



Fire Prevention Officer's Section  
Northern Division

**MINUTES**  
**General Membership**  
**Meeting of April 25, 2008**

**Time: 0930 Hours**  
**Irish Cultural Center**  
**2700 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**San Francisco, CA**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A-1 President called to order the April 25, 2008 General Membership meeting of the Fire Prevention Officers.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

B-1 Captain Tom Harvey of the San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) led the pledge of allegiance.

**C. APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT OF ARMS**

C-1 President Yahnke appointed Fire Marshal Rick Rodewald, UCSCFD/Past President to Sergeant of Arms.

**D. INTRODUCTION OF HOST FIRE MARSHAL**

D-1 Captain Harvey made the formal welcome on behalf of SFFD and introduced host Fire Marshal Barbara Schultheis of SFFD.

Captain Harvey acknowledged and thanked the National Sprinkler Association & Society of Fire Protection Engineers for their participation in today's meeting.

Fire Marshal Schultheis also gave a warm welcome to San Francisco and introduced SFFD Staff present and thanked her staff for helping to host today's event.

Fire Chief Joanne Hayes White was introduced by Fire Marshal Schultheis. She applauded the opportunities for exchange of information and states, "...that (fire) prevention is the backbone of the fire service."

## **E. INTRODUCTION OF VISITING FIRE CHIEFS AND BUILDING OFFICIALS**

- E-1 No guest fire Chiefs or Building Officials were present at the meeting. President Yahnke recognized Liaison Fire Chief Doug Williams of Rincon Valley FPD.

## **F. SELF INTRODUCTIONS**

- F-1 Self-introductions were conducted with some new affiliations and surprises. Congratulations to Kathy Amen who retired from the Woodside Fire Department, many who swear she started when she was 12 years of age.
- F-2 Past President/Judge Advocate Darren Drake declared a quorum.

## **G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- G-1 Motion and second to approve the February 22, 2008 meeting minutes was made. After a not so gentle reminder from Member Bates, the minutes were voted on and approved.

**Approved – A whole lot of Yeas! Opposed – None**

## **H. RECOGNITION OF CALBO FIRE OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR**

- H-1 Judge Advocate Darren Drake was awarded Fire Official of the Year for 2007 and recognized in San Diego at the CALBO Meeting last March. Steve Jensen – Building Official for Napa sent a summary of efforts/accomplishments by Darren over the last year. In summary, Darren is recognized for leadership in improving fire and building working relationships in a multitude of ways.
- Darren addressed the audience and asked them to engage building departments and other city departments throughout the various duties.

## **I. PRESENTATION OF CHARLIE GRAY AWARD**

- I-1 Re-Presentation of award to Chief Forrest Craig, Novato FPD is postponed until May's General Membership meeting.

## **J. STATE FIRE MARSHAL REPORT**

- J-1 Assistant State Fire Marshal Tonya Hoover addressed the membership.

Chief Hoover also thanked Judge Advocate Drake for all his work and coordination with CALBO.

Cal Fire/SFM has hired four new individuals

Certification Training Standards (CTS) for fire prevention is done. Curriculum is now left to be developed which will break-down the criteria and classes for certification.

Design of the Fire Prevention for the Engine Company Inspector class is completed. This class will replace Fire Prevention 1A & 1B for Fire Officer Certification.

The Cal Fire Pipeline Division responded on March 30, 2008 to a 55 car Union Pacific derailment. 100% score was awarded to the Division during a recent audit of their response.

Legislative news... Cal Fire is reviewing many, many, many, many bills tied to Wildland Urban Interface. Chief Hoover stressed "many". Critical Season fuel moisture is noted at drying out 3 to 4 weeks prior to last season.

Lastly, Chief Hoover dispelled any rumors that Cal Fire/SFM has legislation out, further she clarified that Cal Fire/SFM does not sponsor or have position on bills or proposed legislation.

Kevin Reinertson, Regulations Coordinator finished that State Fire Marshal report for Tonya.

Cal Fire/SFM is currently in the annual code development cycle. They will be advancing NFPA 72, 2007 Edition and other editions of standards adopted by NFPA. Individuals may find the clean-up language on the Cal Fire/SFM website and CBSC website. A major item for clean-up is specific to elevator lobbies in Highrise Buildings. May 6, 2008 is the public hearing meeting.

Additionally, there are several packages submitted for clean-up without regulatory effect. These are more editorial in nature.

In the future, you won't be seeing Erratas monthly from the ICC or CBSC – they will be stock piled and issued once a year. They will be an issue with effectiveness verses when they'll actually be available for your code-books. Supplements have a different time-line based upon ICC – target is 5/09 but realistically it will be 7/09.

Clarification of terminology was produced:

- **Regular Rulemaking** – Done annual, Triennial adopt model code. With annual supplements.
- **Errata** – Basically change without regulatory effect, ie: Grammatical, editorial or publishing errors.

- **Emergency** – Done due to statute, circumstance dictates an emergency or threat... with an emergency – still have to do a full rulemaking process after the regulations are approved.

Emergency Rulemaking – Hospitals that are high-rise (greater than 75 feet). May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 hearing. It re-instates some model code language.

Cal Fire/SFM is working with HCD to determine whether or not to adopt the IRC. Working to determine difference in IBC and IRC ie: bars on windows, escape windows, and what not.

DSA/HCD/SFM is working jointly on an Information Bulletin regarding the accessibility requirements in Group I-1 occupancies which are residential in nature.

The on-going work with T-19 and Fire Code is still in process.

Ad-hoc Access Advisory Committee – is dynamic and tackling three major issues.

- (1) Elevators but they've been tabled
- (2) Areas of Refuge but they've been tabled
- (3) 3.09 Emergency Procedures – subcommittee working on complete rewrite or possibly utilizing 406.

Green Building SFM/DSA/HCD/OSHPD introducing new standards relating to Green Building or Sustainable Building not limited to building construction. Cal Fire/SFM does not foresee any significant effect on Fire Service or Cal Fire/SFM.

Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps for Local Responsibility Areas should be available in the next 60 days.

## **K. LEGISLATIVE REPORT (heard after lunch)**

K-1

Legislative report was tabled until after lunch. Ronny Keefer, Legislative Committee Co-chair spoke to the following issues being considered.

- AB706 Fire Retardant Bill still going on
- AB2031 Spill prevention – Busan
- AB2935 Spill prevention
- Blue Ribbon Committee to move forward for regulations and legislation on WUI issues. These will be reviewed by the WUI Committee
- CO Detector & Extinguisher bills are being reviewed by the Equipment & Devices Committee

K-2 Gene Gantt reminded everyone that Tuesday & Wednesday on April 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> are Legislative Action Day.

There could be up to a 10 Billion dollar cut in state budget. At the Local Level there is concern regarding Prop 1A and if the State will try to take more monies from local jurisdictions.

Gene finally reminded the membership to check with fire service endorsements for upcoming elections when voting.

## **L. MORNING BRIEF**

L-1 Reinhard Hanselka gave the membership an overview of the Group "L" Occupancies with assistance from Gale Bate.

The presentation gave an overall breakdown between Group H-8 History and Group L Development. Additionally they asked membership to track the upcoming regulations and to get involved into the code development process.

## **M. ADJOURN TO COMMITTEES**

M-1 The President identified and requested Co-chairs to announce meeting location, agenda, and topics of discussion.

Committees: Building Standards, Fire Code, Public Education, Hazardous Materials (not present), Fire Service Education, Fire Protection Devices, Wildland Urban Interface

## **N. LUNCH 12:00-1:00 HOURS**

## **O. AFTERNOON PROGRAM 1:00 -1:30**

O-1 Robert Treiber, NFSA Director of Training and Education provided a class on Sprinkler for Compacted Shelving.

## **P. COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND REPORTS**

P-1 Due to the afternoon program – no committee reports were given. Reminder was given regarding the CBSC Meeting on May 6, 2008 in Sacramento.

## **Q. RAFFLE**

Q-1 San Francisco Fire Department hosted the raffle with comedy provided by our very own Leprechaun Yoga Man Tom Harvey!!!

## **R. ADJOURN**

R-1 Next meeting will be May 16, 2008 in San Carlos – one week early due to Memorial Day Holiday. Do not forget to RSVP.