

February 27, 2005

## FIRE EQUIPMENT AND DEVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

For the meeting of February 24, 2005

### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ed Tubbs	Dixon Fire Department, co-chair
Jaymae Wentker	Mountain View Fire Department, co-chair
David Secoda	Bay Alarm
Steve Hart	NAS-IP
Brandon Burlingame	Lathrop-Manteca Fire District
Jim Bollier	Sprinkler Fitters Local 483
Randy Dysart	Beacon Fire/Calsafe
Bill Metzinger	Bay Alarm
Darrell Harguth	Brooks Equipment Company
Sandy Stanek	Fire Code Consultants
Allen Sigl	Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
Tom Horton	Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
Jim Clancy	RJA
David Downing	Millbrae Fire Department
Sam Husoe	NFSA

### TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

#### Follow-up to the January Meeting:

1. Mobile cooking kitchens “roach coach” hood systems. Jaymae Wentker stated that eh had sent a letter to James Parsegian of the CSFM to get an official comment. Other discussion ensued but at this time there is no clear answer. More info as it comes will be reported back to the committee.

### NEW INFROMATION

1. Steve Hart reported that the terminology and requirements in the Fire alarm section of the (IBC) International Building Code but that the code workgroup was working to have the present terminology and requirements transferred from the UFC.
2. Steve Hart reported that the IBC says nothing about smoke control except for high-rise buildings but that the code workgroup was working to have the present terminology and requirements transferred from the UBC.
3. Steve Hart also reported that the IBC allows a 50’ dead-end corridor. The group discussed some of the concerns that this could present when exiting in an emergency.

4. Steve Hart also presented a chart that compared the 1997 UBC and the 2003 IBC regarding trade-offs for fire sprinklers. The next stakeholder meeting for the code adoption process is March 24, 2006 in San Jose.
5. Randy Dysart reported that the Title 19/NFPA 25 regulation packet was ready to go to the CSFM with the work group's next meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup>. the school districts are having questions and issues with the proposed date of January 1, 2008.
6. Jaymae Wentker reported that there are some issues with the reusing of old dry chemical systems piping onto existing systems as replacement parts. Also be aware of new equipment being added without protection being installed.
7. Steve Hart said that as we change from the existing codes change the comfort level will diminish until the experience level with the new codes develop. It was suggested that there be 1-2 day seminars available for the transition. It was also suggested that the committee take on hood duct systems as a possible training matter.
8. Jim Bollier reported that cast iron pipe was being found in the underground supply to fire sprinkler systems. This was happening when the check valves were being relocated from under the ground to aboveground which permitted easier locating and servicing of the check valve. Then cast iron pipe would be installed underground.
9. Sam Husoe said that there was an article in New Hampshire with an issue on code compliance and fire sprinklers. Contact Sam Husoe if you would like more information

The meeting was adjourned at 1145.