



Nor Cal Fire Prevention Officers Association

Darren Drake, President

September 28, 2007

Minutes- Monthly Membership Meeting-Petaluma

President Drake called the meeting to order at 0940. Chief John Zanzi led the pledge of allegiance. President Drake appointed Dan Adams of Rohnert Park DPS Sergeant of Arms.

Fire Marshal Mike Ginn welcomed the organization and introduced Sonoma County FPOs President Fire Marshal Linda Callister from Healdsburg as our host. FM Callister welcomed us. She complimented the FPOs on our work adopting the IFC. She also mentioned that Sonoma County is working hard on county-wide standardization.

She introduced Chief Albertson of Petaluma. Chief Albertson also welcomed us, and mentioned that the weather we are experiencing is why Sonoma Grapes are better than Napa grapes! Chief Albertson also mentioned the hard work that the Sonoma FPOs are doing to have one common code across the county. He also mentioned that in 2004 he came to our meeting with Mayor Glass, where they talked about their new fire sprinkler retrofit ordinance, which they passed in 2004. The ordinance required the retrofitting of basements in their downtown businesses within 6 years, and the entire building in 12 years. No one has gone forward so they have provided a \$4 per square-foot interest free loan, which has had a taker. The city is having their 150-year celebration dinner and dance tomorrow night.

President Drake recognized and welcomed visiting Sebastopol Fire John Zanzi, as well as Rincon Valley Chief Doug Williams, who also serves as our Liaison Chief to Cal-Chiefs.

Self-introductions were made. President Drake asked Past-President Angela Giuliani to declare a quorum, so declared.

There was motion and second to approve the August 24, 2007 General Meeting minutes. Motion approved.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL REPORT

Assistant State Fire Marshal Tonya Hoover gave a verbal report, and introduced some of her staff members to report on their respective activities.

Vicki Sakamoto indicated that the BSC approved revised LRA maps on 9/20. The Chapter 7A provisions for LRA will take effect 7/1/2008. She also indicated that the IFC Ch 1 moved to Appendix Ch.1 in the CFC. She noted that the annual rule making cycle

is going through committees and is set for adoption in early 2009. She mentioned that she is coordinating the SFM's solar cell study committee and to e-mail her with any provisions you may have developed, and mentioned provisions for firefighters venting roofs. She is looking at guidelines coming out in December of this year. She also mentioned the Fundamentals of Photovoltaics document by Rodney Slaughter is available.

Bill Robertson is developing an occupational analysis of Fire Prevention Specialist 1 and 2 classifications. He is also the plan reviewer for state-owned occupancies.

Ethan Foote is working on LRA maps. He mentioned that the SRA map hearings have been completed. LRA map roll-out has started. One individual for each unit and contract county is to be designated as the point of contact for the local agencies. Training on GIS has started, and code training is slated for October.

Mike Richwine-He is the Chief of the training division. He mentioned that this is the first time since 80's he's been at one of our meetings. He welcomed Tonya as the new Assistant State Fire Marshal. He said he is looking forward to having new direction. He mentioned that state amendment classes are coming. There will be 6-hr. for both the CBC and CFC. The "fire line" news letter is on the SFM web-site.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

President Drake indicated that Ron Keefer, Co-Chair of the Legislative Committee posted the latest report on the FPO web site. He also mentioned that the E-board met with Cal- Chiefs and the South E-board and there are bills we are watching.

EXCHANGE OF IDEAS

Rocque Yballa-He mentioned that Christine Reed posted on "Exchange of Ideas" list-serve an item about yellow pull stations to open exit doors-they are showing up after permits are approved and fire alarm contractors are installing after the fact. He asked the membership to let him know if they see this happening in their respective jurisdictions.

Lorin Neyer-She announced the locations and dates of upcoming classes. See the web site for more details. She also spoke about the difference between amendment and transition classes.

Darren Drake-FSE Committee has been working extremely hard on scheduling classes. They have engaged the locals to put on classes. There has been a lot of consternation because the ICC doesn't have the class materials assembled yet. But it is finally coming together. The training is going to continue into next year with a price point of approximately \$100.

Steve Hart-polled members on ICC class attendance. The upcoming CFC and CBC classes will not teach fundamentals. There have been major changes to the codes. Draft class manual is 167 pages. Class will teach you where to find stuff in the code.

Sam Husoe-He is excited about new training that the NFS is putting on. There are new classes on sprinklers coming up in Woodland in October. There will be several ½-day classes. Brochures are on the table.

Elliot Gittleman-He brought up the issue of PE act. The last bill was pulled. Another rewrite bill is coming back and needs our support as users of Fire Protection Engineers to lobby to keep Fire Protection Engineers as a separate discipline.

Steve Hart-thanked us for flowers and phone calls during his recent illness. His clothes still haven't made an appearance after going missing.

Bill Greene-He recently taught a statute and regulations class in Roseville. For those of us that aren't sure what the class is all about, the class is where they discuss italicized stuff in the code. Starting new I codes classes.

Darren Drake-We are ready for the printing of the new Inspector Guides-He thanked Bill for all of his hard work developing the new guides. The E-board is working w/ICC to market the guides.

Ethan Foote-At the Monterey meeting he discussed the Angora Fire and a new approach to ignition resistance vs. fire resistant construction. The WUI Committee is going to hold a workshop to see what is out there from manufacturers of building materials. They are looking for sponsors for workshop to be held in early November.

Mike Lantier-On a recent inspection he found painted PVC to look like sprinkler pipe.

Teresa Johnson-She thanked Lorin for volunteering to teach several of the upcoming code classes. She asked the group if anybody was charging fees for infrastructure upgrades in their respective jurisdictions.

Fort Hartsfield-Webmaster-We can now RSVP on line. Go to the North meeting schedule page. If you tab from field to field it skips some of the fields; just click on the fields to move from field to field on the sign up form.

Darren Drake-He announced that the first 20 people who electronically RSVP are automatically entered into special raffle prize drawing.

Rebecca Doer-She is ordering new merchandise stock and items for sale. If there is anything you would like to see, let her know.

Rick Rodewald- He asked if there is there an IFC, IBC commentary. Yes there is-see their bookstore.

ADJOURN TO COMMITTEES

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Dan Hydzik, P.E. and Mike Maxwell, P.E. of Reli-On Hydrogen Fuel Cells gave us a presentation on hydrogen fuel cells, focusing on stationary systems.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS CONTINUED FROM THIS MORNING AND REPORTS

Greg Lake-Building Standards Committee-They discussed code submittals, reviewed ICC staff comments on editorial stuff on their submittals, and they are also reviewing South committee submittals.

FE&D Committee-see their minutes on the web.

Sandy Wargo-Public Education committee-She mentioned a fire in Novato-the occupants had their smoke detector linked to their lifeline monitoring. She asked if anybody had experienced this in their jurisdictions.

WUI Committee-They discussed the Ch. 7A change of implementation dates for the local/LRA provisions, the November workshop, and the Angora Fire.

E-Board-They discussed the endorsement of candidates for various committees and boards. We recommended 4 candidates for the ICC Board. Teresa Johnson is representing us at the ICC Annual Business meeting in Reno. We have finished reviewing policies. Committed to hosting hospitality suite at the ICC Palm Springs meeting, and asked for Cal-Chiefs support. The Palm Springs meeting is Feb 17 thru March 2.

RAFFLE

Sonoma County FPOs conducted the excellent raffle.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00. The next meeting will be held October 26th, 2007 at the Concord Hilton. Please RSVP! Thank you to the Sonoma FPOs for putting on another great meeting.