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Stakeholders Meet at OSFM to Discuss Water Discharge for Fire Protection



California stakeholders representing the fire service, fire sprinkler and water industries met at the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) in Sacramento on Tuesday, March 2nd to discuss discharge of water issues relating to NFPA-13, NFPA-13R, NFPA-13D, NFPA-14, NFPA-20, NFPA-24, and NFPA 25 (2006 California edition) and how water discharge relates statewide to the water and fire industries.

Members of the OSFM task force who were present included James Parsegian, Office of the State Fire Marshal, James Carver, City of El Segundo F.D., Jennifer Lorenzo, Office of the State Fire Marshal, Walter Brandes, Riverside County Fire Dept., William “Bill” Kirkpatrick, East Bay Municipal Water District, David Eugene Kimbrough, Ph.D., Castaic Lake Water District, Bruce Lecair, National Fire Sprinkler Association, Steve Hart, National Automatic Sprinkler IP-Fund, Jack Thacker, Allan Automatic Sprinkler Corporation of Southern California, Allen Quirk, Paraclete Fire & Safety, Incorporated, Robert Livermore, TNT Fire Protection, Bill Hereth P.E., State Water Resources Control Board and Linda Collister, City of Healdsburg Fire Department.

The Water Discharge Task Force was formed at the request of the National Fire Sprinkler Association (NSFA) to address concerns over the issue of water discharge relating to fire protection systems. Upon receipt of the request, the OSFM conducted research and it was determined that there was a problem statewide that needed to be addressed to ensure fire protection systems were being installed, inspected and tested correctly and that during these operations the environment was not being harmed. During the meeting, James Parsegian explained that the steering group was appointed through the Automatic Extinguishing Systems Section. Co-chairs of the Task Force are James Parsegian and James Carver. Steve Hart will serve the Task Force as recorder and Bruce Lecair, NFSA representative, will provide technical assistance as the requester. An additional co-chair is being sought from the water industry.

The meeting consisted of a lengthy discussion regarding the scope and goals, problems encountered with obtaining permits for discharge of water by fire departments, requirements for development of Best Management Practices for discharge of water, the history of the adoption of NFPA 25 and how it relates to Title 19 California Code of Regulations (CCR), the concept of water usage and how the water industry

has been dealing with the water usage issue, the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) and how the nine regional boards operate. The Task Force also discussed issues related to the Clean Water Act encompassing the requirements for water discharge and collection of contaminated water. Members of the water industry also explained what the California and Nevada chapters of American Water Works Association (AWWA) were working on relating to water discharge and how the Task Force could include their efforts into the goal of developing Best Management Practices for water discharge for fire protection.

The next Task Force meeting will occur on April 27 in Sacramento at the Office of the State Fire Marshal. At that meeting, Bill Hereth will provide a Water Code 101 (who, what and why of state water laws) presentation and Bruce Lecair and Steve Hart will give a presentation on water based fire suppression systems testing and maintenance and explain the use of water discharge for testing and maintenance of fire protection systems. The Task Force will also discuss currently developed Best Management Practices already in use by the water industry. For additional information on the scope and purpose of the Water Purveyor Task Force, see the 2010 March West Region Report on the NFSA website.

IRC Educational Component Unveiled at Buellton California Fire Prevention Workshop!

The “Preparing for the California Residential Code! Residential Fire Sprinkler Criteria for One and Two-family Dwellings and Townhouses 2010 California Residential Code” class was taught for the first time (not including the OSFM staff) by Kevin Rienertson, Division Chief, Code Development and Analysis Division, Office of the State Fire Marshal, Steve Hart, Consultant National Automatic Sprinkler - IP Fund and Bruce Lecair, West Regional Manager, NFSA (pictured with Sean G. Daugherty So Cal FPO Board member) on Wednesday, March 17 at the CFPI Workshop in Buellton to over 30 students consisting of supply and manufacturers, fire sprinkler contractors and members of the fire service.



The 4-hour class developed in response to the Phase III IRC Education Task Force is designed for IRC stakeholders across California to develop awareness of the 2010 California Residential Code and the 2010 NFPA 13D (1 and 2 Family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes) and the amendments and/or modifications to the code. The class also covered specific sections of the State of California Provisions as defined in the 2010 California Residential Code, Title 24, Part 2.5, and specifically Section R313. Sections R313 - R325.5.1 and gave students an opportunity to develop an awareness of the OSFM Residential Fire Sprinkler Task Force Phase I, II, III Recommendations and Final Reports. The class also allows for discussion regarding “Best Management Practices” as it relates to the various stakeholders and the Residential Fire Sprinkler Task Force Process and the various stakeholder considerations, training resources and technical terms. Future classes are being scheduled by the OSFM and will be taught regionally throughout the State of California.

In addition to the IRC Preparation class the CFPI 1-week workshop was the site of classes in fire sprinklers, fire alarm, juvenile fire-setter updates, fire prevention committee meeting and the 20th Annual Installation of Officers Banquet, awards ceremonies and the Wednesday Industry Exhibits and Vendor Reception. Next year’s event will be the same site at the Santa Ynez Valley Marriot, March 14-18.

NFSA Annual Seminar Registration now available!

Registration materials for NFSA's 2010 Annual Seminar are now available. Registration materials can be easily accessed by the link at the right of our homepage, www.nfsa.org. Hard copies are also in the mail and should be received this week. The seminar will be held at the Fairmont Chicago, April 15-16. The Fairmont is a premier property, located within walking distance to Chicago's Navy Pier and shopping on the famed "Magnificent Mile". Springtime in Chicago is an experience not to be missed! The seminar has been compressed into two days, minimizing the time our members have to take away from their businesses. The number of workshop sessions has increased, providing maximum training opportunities in a minimum amount of time. Program topics include Worker's Compensation Tips, Fire Dynamics for the Sprinkler Industry, How to Sell Sprinkler Retrofit, Green Sprinkler Issues and so much more. Go to the NFSA website to take a look through the materials and see the great programs we have lined up for you. Space is filling up fast.

John Viniello to Receive Special Recognition!

On Thursday, March 25th, Dave Vandeyar of NFSA announced to the Staff and Regional Managers that John Viniello, President, National Fire Sprinkler Association has been recognized and selected by the Awards Committee of the Hudson Valley Cerebral Palsy Association as this year's recipient of their Distinguished Community Leadership Award.

William F. Miller, President, Hudson Valley Cerebral Palsy Association wrote, "The recognition is awarded to an individual who has made outstanding contribution on behalf of individuals in their community who experience disabilities by providing insight, enhancing active community collaboration and cooperation, and a genuine commitment to make the community a better place, a community where all individuals are afforded equal opportunities to live full and productive lives."

Mr. Viniello will be formally recognized for his over 25-year of dedicated service at the Hudson Valley Cerebral Palsy Association's Annual Dinner on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, New York. Congratulation JAV!!



New Green Construction Code Unveiled

Washington, D.C., March 15, 2010—The International Code Council announced the release of Public Version 1.0 of the International Green Construction Code (IGCC) to regulate construction of new and existing commercial buildings. The IGCC aims to significantly reduce energy usage and greenhouse gasses. It addresses site development and land use, including preservation of natural and material resources. Enforcement of the code will improve indoor air quality and support the use of energy-efficient appliances, renewable energy systems, water resource conservation, rainwater collection and distribution systems, and the recovery of used water (gray water).

The IGCC emphasizes building performance, including features such as a requirement for building system performance verification and building owner education to ensure the best energy-efficient practices. A key feature of the new code is a section devoted to “jurisdictional electives” that will allow customization of the code beyond its baseline provisions to address local priorities and conditions. The IGCC initiative was launched in 2009 with Cooperating Sponsors the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and ASTM International. The support of the AIA underscores its long-time leadership in the sustainability movement, including its 2030 Carbon Neutrality challenge, and its emphasis on the critical role of architects and designers in the life cycle of sustainable construction.

AIA Executive Vice President/CEO Christine McEntee said, “The IGCC reinforces the role of the architect as a key leader in shaping the set of decisions that result in a truly green building and underlines the fact that good design matters. The AIA committed its resources to providing a strong presence at the drafting sessions to ensure that this code would truly be useful to our members and other stakeholders, and to ensure that the regulatory landscape was structured to facilitate the advancement beyond the AIA’s 2030 energy reduction goals for carbon neutral buildings. We are very pleased with the release of this initial public version and are committed to working with the ICC as the code moves forward through the review and adoption process.”

Regional Manager Note: The 2010 California Green Building Standards Code (CAL-GREEN), Title 24, part 11, was unanimously approved on January 12, 2010 and became the nation’s first comprehensive Green Building Standard Code (for both residential and commercial buildings), and includes an APPENDICES, which allows the local agency to adopt the level of CAL-GREEN compliance they wish to attain through local amendment. The effective date is January 1, 2011.

NFSA SF Chapter Meets in Pleasanton California Vice President of Regional Operations and OSFM Give Presentations!

At the March 25, 2010 dinner meeting at the Castlewood Country Club, NFSA San Francisco Chapter Members greeted Kevin Reinertson OSFM, Division Chief, Code Development and Analysis Division and Buddy Dewar, NFSA Vice President of Regional Operations and received two very important presentations at the bi-month dinner meeting.

Kevin Reinertson spoke to the upcoming changes in the California Codes that will be in effect on January 1, 2011. His discussion primarily focused on major changes to the NFPA 13 codes and the procedures and history of code development in California. He also reported on the IRC Preparation classes being taught statewide and the importance of the addressing and educating the California stakeholders.

Mr. Dewar gave the group a report on the upcoming Accreditation for Dwelling Fire Sprinkler Contractors, the program and importance of addressing the need for trained Dwelling Fire Sprinkler Contractors. The members entertained discussion regarding the length of the training program and its value to California.

In addition to the 2-presentations, the Chapter enjoyed a great dinner along with topical discussions on statewide legislations and policies.

Dan Peterson Reaches 25-year Milestone



Dan Peterson of D & D Mechanical was recently presented a 25-year plaque and letter of congratulations from NFSA President John Viniello by West Regional Manager Bruce Lecair and Steve Hart, Consultant National Automatic Sprinkler - IP Fund (pictured left) during the CFPI Conference in Buellton, Ca.

Mr. Peterson is now an NFSA Subscriber Member and was an active member of the NFSA L.A. Chapter. He is currently a contract inspector for the Paso Robles and a dedicated member of the fire sprinkler industry.

Regional Manager Dan Gengler Plans Retirement!

In a recent memo to NFSA President John Viniello, longtime NFSA North/South Central Regional Manager & Associate Director of Regional Operations Dan Gengler announced his retirement effective July 30, 2010. Dan will continue his work with the Wisconsin Alliance for Fire Safety, a nonprofit that he started in 1991 and will be spending some well deserved time with his family and friends.



In response to Dan’s announcement, NFSA President John Viniello wrote, “Dan has done an outstanding job for NFSA and we all appreciate his years of dedicated service to our industry. His passion for fire sprinklers is unmatched and is always evident in his presentations. While we will miss him we wish he and Mary only the best for the future....we are all much "richer" for having him been part of the NFSA family...JAV”

NFSA El Cerrito Class Filling Up!

Classes in El Cerrito scheduled for April 20-22 are filling up! The 3-day training seminar will be featuring the 8-hour Residential Sprinklers, Homes to High-rise, Sprinklers for Dwellings (NFPA 13D) and the new and specially designed for California, NFPA 13, 13R, & 13D Update (2007-2010). The classes are going to be taught by NFSA Director of Training Bob Trieber.

El Cerrito, California

1-Day Residential Sprinklers, Homes to High-rise	Date:	4/20/10
1-Day Sprinklers for Dwellings (NFPA 13D)	Date:	4/21/10
1-Day NFPA 13, 13R, & 13D Update (2007-2010)	Date:	4/22/10

Brea, California

NFPA 13 2010 Overview and Intro to Plan Review- (2-day class)	Date:	9/21 and 9/22, 2010
1-day Plan Review Procedures and Policies (2010 NFPA 13)	Date:	9/23/10

Woodland, California

NFPA 13, 13R, & 13D Update (2007-10)	Date:	10/19/10
Sprinklers for Dwellings	Date:	10/20/10
Residential Sprinklers – Homes to High-rise	Date:	10/21/10

For more information on class information and to sign up, please contact West Regional Manager Bruce Lecair or the NFSA website at www.nfsa.org.

Regulations, Legislation, Codes, etc.

New Bill SB 1227, (Runner): School Facilities Construction.

House Location: Senate

Last Historical Action date: 03/04/2010

Last Historical Action: To Committee on Education

Committee Location: Senate Education

Summary: To amend SECTION 1. Section 17077.30 of the Education Code to read:

17077.30. (a) As part of the requirements for submission of an application to the State Allocation Board for funding pursuant to this chapter for any new construction or modernization project, the applicant school district may, at the time of submission of the final drawings to the ~~Division of the State Architect~~ *building department of the appropriate jurisdiction*,

AB 660 (Torrico) Sprinkler fitters: Licensing

Last Historical Action: From Committee chair, with author's amendments, amend and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Committee on Governmental Organization

Committee location: Senate Governmental Organization

Committee Action Date: 06/23/2009

Committee Action: Do pass as amended, and re-referred to the Committee on Public Safety

See June 2009 for Summary

SB 183 (Lowenthal) Carbon Monoxide Alarms - Pass

Status: Last Historical Action Date: 09/09/2009,

Assembly Floor Senate Third Reading by Torres (AAYES, 54. NOES, 21)

UPCOMING WESTERN REGION MEETINGS

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Cal Fire Meetings

- **Water Discharge Task Force Meeting April 27, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.** at the California State Office of the State Fire Marshals Office in Sacramento, Ca.
- **CSFM AES Task Force Meeting on April 29, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.** at the California State Office of the State Fire Marshals Office in Sacramento, Ca.

NFSA L.A. California Chapter Meeting, June 17, 2010 at 5 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center at 10627 Old River School Road in Downey, CA 90241.

NFSA S.F. California Chapter, Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton, California

Southern California FPO Mtg. Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 10 a.m. Anaheim, Ca

Northern California FPO Mtg. Friday, April 23, 2010 at 9:30 in San Francisco, Ca.

- This the annual Joint NorCal FPO/SFFPE Meeting featuring Fire Protection Vendors from throughout Northern California

Fire Sprinkler Contractors Association of Southern California

- Tuesday April 6, 2010 - 07:30 a.m. Golf outing with lunch served immediately after at the Los Serranos Golf Club at 15656 Yorba Avenue, Chino Hills, CA
- Tuesday, May 18 - 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. at Mr. Stox Restaurant, 1105 Katella Avenue, Anaheim, Ca.

San Diego Fire Protection Association, April 6, 2010, La Mesa, Ca. at Marie Callendar's 11:30 a.m.

20th Annual California Fire Prevention Institute - March 14-18, 2011

- The site of the 21st Annual CFPI Workshop will be at the Santa Ynez Valley Marriott

32nd Annual Hawai'i Fire Chiefs Association Conference-Kauai, Hawai'i, November 18-21, 2010

- The Hawaii Fire Chiefs Association will conduct its next meeting on the Island of Kauai on November 18-21, 2010. The Annual HAFC Conference features education and training seminars, presentations from the fire industry, a vendor's day and meetings and events. This year's event will also feature the Second Annual Hawai'i National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Golf Tournament. The event will feature local celebrities and members of the fire service and fire protection industry.