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To: Fire Extinguisher Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:
NFPA 10

Recommended Actions:
Information Only

Background Information:

California regulates the portable fire extinguishers through Title 19. The regulations cover the testing and licensing of portable fire extinguisher companies and individuals, it also covers the selection, installation, placement, inspections and testing for fire extinguishers.

NFPA has published NFPA 10, Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers based on national input through the consensus process. NFPA 10 is updated regularly and is on a three-to-five-year update cycle, with a new edition due to be published in 2026.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

The OSFM is evaluating and seeking input on the value of adopting NFPA 10 for the use as the California standard for the selection, installation, placement, inspections and testing for fire extinguishers. The licensing of portable fire extinguishing companies and individuals would remain in Title 19.

Potential Industry Impacts:

California would remain consist with the national standards. The industry could rely on the NFPA standard, but would need to be familiar with any OSFM amendments to the standard, which could remain in Title 19. Industry partners will need to study the new edition to ensure they follow the standard's requirements.