greg.Andersen@fire.ca.gov

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