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**PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, January 28th, 2026, 01:30 PM – 04:30 PM**  
*Hybrid Committee Meeting*

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**Meeting Location:**

**Office of the State Fire Marshal**  
3780 Kilroy Airport Way, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, McKittrick  
Conference Room 512  
Long Beach, Ca 90806

**Meeting ID:** 845 0158 5423

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**A. Welcome and Logistics Briefing**

Chairperson Terence Liszewski called the meeting to order at 13:30 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT). Logistics briefing was provided by Chairperson Terence Liszewski.

**B. Committee Member Introductions and Roll Call**

Roll call was conducted by Adam Stewart and determined that a quorum (7 of 10) of members was present.

**MEMBERS' PRESENT**

Terence Liszewski, Chairperson, OSFM  
Robert Vasquez, California Association of Life Safety and Fire Equipment (CAL SAFE)  
Kimberly Golding, NAFED  
Isaac DeFee, Cintas Corporation  
Rebecca Leda, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District  
Matthew McCarrick, Code Red Fire Inc.  
J.R. Nerat, Presto  
Jamie Knowles, Amerex

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Eric Stessel, Contra Costa County Fire Department  
Chad Murbach, Jorgensen Company  
Edie Wade, Brooks Equipment

**C. Introductions of Non-Committee Members**

All attendees introduced themselves.

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Harl Buckridge, AAA Quality Services, Inc.

**OSFM STAFF**

Daniel Berlant, State Fire Marshal  
Andrew Henning, Assistant Deputy Director  
Brice Bennett, Division Chief

Cortney Walker, Supervisor I  
Larry Godbout, Supervisor I  
Jeffrey Schwartz, Deputy State Fire Marshal III (Supervisor)  
Patricia Rock, Deputy State Fire Marshal III (Specialist)  
Jennifer Reiss, Deputy State Fire Marshal III (Specialist)  
Adam Stewart, Analyst I  
Thomas Setnan, Analyst II

**D. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – October 14th, 2025**

Chairperson Terence Liszewski asked for approval of the minutes for the October 14th, 2025, meeting. It was moved by Member Matthew McCarrick to approve of the minutes as presented; motion seconded by Member Robert Vasquez. Motion was carried out with a unanimous vote in favor of approval of the October meeting minutes as presented.

**E. Announcements/Division Updates**

Chairperson Liszewski turned the floor over to the State Fire Marshal Daniel Berlant. Chief Berlant outlined the division's two-year work plan with 11 key initiatives, several of which impact the fire extinguisher program. Chief Berlant also mentioned in the two-year plan updating Title 19 regulations, replacing current inspection requirements with NFPA 10 standards, and improving the electronic licensing system.

Chief Brice Bennett started the division update by thanking everyone for being at the meeting. Chief Bennett introduced Larry Godbout, who is the new Supervisor 1 to Fire Engineering & Investigations. Chief Bennett stated that Larry will be working alongside Cortney Walker in the division. Chief Bennett also announced that Jennifer Reiss is the new Flame Retardant Program Coordinator for the division.

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. 2026 FEAC Meeting Dates**

Chairperson Liszewski touched on the 2026 calendar dates for all four Committee meetings. Chairperson Liszewski discussed changes to the meeting dates for 2026, moving to Wednesdays at 13:30 PM Pacific Standard Time.

**B. Fire Extinguisher Nameplates**

Chairperson Liszewski asked Member J.R. Nerat if he received enough feedback on this topic from our previous meeting.

Member J.R. Nerat stated that he did not get any feedback but that if anyone does, reach out to him via email or phone.

**C. Regulations Update**

Chairperson Liszewski stated the regulations package is being updated but was delayed due to other programs taking priority because of legal actions and emergency incidents.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. NFPA 10 Work Group Applications**

Chairperson Liszewski mentioned a focus on an NFPA adoption workgroup application to consider adopting NFPA 10 for inspection, testing and maintenance, replacing current Title 19 requirements. Chairperson Liszewski stated that the workgroup application is open to the Committee Members and the public as well, and interested parties were encouraged to email their letters of interest directly to Chairperson Liszewski.

### **4. OPEN FORUM**

Chairperson Liszewski opened the floor for an open forum.

Member Robert Vasquez reiterated the question from last meeting about the difference in cost for renewal/replacement ID cards between the Fire Extinguisher program and the AES program.

Chief Andrew Henning mentioned that the differences in cost are due to the separate financial bin of the OSFM programs, with costs based on staff time and overhead for each program. Chief Henning advised the Committee that they are working towards an activity-based cost model to better align fees across programs, though some differences will remain due to the distinct nature of each business unit.

Chief Jeffrey Schwartz mentioned that the Fire Extinguisher program is the only program currently that states in regulations, the cost of a card is 50 percent of the original license.

Member Robert Vasquez wanted clarification in current regulations, for the cost of a license when you turn in an application? He believes the cost is \$85.00 instead of \$185.00.

Chief Schwartz stated this was incorrect, and Member Matthew McCarrick confirmed

Member Matthew McCarrick reviewed the regulations and stated the fee is \$185.00

Member McCarrick asked if a manufacturer on their label states something, and it's contradicted by California State Fire Marshal Title 19, which one would you follow?

Chairperson Liszewski stated that usually the hierarchy of state law would be the Health and Safety Code, the California Code of Regulations, and if applicable adopted the national standards, such as National Fire Protection Association. In this specific case, Chairperson Liszewski recommended that you reach out to the manufacturer directly.

Member Vasquez mentioned that he contacted the manufacturer directly and it does cover a very long line of extinguishers, extending from the 1980's to current 2026 extinguishers.

Member Nerat mentioned that he would be willing to look into specific label information if emailed to him and clarified that inspection and maintenance requirements should always follow established code standards.

Member Nerat announced to the Committee that an upcoming NFPA conference workshop in Las Vegas will be held on June 24<sup>th</sup>, in which he will be speaking on extinguisher Code Standards and Applications Workshop.

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Terence Liszewski opened the floor for public comment.  
There was no public comment.

## **6. UPCOMING MEETING DATES FOR 2026**

- A.** April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, 01:30 PM to 04:30 PM Pacific Daylight Time (PDT)  
Office of the State Fire Marshal  
California Natural Resources Building  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room 02-201  
715 P Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
Sacramento, Ca 95814

## **7. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Member Matthew McCarrick and seconded by Member Jamie Knowles. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting.  
Chairperson Terence Liszewski adjourned the meeting at 13:58 P.M. (PDT).