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CAL FIRE - OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL
Fire Extinguisher Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2018

COMMITTEE GOAL

To provide a means of communication between the Office of the State Fire Marshal, representatives of industry, the public and the fire service; and to seek comments and specific views on proposed regulations and intended future action.

STAFF

Vikie Raby, Committee Chairperson, CAL FIRE Office of the State Fire Marshal
Daniel Berlant, Assistant Deputy Director, CAL FIRE Office of the State Fire Marshal
Andrea Clayton Chan, CAL FIRE Office of the State Fire Marshal
Patricia Setter, CAL FIRE Office of the State Fire Marshal
Jeffrey Schwartz, CAL FIRE Office of the State Fire Marshal
Kevin Chan, CAL FIRE Office of the State Fire Marshal
Dan Scott, CAL FIRE Office of the State Fire Marshal

MEMBERS PRESENT

Randy Dysart, CAL SAFE
Al Minicola, Supression Pro
Edie Wade, Brooks Equipment
Robert Calderon, Kaiser Permanente*
Frank Gardner, Stanford University
Anthony Romero, Kern County Fire Department
Tom Santos, Imperial Beach Fire Safety Services*
Patrick Chew, Roseville Fire Department
Darrell Hefley, Jorgensen Company
Chris Hoiland, Orange County Fire Protection
Randy Rousseau, La Sierra Fire Equipment
J.R. Nerat, Badger/Kidde*

**Via Conference Call*

MEMBERS ABSENT

Craig Voelkert, Amerex

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Vikkie Raby at 10:04 AM on December 13, 2018.

II. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

All attendees introduced themselves. The chair determined that there was a quorum of members present.

III. APPROVAL OF OLD MINUTES

N/A

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. State Fire Marshal Committee Intent Overview

State Fire Marshal Dennis Mathisen thanked the committee members for their service and stressed their importance to provide valuable feedback to the OSFM on behalf of the industry.

Chief Daniel Berlant updated the committee on progress the Fire Engineering and Investigations Division in better delivering customer service. These include the transferal of examinations to Pearson VUE, the transition of licensing to the GOVmotus database system and additional staff which has both been hired and will be hired in 2019.

2. Charter

Vikkie Raby reviewed the committee charter (attached). The committee decided to meet quarterly and scheduled the 2019 meetings on March 19, June 11, September 10 and December 10.

Assistant State Fire Marshal Mike Richwine introduced himself to the committee and thanked them for volunteering their time.

3. Updating Regulations

The primary work of the committee will be to review current fire extinguisher regulations and to have suggestions for updating them. The chairperson asked that committee members bring these suggestions to the next meeting. It was also suggested that the committee look at NFPA 10 and compare NFPA 10 and Title 19.

All members present volunteered to participate in future workgroups to update these regulations.

4. Self-servicing Products

The OSFM has been petitioned to add language in regulations which would approve the use of a self-servicing fire extinguisher and to consider updating language to allow the consideration of other products and systems which do not currently fit into regulations. Current law states that all fire extinguishers must be inspected and serviced. The committee decided that this topic should be discussed with an actual product rather than an abstract concept. The topic will be re-visited at the next meeting with an opportunity for the manufacturer to bring an example of the product. The purpose of the committee is not to be a product approval body, but to address larger regulatory issues such as self-servicing items.

V. OPEN FORUM

1. Previous committee work

When the Fire Extinguisher Advisory Committee was previously active, progress was made in making recommendations for regulatory updates. OSFM will provide this information to the committee.

2. NFPA standards

In the past, NFPA has worked with the Fire Extinguisher Committee by providing it with working documents in updating their current standards. OSFM can contact NFPA to see if this is possible and if using NFPA 10 would be helpful in updating Title 19.

3. Expired certificates for unemployed certificate holders

Certificate holders must be associated with a licensee in order to renew their certificate. This is a recent change in regulations, the law or in the interpretation. If a certificate holder is temporarily unemployed and their certificate expires, they must begin the registration as a new applicant, not as a renewal. The committee recommends that the workgroup includes a process for a certificate to be dormant and then renewed when the certificate holder returns to work.

4. Tamper seals

Tamper seals and neck collars were previously discussed in the regulations workgroup but no conclusion was reached. This topic will also be revisited.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

OSFM will send the previously developed regulation recommendations to the committee.

OSFM will contact NFPA about utilizing their working documents.

The regulatory workgroup will consider the renewal of unemployed certificate holders.

The regulatory workgroup will determine if the regulations around tamper seals and neck collars need updating.

VII. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 19, 2019.

Self-serving products – A specific product will be presented to the committee

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Chairperson Vickie Raby at 11:08 AM.

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