



## **Nor Cal Fire Prevention Officers Association**

**Darren Drake, President**

**November 16, 2007**

### **Minutes- Monthly Membership Meeting-Roseville**

President Drake called the meeting to order at 0936. Past-President Mike Stewart conducted the Pledge of Allegiance. Roseville Fire Inspector Daryl Van Druff was appointed by President Drake as the Sergeant of Arms.

President Drake introduced our host, Fire Marshal Dennis Mathisen of the Roseville Fire Department. Chief Mathisen thanked members of his staff Rebecca Doerr, Jeanne Aujay, Rob Arnett, and Daryl Van Druff for helping put the meeting together. He also thanked the Sacramento-Metro Fire Prevention Officers for sponsoring our raffle. Chief Mathisen introduced Chief Ken Wagner, who welcomed the group to Roseville, and thanked us for our work regarding the fire code adoption.

Chief Wagner also thanked Roseville Mayor Jim Gray, and City Manager Craig Robinson for their support in passing a sprinkler ordinance for High-Rise, Mid-Rise and high-density residential units. He also mentioned the Charlie Grey scholarship fund. He is seeking grant and scholarship applications.

President Drake recognized Chief Doug Williams, Liaison Chief to our parent organization.

Self introductions were made. Those attending included two new members, Fire Marshal Bob Richardson from South Placer Fire District, and Fire Marshal Russ Cole from Woodland Fire Department. Welcome!

President Drake asked Past-President Rick Terry to declare a quorum, so declared.

The October Meeting Minutes were approved, as amended.

State Fire Marshal's Report: OSFM Assistant Fire Marshal Tonya Hoover gave the report. She thanked Lorin Neyer for teaching the Building and Fire Code classes- they have been very well received. She also thanked Steve Hart for keeping every one on task with the state's code adoption. Finally, she thanked Chief Mathisen and Chief Alber for serving as Public Information Officers during last month's Southern California fires.

Chief Hoover mentioned that the SFM report is on their website. She has just returned from Southern California where she was gathering damage assessment information with NIST. Ethan Foote is heading-up this effort for SFM.

She reported that Chief Sakimoto's photovoltaic task force on firefighter safety & training is making good progress. The LRA maps are being reviewed. If you have questions, call Chief Hoover or Chief Foote at Pre-Fire Engineering. She indicated that most of the maps have been rolled out.

No legislative report was given. However, President Drake indicated that committee Co-Chair Ron Keefer posted their latest report on the web site.

## EXCHANGE OF IDEAS

Gale Bates-He mentioned that the package for the next code cycle has gone to the Building Standards Commission-there is lots of clean-up language.

Rick Terry-The CFPI workshop registration and class selection/schedule out on the front table and on the web site. Note that the CA Fire Code and Building Code classes are one day classes respectively. Also, the Statutes and Regulations class is a 3-day class and is an additional \$50.

Rick Thornberry-The latest code change proposals for next code cycle have been posted on the ICC website.

Rick Terry-The rule making package is available for down load from the SFM web site. He also mentioned Section 425-clean-up provisions in the package that will be different from current code provisions.

Rocque Yballa-He is requesting information bulletin be issued regarding Section 425. He said it probable won't be issued until after 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

President Drake- He encouraged the membership to make our voices heard on these issues.

Steve Hart-there are eight different proposals for residential sprinklers to be moved into Residential Building Code. Norcal & Socal need to make a decision on which to support. Sandy Stanick and Ron Coleman have competing positions. Steve asked if it's being reviewed. President Drake indicated that Sandy represents Norcal and Socal and votes to our will. Ian McDonald of Socal is shepherding this item; also, Jeff Shapiro has a proposal for the plumbing code. A lot is happening behind the scenes and we are going to come up with consensus position.

Rebecca Doerr-She asked us to stop by her table where she as many new items for sale.

Steve Hart-A NIST report is out (Initial Report 7451-Cost-Benefit Analysis of Residential Fire Sprinklers). The reference in the document on pg. 41 refers to Insurance Institute information and shows a chart of home insurance policies' breakdown.

Ethan Foote-tagging on to Steve's comments-The University of Maryland and NIST are conducting a seminar on the WUI fire problem. They are doing some fancy modeling and have developed an ember generator. The seminar is about it the work they have done with it. They are also developing an instrument package to place in front of a wildland fire to measure parameters before fire front's arrival. They have launched a full data collection effort on the southern California fires.

Vern Canon -CCAI has set dates for their spring meeting. It is a week before our CFPI Workshop, and is in San Luis Obispo. He also mentioned that there is a 2-yr bill on developing a registered arson central data base. We need information on how a registry or lack of one has affected arson cases. See Vern if you have input.

Dennis Mathisen-This year is Roseville FD's 100 year anniversary. They are developing a museum in an old fire house. Anybody interested in working in the fire museum, see him; in the future they will be working on getting donations to support museum.

President Drake-He announced that there have been two appointments of our members to committees-Lorin Neyer-IBC Fire Safety Committee-Tonya Hoover-IFC Committee. President Drake congratulated Lorin and Tonya, and thanked them for their hard work.

He announced the Board's next mid-month meeting will be a Strategic Planning meeting on December 12. We will be continuing the process established 5-years ago. Chief Forrest Craig will be facilitating the session. The Board is planning a presentation to the membership in January.

We are seeking a Co-Chair for the Building Standards Committee. Greg Lake has been forced to step down due to a family illness. The Nomination Committee is seeking volunteers to serve on the Board. If you are interested and desire to serve on the E-Board, contact one of the committee members (Angela Giuliani, Darren Drake and Dennis Mathisen). The committee will return to the membership with nominees in January.

Inspector Guides are in the works. There will be a conference call with ICC next week. Darren thanked Bill Greene again for his hard work in developing the new guides. We are partnering with ICC since they own the code. We are shooting for 1<sup>st</sup> of the year for the new guides to be available.

Theresa Johnson-Space is still available in the upcoming classes. She mentioned that numbers need to come up in Modesto.

President Drake- He mentioned you will get an e-mail confirmation once you have registered.

## ADJORN TO COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Rocque Yballa asked that those committees and their members that plan on attending the Palm Springs Code Hearings to take 5-minutes to meet to discuss assignments.

## AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Brian Toering of Signalink Technologies Inc. gave a presentation on their Fire-Link System. This system is an alarm audibility expander for all brands of fire alarm systems.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORTS

Fire Service Education committee reminds us all to attend the classes.

Building Standards: discussed upcoming hearings, made some assignments for the code hearings-their mid-month will be in San Ramon December 20 where they will discuss assignments. There will be other meetings later as we approach hearings.

Fire Code-see above; they need more committee members. If you are interested, come to the mid-month meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Public Education-Norcal was well represented at their Southwest conference. They will be presenters at our February General Membership Meeting-bring your public education personnel.

Hazardous Materials-They discussed and received assignments from the Fire Code Committee.

Morgana Chan-She mentioned that it is committee annual reports time- 1<sup>st</sup> week of December they are due!

## RAFFLE

Roseville Fire Department conducted a great raffle.

## ADJORN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00. THERE IS NO MEETING IN DECEMBER. The next meeting will be on January 25, 2007 in Elk Grove. Please RSVP! Thank you to Roseville Fire Department for hosting an excellent meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott D. Alber, Secretary