



Nor Cal Fire Prevention Officers Association

Darren Drake, President

October 26, 2007

Minutes- Monthly Membership Meeting-Concord

President Drake called the meeting to order at 0930. Past-President Rick Terry conducted the Pledge of Allegiance. Past President Wes Arvin was appointed by President Drake as the Sergeant of Arms.

President Drake introduced our host, Fire Marshal Rick Carpenter of the Contra Costa County Fire Department. Fire Marshal Rick Carpenter recognized the visiting building officials.

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

Self introductions were made.

President Drake asked Steve Hart to declare a quorum, so declared.

The September Meeting Minutes were approved.

State Fire Marshal's Report: The Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps continue to be a major focus of the State Fire Marshal's Office. The rollout of the new Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps is now halfway through the process. Public comments are now being processed. Drafts of the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps for Local Responsibility Areas are currently being posted on the Cal Fire Web site in GIS format. Formal recommendations are anticipated for next winter and spring of 2008. Implementation of the Wildland-Urban Interface Building Standards is now scheduled for January 1, 2008 in the State Responsibility Area and July 1, 2008 in the Local Responsibility Area.

The State Fire Marshal's Office is contributing to a video that promotes CAL Fire Services. The video will be available in fall of 2008. Wildland Urban Interface Building Standards is offering classes about the new amendments that apply to Chapter 7A of the CBC. A booth on Pipeline Safety was staffed at the September Environmental Issues Workshop in Carson CA. Chief Paez spoke to the California Association for Adult Day Services in Southern California. Chief Paez presented about emergency planning and management, and fire prevention planning. He also spoke about the newly adopted codes which will apply to them. Code interpretations will only be answered when submitted in writing through US mail. No request will be accepted over the phone or through email. When submitting a request please be as detailed as possible.

UC Berkeley has a website that enables people to check fire severity on particular addresses. In September the California Building Standards Commission approved the Office of the State Fire marshal's emergency regulations amending section 701A.3.2 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 24 part 2. This section revised the mandatory effective date for those areas where local government has responsibility for wildland fire protection to July 1, 2008. The State Fire Marshal's office has sent a team to the LA fires.

No legislative report was given.

John Haberek has stepped down from the Legislative Committee. This leaves a vacancy that needs to be filled. If you are interested, submit an interest letter to President Drake, along with a support letter from your chief.

EXCHANGE OF IDEAS

George Laing also sits on the Diablo Fire Safe Council and has received a grant from Fish and Game for CWPP. Please let George know if you would like to contribute projects to the grant.

Steve Hart is excited to see that the classes coming out can touch all of California fire prevention officers.

Bill Tyler has put out a final schedule and flyer for upcoming classes. The classes for 2007 California Building Code Fundamentals Non-Structural Provisions will be held November 5th and 6th in Petaluma, November 26th and 27th in Vacaville, December 10th and 11th in Hayward, December 12th and 13th in Modesto, and December 17th and 18th in Petaluma. Bill Tyler acknowledged Lorin Neyer for all of her hard work and dedication to these classes. The classes not only educate, but also help support our organization.

Bill Green asks the membership if anybody has an extension device that attached to the sprinkler system that extends over the deep fryer. This is of European design similar to the piranha.

Fort Hartsfield reminds us that the November meeting is a week early on November 16th. Please RSVP online as soon as possible. The deadline to register is November 9th.

Rocque Yballa also sits on the Residential Care Advisory Committee; they will be doing training on Hospice Waiver Form 850, what are you seeing in the field? Please let Rocque know, preferably by email. The new code addresses bed-ridden patients, and requires smoke barrier walls with just 1 patient.

President Drake tagged on to Rocque's comments and said that he is seeing an increase of bed-ridden patients in his community. He also says that they are

changing the definition of bedridden from non-ambulatory, to "need assistance getting up."

Lorin Neyer taught classes from CALBO to 170 building people (and 5 fire), and she learned that with the hundreds of sprinkler tradeoffs in the IBC, she asked if they knew the difference between 13 and 13R sprinkler systems and only 4 people knew the difference. It is important for everyone to educate their building officials about the differences, and keep an eye out on plans.

Rick Carpenter thanked everybody for RSVPing for the meeting. He also suggested that a new policy for those who would still like to call in for the meetings, the last person to call will be appointed Sergeant of Arms.

Our host, Fire Marshal Rick Carpenter introduced Chief Richter of the Contra Costa Fire Department he thanked us for coming today, and welcomed us to Concord. He also stresses prevention in light of the recent fires.

ADJORN TO COMMITTEE MEETINGS

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Rick Thornberry gave a presentation about Acculite Fire and Heat vents.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORTS

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

WUI Committee is working on an information sheet for local jurisdiction's local laws.

Public Education committee is hosting a class Thursday, November 15th class in Contra Costa County.

Hazmat Committee recruited 2 new members from the Contra Costa County Fire Department. They spoke about dry cleaners.

Fire Code Committee spoke about elevators and code adoption for state code regarding them.

Building Standards Committee is having a mid-month meeting; the date has changed to November 7th.

RAFFLE

Contra Costa County Fire Department conducted a fantastic raffle.

ADJORN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00. The next meeting will be on November 16th, 2007 at Sun City in Roseville. Please RSVP! Thank you to Contra Costa County Fire Department for hosting an excellent meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott D. Alber, Secretary