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**MEETING MINUTES
ILLINOIS FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION
January 12th, 2010**

Location: Glendale Lakes Golf Club
1550 President Street
Glendale Heights, IL 60139
630-260-0095

Attendees: Available Upon Request

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by IFPA President David Cobian.

FORMAL INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES (The evenings guest speaker was Thomas Gray with CNA Insurance)

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from the November 10th, 2009 meeting. This motion was accepted by Jim Schiffiletti and seconded by Rich Ray.

TREASURER REPORT

The treasurer's report was given by Scott Sandfox. The report provided the cash on hand and membership count including lifetime members. Also included, was a list of members with outstanding fees still owed to the association? A motion to accept was made by Steve Holzkopf and seconded by Danielle Sandfox.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NFPA 25-Provided by Rich Ray

Rich Ray provided information that he submitted with his ROC (report on comments) ballot as well as the (9) comments that he submitted to the ROP (report on proposals). Rich also reported on the ROC (report on comments)

Information provided by Rich has been included as an attachment below!

Dinner was served

Trade Show Follow up (March 9th 2010)

Danielle Sandfox informed the membership that we (IFPA/SFPE) are in need of volunteers for the show. Danielle also provided copies of the CEU class registration form as well as Exhibitor Applications for the show.

Website update

Vince requested that all members interested in displaying their company logo on the website, forward the said to Vincent's email as soon as possible. Any links that the membership feels would assist the website viewers, be sent in as soon as possible. If any member's information is not listed on the site, please contact Vincent right away and he will be sure to add it to the site. The following question was asked of the members "Is the RSVP for meetings portion of the website helpful to our members?" The membership was informed that Bob Modica will be taking on the Industry News and Special Announcements portion of the website. Any information or suggestions that the membership can provide, will certainly be appreciated and considered. The photos on the website have been up dated, so please view the site.



Guest Speaker

Thomas Gray with CNA Insurance (333 N. Wabash Chicago, Illinois) provided the membership with a power point presentation and case study on **Flammable Liquids**. The presentation included information regarding NFPA 30 and the importance of the storage of such liquids.

For a copy of the presentation on flammable liquids and or the case study provided, please contact Thomas Gray at thomas.gray@cna.com

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED (Motion was accepted by Danielle Sandfox)

Meeting minutes will be posted on the website for membership viewing.

Thank you,

Vincent Rodriguez

Secretary



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25-26

This comment should be rejected and figure 4.1.7 should be retained in the body of the standard as the committee had agreed at the ROP meetings. The removal of a form from the body of the standard removes the means of highlighting the information needed from the owner or his designated representative. The owner should be asked to provide the information required in this figure.

25-28

This comment should be accepted. During discussion at the ROC meetings, many committee members appeared to be swayed in their voting by comments made by other members from their "member category": "The owner will fire me" and "Don't send us something we don't want to see" were comments made that in my opinion swayed votes. Fear of being fired and of liability if informed should not sway fellow committee members as this does not result in good fire protection practice.

25-29

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25-41

This comment should be accepted to explicitly clarify that the placard must be inspected and replaced (as is required in the existing Table 5.5.1) since at the ROC meeting it was discovered that Table 5.5.1 is erroneously different in different printed versions of the 2008 Edition of NFPA 25 as confirmed at the ROC meeting with written evidence and as acknowledged by the NFPA liaison when shown different tables in NFPA published versions of 2008 NFPA 25. Some versions of the Table indicate to replace the hydraulic placards; others do not.

25-68

This comment should be rejected as it was at the ROP meetings. At the ROC meetings, insurance company representatives were queried as to their loss experiences due to electric fire pumps not starting when needed: one rep mentioned some 70 failures many traced to coils on contactors (the coils can be inoperable due to electrical or other damage yet the green light on the controller erroneously indicates the pump is ready); another rep mentioned that they see “problems with contactor coils” and “old” controllers, of which there are many, many in the field today. The committee statement in regard to electric fire pumps at the ROP level was 100% correct and should have resulted in the rejection of this comment. The comment submitter’s substantiation makes little sense: the mere fact that other entities (DOD and Australia) permit less frequent testing means nothing at all since no data has been submitted to indicate that this less frequent testing has resulted in less failures. Also, the current weekly requirement brings “fire protection” to the forefront of property owners’ minds weekly and has resulted in the fact that our customers that perform weekly electric fire pump service have developed unparalleled maintenance programs as a result. Also, fire pumps are readily accessible to many other trades (alarm companies, backflow testing companies, etc) and the chance to discover “man made” mistakes goes from 52 times to only 12 times per year if this comment is accepted. Also, running fresh water weekly through the fire pump packings, glands and relief valve helps these devices from being subject to sediment build-up and extends their life expectancies.

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25-73

This comment should be accepted. The proper operation of the pressure maintenance pump is essential to be verified. Improper pressure settings or inoperation of the pressure maintenance pump can cause inadvertent starting of the main fire pump resulting in false alarms, erroneous dispatch of fire service personnel to a facility, the potential unnecessary evacuation of a facility, the unwanted operation of other fire safety features (closing of fire doors, etc) as well as potential mechanical damage to the system due to water hammer.

25-104

I agree with the committee vote yet I think there is a mistake in the substantiation for paragraph 14.2.1.6; the change is intended to clarify that if a lift is required to access a pipe or if the pipe is above a lay-in ceiling, the pipe is STILL accessible (and thus not exempt from inspection).

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(b) Section/Paragraph A14.2.1.3

2. Comment on Proposal No. (from ROP): 25-191 Log #CP52

3. Comment Recommends (check one): new text revised text deleted text

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~~A.14.2.1.3 The inspection of piping is not required where the pipe is not readily accessible such as above gypsum ceilings. Additionally, not all systems, such as those installed in accordance with NFPA 13R, have flushing connections.~~

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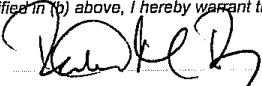
This proposed language should not have been accepted. The potential for loss due to obstructed piping is too great to allow the mere concealment of piping to preclude the need for obstruction investigation. The simple addition of an access panel in the case of gypsum ceilings will alleviate future ceiling modifications to allow access to the piping.

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(b) Section/Paragraph 8.2.2(3)

2. Comment on Proposal No. (from ROP): 25-132 Log #87

3. Comment Recommends (check one): new text revised text deleted text

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(3) Electrical system conditions:
 (f) Power to pressure maintenance (jockey) pump is provided (if a jockey pump is installed).

5. Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Comment: (Note: State the problem that would be resolved by your recommendation; give the specific reason for your Comment, including copies of tests, research papers, fire experience, etc. If more than 200 words, it may be abstracted for publication.)

This proposal should have been accepted in part: the language "(if a jockey pump is installed)" implies that a jockey pump is optional, and thus should have been struck. NFPA 20 clearly states that "the primary or standby fire pump shall not be used as a pressure maintenance pump" (section 5.24.6 of the 2007 ed.).

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(b) Section/Paragraph 8.3.2.3

2. Comment on Proposal No. (from ROP): 25-135 Log #144

3. Comment Recommends (check one): new text revised text deleted text

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8.3.2.3 Pressure maintenance pumps shall be tested to ensure it starts and stops at the proper pressure settings. The start and stop pressure settings shall be recorded and compared to the approved settings.

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This proposal should have been accepted. The proper operation of the pressure maintenance pump is essential to be tested and verified during the weekly test. Improper pressure settings on the pressure maintenance pump can cause inadvertent starting of the main fire pump resulting in unnecessary fire alarms and the erroneous dispatching of fire service personnel as well as potential shock to the fire protection system via water hammer. Also, weekly testing of the pressure maintenance pump will verify its general operation as well as verify proper operation of its relief valve and other mechanical and electrical components just as the Committee embraced in rejecting Log # 125 in regards to fire pumps.

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(b) **Section/Paragraph** A8.3.3.5

2. **Comment on Proposal No. (from ROP):** 25-140 Log #96

3. **Comment Recommends (check one):** new text revised text deleted text

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~~A.8.3.3.5 It is not the intent to verify that all the alarm conditions required by NFPA 20 (e.g., fire pump running, loss of phase, phase reversal, controller connected to alternate source, low oil pressure, high coolant temperature, failure of engine to start, engine overspeed) transmit individually to a remote location, as long as these alarms can be individually verified at the fire pump controller.~~

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This proposal should have been rejected. The fire pump room is not constantly attended and the proposal seeks to undermine the need to verify that the fire pump alarm conditions are annunciated at the required remote location. Further, allowing verification of the many fire pump alarm conditions ONLY at the fire pump room is in conflict with the requirements of section 8.3.3.5 which states that "remote alarm indicating devices (visual and audible) shall be observed for operation".

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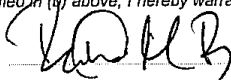
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13.4.3.2.5 Preaction systems shall be tested once every three years for air leakage, using one of the following test methods:
(1) A pressure test at 40 psi for two hours. The system shall be permitted to lose up to 3 psi during the duration of the test. Air leaks shall be addressed if the system loses more than 3 psi during this test.
(2) With the system at normal system pressure, shut off the air source (compressor or shop air) for 4 hours. If the low air pressure alarm goes off within this period, the air leaks shall be addressed.

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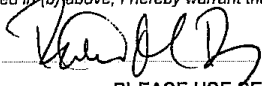
This proposal should have been accepted. Many (non interlocked) pre action systems are designed to admit water to the piping upon operation of JUST automatic sprinklers (a loss of air pressure actuation). Not testing and verifying the integrity of the piping on these types of systems to maintain proper air pressure may result in inadvertent tripping of these systems. Please consider the recent activity regarding preaction systems in the Cultural Resources arena - inadvertent tripping of these systems will readmit fresh water to the piping which may serve to increase the propensity for corrosion. Not subjecting piping systems that are required to maintain air pressure for proper operation is a mistake and must be re-considered.

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~~14.2.1.3 CPVC Pipe shall not be required to be inspected internally.~~

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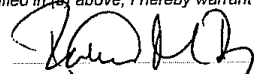
This proposal should have been accepted in part: the wording "14.2.1.3 CPVC Pipe shall not be required to be inspected internally" should have been struck. The statement that CPVC piping is not "subject to the corrosion problems that are the concern of this section" though true in regards to the corrosion issue, is not valid in regards to the purpose of an obstruction investigation. Section 14.2.1 clearly states that the inspector is "inspecting for the presence of foreign organic or inorganic material." While descaling pipe, rust, etc associated with corrosion should not occur in CPVC piping, the piping is still subject to potential obstruction by other foreign material (examples being foreign materials that may enter the piping via the water supply or during repairs or modifications to the system).

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14.2.1.3* Inspection of a cross main is not required where:

(a) system piping is not accessible

(b) system does not have a means of inspection such as grooved couplings or flushing connections

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This proposal should have been accepted in part: the wording "(a) system piping is not accessible" should have been struck. The potential for loss due to obstructed piping is too great to allow the mere concealment of piping to preclude the need for obstruction investigation. The simple addition of an access panel in the case of gypsum ceilings will alleviate future ceiling modifications to allow access to the piping.

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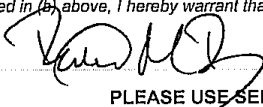
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1.1.4 The retroactive installation of test connections, gauges or other testing devices and means shall not be required unless otherwise specified by this standard. In those cases where the authority having jurisdiction determines that the existing situation presents an unacceptable degree of risk, the authority having jurisdiction shall be permitted to require the installation of those components necessary for the proper testing of the systems.

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This proposal should have been accepted. The proposal is clear in not requiring the retrofitting of testing devices & connections, and the proposal gives the authority having jurisdiction the opportunity to require such retrofitting under circumstances referenced in many other retroactivity clauses contained in various NFPA standards.

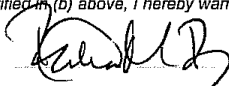
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5.2.7* Hydraulic Nameplate. The hydraulic nameplate for hydraulically designed systems shall be inspected quarterly to verify that it is attached securely to the sprinkler riser and is legible. ~~When observed missing, the owner shall investigate and replace the nameplate.~~

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The originally proposed language should not have been struck by the Committee. What is the purpose of accepting Log #150 which requires the fire pump test results be verified to be able to "supply the system demand" if the simplest method of determining the system demand (the hydraulic nameplate) is missing and not required to be replaced? Also, what is the purpose of accepting Log #147 which requires that the results of water supply tests conducted every 5 years be "compared to the required system demand" for the same reason as above? Accepting this proposal "in part" will make the new language that is being accepted in Logs 150 & 147 unenforceable in many instances. The lack of a hydraulic nameplate will cause economic hardships on property owners as the information provided on the hydraulic nameplate is critical in performing evaluations of a system's capability when dealing with occupancy changes. When a hydraulic nameplate is missing, determining a system's capability usually requires field survey work of the system and its components, and the performance of hydraulic calculations – thus forcing a property owner to be burdened with costs to perform an analysis that would be much simpler and less expensive to perform if the hydraulic nameplate were required to be in place and/or replaced if missing.

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