



OREGON FIRE CODE COMMITTEE
Office of State Fire Marshal
4760 Portland Rd
Salem, OR 97305
Mt. Hood Conference Room

Meeting Minutes October 27, 2015

- I. **Call to Order:** by David Mills at 9:38 a.m.
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved as written.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** September Minutes were approved as written. There was no meeting in August.
- IV. **Old Business:**
 - a) **Update on minor modifications to the BCD statewide interpretation on the application of low frequency alarm signals-**Joe Ripp gave the update on the first interpretation and the primary issue is that the products are not available at this time and there is no projected forecast when they will be available. The secondary issue is that it left out Section 907.5 OSSC/OFC, occupant notification systems which should be included. Purposed some changes to BCD and they have accepted the changes. Joe described what the changes entailed and to clarify that transition spaces such as corridors leading to the areas are excluded. It is intended to match up to NFPA 72. This is for consistency in enforcement. The revision will be available as soon as the draft is completed. A discussion consumed regarding the interpretation and that it was already posted on BCD's website, etc.
 - b) **Harvest Festival update-**Paula Smith stated that they approved the existing technical advisory, but needed to take out the harvest festival portion due to the time of year for farmers. Would like to send the existing technical advisory and harvest festival draft to the Farm Bureau and be able to wrap it up in January. Put on the agenda for January OFCC Meeting, Jim stated that there is information regarding crowd managers and wants to revisit it due to making sure there isn't an incorrect interpretation with the code. The code doesn't state what is required to be a crowd manager and need to clarify what training would be sufficient. A discussion consumed regarding this issue.
- V. **New Business:**
 - a) **Interim mid-cycle amendment-** OSFM has been discussing internally whether we would like to do a mid-cycle amendment to the OFC, taking items from the 2015 fire code and bring them over to the 2014 fire code edition or to move to adopt the 2015 IFC with Oregon amendments. BCD had put on their website that they wish to not adopt the new 2015 codes. The discussion will continue at the February OFCC meeting. Between now and then, David asked that the committee members look at the 2015 IFC fire code edition and bring their "wish list" to the

meeting and as a group have some decisions of what would be the most beneficial. A discussion consumed regarding this matter.

- b) 2015 IFC, Section 308.1.6.3 Sky Lanterns-**OSFM office has been requested to move forward on this topic. It reads “a person shall not release or cause to release an un-tethered sky lantern”. There is Legislative process that seeks to ban them completely. This office has pledged to the Representative that this discussion will be brought to the OFCC committee for review and consideration of adopting.
- c) Active Shooter/Building Lockdown-**There has been a lot of discussion on this topic, we want to bring together a discussion on what is the States position as well as what is the codes position and be proactive with the school districts. David made reference to the OFMA training on this topic. He suggested putting together a sub-committee to find out what code requirements are and what acceptable arrangements for the lockdown situation could be. In November a “Special” meeting will be held on this topic. A discussion consumed regarding this matter.
- d) Committee’s opinion regarding the need to schedule OFCC meetings on November 24th and December 22nd, 2015 and discussion regarding going to a quarterly meeting format except in code adoption years-**the committee approved not meeting in November or December due to the holidays. There will be a “Special” Meeting November 24th regarding Classroom Door Security & Locking Hardware.

VI. Good of the Order:

***Announcement:** Cathodic Protection Seminar, Friday, October 30th 9:30 am to 12:00 pm here at the Office of State Fire Marshal. Questions please call Jay Hardwick at 503-934-8278.

***Discussion regarding BCD-** BCD put out a “Statewide Interpretation for Craft Distilleries and Occupancy Classification”. BCD intends on using this with new construction and allowed minimal input on the interpretation. Don stated everyone needs to read and study the interpretation and make comments to the committee. If there are issues or concerns, the committee will take them to BCD and request changes. A discussion consumed regarding this matter.

*** Discussion regarding cross laminated timber product-**There are new building proposals and plans to use the cross laminated timber product to build high rise buildings. The group expressed an interest with BCD superseding the local building departments on the approval of the plans. All building plans are being approved by BCD in-house on new construction. Our office has an agreement that BCD will include the local fire departments in the plan reviews.

***Joe Ripp-provided information on training by NW Fire Alarm Association on Dec 8, 9 and 10.**

VII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

***Our next regular meeting will be: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at Office of State Fire Marshal, 4760 Portland Rd NE Salem-Mt Hood Conference Rm.**