

February 9, 2017

Life Safety & Property Protection Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

OSFM, 8181 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Boyd Petty, Chairman State Fire Marshal's Office

Richard Booth – Fire Sprinkler

Mace Bourgeois – Fire Extinguishers

Floyd Dupre - Security

Frank Gardner – Fire Suppression

Russell Guidry – DOT Hydrostatic Testing

Dera DeRoche Jolet – Associate Industry

Jeffrey Okun – Fire Alarm

Paul Robinson – Locksmith

Paul Sewall, IV – Locksmith

Donald Wilkins, Jr. – Security

ABSENT MEMBERS:

Bradley Boudreaux – Fire Alarm / Security

Kevin Chauvin – Door Hardware

VISITORS:

Ron Case – American Fire Protection Group

Chris Arroyo – Fire Extinguisher & Supply

Conrad Dupuy – LLSSA

Sage Bourgeois – Fire & Safety Commodities

Danny Brown – Hebert S. Hiller

V.J. Bella – State Fire Marshal - Retired

David Allen – Acadiana Security Plus

Steve Elmore – Custom Security

Karen Merritt - OSFM

CALL TO ORDER

Boyd Petty called the meeting to order at 10:15 am at the Louisiana State Fire Marshal's office in Baton Rouge.

AGENDA:

- ❖ **Pledge of Allegiance**

- ❖ **Welcome to the new Board members of 2017** – Boyd had all Board members stand and introduce themselves to the Board.

- ❖ **Board meeting dates for 2017 will be April 27th, July 27th, and October 26th**

- ❖ **Review/acceptance of the minutes from October 13, 2016 meeting**
 - Board members reviewed the minutes. A motion was made by Frank Gardner to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Russell Guidry. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

- ❖ **Miscellaneous comments made while Boyd Petty went through the policies and procedures with the new Board members.**
 - The Board usually meets quarterly
 - All courses **MUST** have a proctored exam for completion
 - The Board **MUST** have one (1) representative for each technical endorsement and the others can be representatives of specialist endorsements
 - Paul Robinson commented about the requirements of CCTV & Door Hardware. Security technician course or Locksmith course do not cover gate information that is needed. They may be licensed to do the work, but they are not certified.
 - Mace Bourgeois asked if Paul Robinson wanted to remove #4 (which states: Any approved Security Technician course) under the required courses for CCTV Specialist. Paul said yes.
 - Floyd Dupre said training should come from within the company
 - Boyd Petty said that the law would need to be changed for that

- ❖ **Qualifiers should have the Administrative Rules, Plan Review, and Life Safety Code classes every 3 years.** Upcoming dates of classes:
 - Rules class March 24th at SFM in Baton Rouge sponsored by LAFAA
 - Rules class April 20th in Marksville sponsored by LLSSA

- 2nd Quarter in Lake Charles, Lafayette or Alexandria area
 - 3rd Quarter in Shreveport/Monroe area
 - 4th Quarter in Kenner at the LLSSA Trade Show
- ❖ Talked about Qualifier requirements for Fire Alarm (Non-Required) and Pre-Engineered – should have a special meeting just to review the course equivalent to NICET II – Discussion ensued – Frank Gardner suggested postponing or extending the 1/1/17 requirement of NICET II for Pre-Engineered. Ron Case questioned why the date should be pushed for Fire Alarm (Non-Required) because there is another option in CFAT. Someone stated that maybe they should suspend the requirements altogether. Paul Sewall asked about NICET II – Richard Booth & Mace Bourgeois discussed NICET process. NICET II for Pre-Engineered does not cover all pre-engineered systems – more gas than dry chem. Dera Jolet asked if we could remove the NICET requirement. Boyd Petty said we need a higher standard for our qualifiers.
- ❖ **Motion** was made by Frank Gardner to extend the NICET II requirement for Pre-Engineered to 1/1/19. The motion was seconded by Mace Bourgeois. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ **Motion** was made by Donald Wilkins to extend the NICET II requirement or equivalent for Fire Alarm (Non-Required) to 7/1/17. The motion was seconded by Russell Guidry. Eight members were in favor, one member against and one member abstained from voting. The motion was passed.
- ❖ **Discussion about CEU's** – change from 24 per 3 year period to 8 per year. Consider CEU's should all be endorsement specific – may want to add more hours each year. – Steve Elmore questioned about electrical contractors not having CEU's.
- ❖ Conrad Dupuy of LLSSA met with Joe Mapes & Sandy on legislative issues – not a good year to try and change the law of working without a license being a criminal offense. Maybe the law can change to a misdemeanor charge for working without a license. Ron Case spoke about enforcement of punishment for working without a license. Mr. V.J. Bella said the industry needs to demand the SFM enforce the law about unlicensed workers.
- ❖ Mace Bourgeois updated the Board on the Pre-Engineered sub-committee – they met with Ed O'Brien of FPC to introduce the Board to a 3rd day, more involved

course for Pre-Engineered. Testing – should testing be done daily or one comprehensive test for the 3 day class?

- ❖ Creation of more sub-committee's – in Door Hardware – NFPA 80, Sprinkler and/or Gate Systems. Boyd Petty asked Paul Robinson to join David Allen and Steve Elmore on Locksmith committee. Asked Board members to volunteer for sub-committee(s).

- ❖ **New Business** – Dera Jolet asked about Ethics course – was a requirement but was removed. Dera would like to be added to the agenda for the next Board meeting to discuss an Ethics course.

- ❖ **Fire Fighter Memorial will take place on Saturday, April 8, 2017**

- ❖ A motion was made by Donald Wilkins and seconded by Paul Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 12:10pm. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion was passed unanimously.

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING VOTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2017
TOPIC: REVIEW OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES (October 13, 2016)

MOTION

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NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
RICHARD BOOTH	X			
BRADLEY BOUDREAUX				X
MACE BOURGEOIS	X			
KEVIN CHAUVIN				X
FLOYD DUPRE	X			
FRANK GARDNER	X			
RUSSELL GUIDRY	X			
DERE DEROCHE JOLET	X			
JEFFREY OKUN	X			
PAUL ROBINSON	X			
PAUL SEWALL, IV	X			
DONALD WILKINS, JR.	X			

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RUSSELL GUIDRY	X			
DERE DEROUCHE JOLET	X			
JEFFREY OKUN	X			
PAUL ROBINSON	X			
PAUL SEWALL, IV	X			
DONALD WILKINS, JR.	X			

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JEFFREY OKUN		X		
PAUL ROBINSON			X	
PAUL SEWALL, IV	X			
DONALD WILKINS, JR.	X			