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Subject: Field fire extinguisher input from California AHJ's

Importance: High

Terence,

I currently sit on the UL/ULC technical committee covering the applicable fire extinguisher design standards and have been assigned to a task group attempting to specifically provide update proposals, to address various fire extinguisher nameplate content and language related issues. Have previously heard of field complaints, indicating there is too much unnecessary information currently being placed on fire extinguisher nameplates which not only makes them hard to read, but potentially causing delays and novice operators from attempting to use them in emergency fire situations.

I'm looking for any feedback or input from California AHJ's specially associated with their observations in the field, related to the legibility of information observed on fire extinguisher nameplates.

Any observations or feedback they might be able to provide me addressing the following topics, would be helpful and appreciated.

- Observations related to the legible language font sizes being utilized on fire extinguisher nameplates.
- Desire or need for only communicating the necessary information on nameplates, to properly select and operate the fire extinguisher.
- Desire to reduce, minimize or prohibit the utilization of bi-lingual or tri-lingual languages on the same nameplate or label.
- Desire to reduce or minimize the placement of redundant information already provided or identified within owners/service manuals
- Desire to reduce or minimize various caution, warning and symbol information placed on nameplates, not specifically related to its operation.
- Desire to reduce or minimize the various necessary HMIS content information and simply reference the location for obtaining detailed SDS information.
- Desire to limit the operating instructions to the 4 steps addressing the universally communicated extinguisher training objectives PASS (*Pull, Aim, Squeeze & Sweep*).
- Desire or need for the necessary extinguisher operating instruction step language, to be legible from a minimum distance of 3 feet.

If you could possibly share this information with some of the various applicable California AHJ's familiar with portable fire extinguishers, would appreciate any feedback they might be able or willing to provide me within an e-mail.

Thanks,

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