

California Fire Chiefs Association
Fire Prevention Officers Section
Southern Division

Joint General Membership Meeting with the
California Fire Alarm Association

Hilton Palm Springs
January 27, 2005
Minutes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Laura Blaul	President	Ken Kraus	Secretary
Karyn Vaudreuil	1 st Vice President	Ken Quick	Treasurer
Penni Overstreet-Murphy	Judge Advocate	Phil Garcia	Liaison Chief

I. CALL TO ORDER :

Pledge of Allegiance: Carl Thibeault

Sergeant At Arms: Palm Springs Fire Dept. Bob Morgan

Welcome by Co-Host - CAFAA: Bill Hopple

Welcome by Palm Springs Fire Department: Chief Goetz

Recognition of Past Presidents: Dennis Lockard, Ted Wackerman, Penni Overstreet-Murphy, Carl Thibeault

Self-Introductions: Determination of Quorum
Moved and Second – 48 Attendees

II. ORDER OF BUSINESS :

A. Minutes:

Approved/ On Website
Provided as handout

B. Board & Standing Committee Reports

1. Program Coordinator & Meeting Locations

February 9, 2005 – Fallbrook, Pala Mesa Resort
Program – Proposed SFM WUI Regulations
Presenter – Rodney Slaughter, OSFM

Karyn V

March 18, 2005 - Santa Ynez –CFPI Workshop
April - Joint w/NFPA

- 2. Treasurer – Financial & Membership Report** **Ken Quick**
\$26,000 in Account
Several large bills pending.
- 3. Fire Protection Equipment & Devices** **Walter Brandes**
Forwarded draft of amendments to 2002 NFPA 72 to SFM
Next months meeting to be scheduled
- 4. Fire Service Education** **Robert Nolan**
Sprinkler plan check class in San Marcos on April 6 & 7, 2005
- 5. Public Education** **Penni Overstreet-Murphy**
Intervention I and II is offered through the California
Junior Firesetter Coalition, Feb. 15,16 (I) and Feb17, 18 (II)
This class meets NFPA 1035
Committee to meet next Month
- 6. Fire Code** **Laura Blaul**
Reviewed CPR Highlights/ League Position Paper
Annual Report/ Goals-Budget for 2005
Adult Day Care Regulations – public comments made
Legislation – discussed new RCFE bill prospects
NorCal RCFE Guidelines (Editing)
Next meeting Feb 3
- 7. Urban Wildland Interface**
Continue to prepare four-day class at Workshop.
- 8. Workshop –**
The 15th Annual Fire Prevention Workshop will be held March
14-18, 2005 in Rancho Santa Barbara.
All those attending are encouraged to select the sessions that
you will take ASAP.
Motion Picture/TV/Theatrical class needs a minimum of 40 to
hold class. Please sign-up ASAP.
March 4 is the deadline to guarantee the government rate of \$89
plus tax.
Registration for the Workshop is ahead of last year.
2 mistakes on the brochure:
UFCA certification class is 2 days plus ½ half day for the test.
Cost is \$150.

III. ALLIED COMMITTEES/ORGANIZATIONS

A. CFCA

Phil Garcia

The CFCA held their annual Strategic Planning Meeting in Dixon, January 12-14. Laura Blaul and Karyn Vaudreuil attended. The CFCA believes the State Model Code Adoption issue is over and that the choice is the NFPA set of codes.

The CFCA has identified that the CPR/Little Hoover Commission issue and the proposed changes to PERS are the 2 most critical items that will require their attention.

The CFCA forwarded 3 names as recommendations for the two vacant positions on the Building Standards Commission.

The website is undergoing a complete makeover. The new site will encourage interaction and post training activities.

B. OSFM/CDF

Chief Joe Garcia

Chief Garcia covered Chief Grijalva's presentation at the January 19 Meeting of the Building Standards Commission.

The OSFM's new Code Interpretation procedure is on line. Interaction within the comment period is encouraged. The interpretations will normally be posted on the 20th of the month.

Full Report on FPO website.

C. OSHPD

Gary Dunger

John Donelan retired. Thanks John for helping the FPO's interact effectively with OSHPD through the years. His leadership will be missed! Code Enforcement has filled 2 vacancies, 2 remain. Goals for 2005 have defined "Training" as top priority. Seminars being planned. A CPR generated Business Plan review is being conducted by an outside agency.

D. CSFA

Ed Foster

CSFA staff is encouraging non-members to join...see website for membership information.

Fire Prevention Committee is coordinating articles for an upcoming issue that will be dedicated to Fire Prevention. Contact any Committee member, list available on website CSFA.net (select "About CSFA" then "Committees").

"Tip of the Week" items are on now on the homepage, along with a Fire Prevention survey that will compile data on volunteer departments conducting fire prevention inspections.

The Committee is compiling FAQ's. Members with "Frequently Asked Questions" for their jurisdictions may forward them to any Committee member.

Primary Goal for 2005 is to bring together the fire suppression and fire prevention disciplines.

February 15-18 - CSFA Employees Relations Workshop.

CSFA is tracking the PERS issue that if modified will affect new employees hired after 2007.

Disability Pension issues are also on the watch list.

The magazine will be improved using higher quality paper, having more articles, and better organized advertisements.

E. NFPA

Ray Bizal

Ray covered the State's model code adoption process and the commitment NFPA made to the Building Standards Commission and Fire Service. The NFPA has provided the support it had previously pledged to provide during the public hearings testimony.

This support includes:

Opening a Sacramento office

Developing State amendment packages.

Providing free training and codebooks.

Assisting local jurisdictions with local adoption issues.

Ray provided a brief overview of the Copyright issue and the potential affect of the ICC's infringement lawsuit filed in Illinois.

The BSC voted to adopt the 2002 NEC as the base document for the Title 24 Part 3. (2004), effective July/ 2005. The NEC 2005 Handbook is now available through NFPA.

The NFPA World Safety Conference and Expo will be held at the Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas from June 6-10.

NFPA is working with the State's Hydrogen Highway project through NFPA 52.

The NFPA is providing more free codes online...see website.

The 5000 and 101 Committees have voted to require fire sprinklers in all new 1 & 2 family dwellings. Support from the fire service at the code hearing is needed to combat the building industries interests.

The ICC will develop a fire sprinkler standard probably without the support of their Coalition partner BIA.

The new NFPA Foundation CEO is Kathleen Almon.

The Station nightclub fire report has been completed. The release is subject to legal counsel approval.

Ken Quick encouraged all members to attend code hearings in Las Vegas. New proposals to NFPA 1 will be discussed.

NFPA 140 committee members committed to try and resolve differences between the recently approved provisions to 1 (sprinklers on sound stages) and 140 by committing to add the provision to 140. The provisions will then be deleted from 1.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. State Code Adoption

Ken Kraus

The Building Standards Commission met on January 19. The meeting began with the swearing in of the new Commissioners. The positions vacated by termed out Commissioners Dickerson and Broad were filled by Richard Sawhill of the Air Conditioning Refrigeration Contractors Association/ Mechanical Contractors Association and Steve Jensen, Building Official with Napa.

Item 2 on the agenda tasked the State agencies with providing a progress report on preparing amendments to NFPA 5000 and NFPA 1. All agencies. i.e., SFM, DSA, OSHPD, HCD and DHS reported that the unresolved copyright issue has limited the effort to complete the amendments. Additionally, the Chief Grijalva cited his short tenure, staffing shortages, and high priority projects, (e.g., Hydrogen Highway, WUI, SB 1896) which redirected the efforts of the OSFM.

Following brief presentations from the NFPA and the ICC, discussion focused on the need to define issues that are impeding progress and determine if the Commission needs to go in a different direction. A motion passed to direct the Coordinating Counsel to meet as soon as possible and as often as necessary to resolve the stalemate.

V. New Business

A. Board Nominations

The Board has received the following names for consideration:

Jill Perumean, Arcadia Fire Dept.
Robert Nolan, Brea Fire Dept.
Stephen Abbott, North County Fire Protection District

Additional members in good standing that desire to be considered for the Director of Operations position may contact any Board member or be nominated and run from the floor at the February Business Meeting.

B. Life Safety Technician

Dave Deutsch with CAFAA presented an overview of the Life Safety Technician Certification. The presentation covered “qualified personnel” as referenced in NFPA 72, Chapters 1 & 7. The LST test deals with NEC 760 and NFPA 72.

C. Fire Protection Engineer / Engineering Board

The Pres and 1st VP of NorCal represented CalFPOs at the Engineering Board’s December meeting, testifying for maintaining the Fire Protection Engineer.

D. Residential Sprinklers

Discussion regarding the trade-off of 1-Hour construction for a full NFPA 13 system (in R-1’s of 3 stories or more). Hand count revealed that no jurisdiction represented approved similar requests as a matter of course.

VI. PROGRAM

CAFAA CODE WORKSHOP – A COMPARISON OF THE 1999 AND THE 2005 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODES

Presented By Bill Hopple

Overview

NFPA 70 – 2005 Incorporates many changes dictated by the recently revised Manual of Style. Most notably, Chapters 1, 2, and 3 have been brought in line with other Standards and will cover Administration, Referenced Standards and Definitions respectively.

Chapter:

4.1.2 applies to Chapters 5-10 (not to “R” Occupancies)

4.4.1 “Power Supply” - complete revision

All systems 24/5, 60 hour requirement removed.

4.4.3.2.4 Supervisory Signaling Indication – new option

- 5 Initiating Devices – Allows Performance Based Option
 - 5.7 Smoke Sensing Fire Detectors
 - 5.7.3.2.4 Codifies TIA re Spacing
 - 5.14.5.1 No remote indicator required for Addressable Systems
 - Guidance provided for frame and wall mounted detectors
 - 6.2.1 Local notifications not required
 - 6.8.6.3 Voltage droop for Notification Appliance Circuits
 - 6.9.4.3 AHJ defines evacuation zones (partial vs. total)
 - This in turn defines the portion of the system that needs to be protected.
 - 2 Hour Stairway provision deleted.
 - 6.9.4.4 15 minute requirement (but under what load?)
 - 30 second fire impingement requirement in conduit.
 - 6.9.7 Speakers in elevator car requirement deleted.
 - 6.15.3.10 (1,2,3) Conform to ANSI (2000)
- Article 760
- 760.1.1 “Shall comply with” language added
 - 760.2 Definition of “Abandoned Fire Alarm Cable”
 - 760.16 Mounting height of manual pull box.

Thanks Bill for a great overview of the new NEC!

VII ADJOURNMENT

**VIII NEXT MEETING: February 9, 2005
1000 Hours**

**LOCATION : Pala Mesa Resort
2001 Old Highway 395
Fallbrook, CA 90028**

PRESENTATION: Proposed Wildland Urban Interface Regulations

**Rodney Slaughter, OSFM
Hosted by North County Fire Protection District**

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Kraus, Secretary