



STATE FIRE MARSHAL

General Fireworks Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – August 25th, 2023

HYBRID MEETING VIA ZOOM AND IN PERSON

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time (PDT)
602 E Huntington Ave Suite A Monrovia CA 91016

This meeting will be held in a hybrid format. Those wishing to attend in via teleconference can attend at the below link.

Meeting ID: 840 3770 1674
Passcode: 424634

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ian Gilfillan, Pyro Spectaculars North
Gary Brown, Pyro Spectaculars
Dennis Revell, Revell Communications
Amy Nygren, Deputy Fire Marshal with the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
Janice Van Mullem Huntington Beach Fire Department
Tad Trout, TNT Fireworks
Julie Heckman, American Pyrotechnics Association
Kevin Kelley, Disney Entertainment
Mark Holthaus, Friends of Amateur Rocketry

MEMBERS ABSENT

Megan Quinn, Corona Fire Department
Linda Hass-Kreman, Phantom Fireworks
Sherry Souza, Fireworks & Stage FX America
David Nordling, Reaction Research Society
Gregory McCanless, Jake's Fireworks
Antonio Solares, Orange County Fire Authority
Kevin Crews, Volt Live

OSFM STAFF

Greg Andersen, Chairperson, OSFM
Caleb Phillips, Co-Chairperson, OSFM
Vijay Mepani, OSFM
Yevonne Costa, OSFM

PUBLIC GUESTS

Jennifer Bowman, CAL FIRE
Greg Adams (USFA)

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Welcome and Logistics Briefing

Chairperson Greg Andersen called the meeting to order at **09:05** A.M. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) on August 25th, 2023.

B. Roll Call/Determine Quorum

Roll call was conducted by Co-Chair Caleb Phillips and determined that a quorum of members was not established until 10:20 A.M. PDT.

C. Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves.

D. Approval of Minutes- tabled until 10:20 due to no quorum

Chairperson Greg Andersen asked for approval of the minutes for the May 24th, 2023, meeting.

It was moved by Member Ian Gilfillan to approve the minutes; motion seconded by Member Dennis Revell. Motion was approved at 10:22 A.M. PDT.

E. Announcements

Co-Chairperson Phillips mentioned that there would be a change to today's agenda. We are going to move the presentation from Jennifer Bowman and Greg Adams from last on the agenda to first.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. +1 codes for fireworks fires

Co-Chairperson Phillips introduced Jennifer Bowman and Greg Adams to the group. Jennifer gave an overview of the fire module currently used by California to collect fire data. She went on to explain that the addition of +1 codes at this time is very unlikely because NFIRS will be coming out with a new version in 2024. Greg Adams offered insight into the dynamics of adding +1 codes. And offered his help in future conversations moving forward on this topic.

B. Fireworks Regulations Update

Some decisions were made regarding Section 979 & Section 989.1 but were moved to be tabled until meeting held on September 14th. 986.20 (k) had a change made to the labeling for party candles to remove the unique labeling requirements. In section 987.6, the removal of the "Party Popper/Snap Cap" seal and was replaced with a Novelties Seal. Consideration was to be given to the removal of the party popper/snap cap distributor permit. A conflict in 984(d)(1) between the General Fireworks Package and the Rockets package was cleared up regarding the minimum number of licensee letters of recommendation that were required. The committee decided to keep the section that would allow the fireworks program coordinator to waive the requirement if an insufficient number of licensees is active. Apart from these changes the remainder of the

documents were recommended to the OSFM. Dennis Revell moved to recommend the package to state fire marshal. The motion was seconded by Gary Brown.

The motion passed 8-0 with one abstention.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Set Date for 4th Quarter GFAC meeting

The meeting was set for November 29th.

B. Discussion of Title 19 section 3.25 “Open Flame”

No Action Taken

C. Import/Export Requirements

OSFM has not been receiving the required notification of product entering the state via copy of shipping/lading information. Co-Chair Caleb Phillips is preparing a letter to go out to industry regarding this issue.

4. OPEN FORUM

Committee member Gary Brown showed his gratitude for getting the regulation package updated.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public comments were made.

6. MEETING ADJOURNED

A motion to adjourn was made by Member Tad Trout and was seconded by Gary Brown. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting. Chairperson Greg Andersen adjourned the meeting at 12:04 P.M. (PDT).