



**SUFFOLK COUNTY PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER AND
AUTOMATIC FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS LICENSING BOARD**
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**Minutes of the
August 2, 2011 Meeting**

The meeting was brought to order by J. Searing at 9:09am.

Public Comment Period

D. Hausz questioned if the revision to the law had been laid on the table of the Legislature yet. To date it has not.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A motion was made by K. Hahn to accept the minutes from the July 5, 2011 meeting; seconded by M. Matteo. Motion was carried unanimously.

Correspondence

E. Springer reported the Board had received an email from D. Hausz regarding questions on test. He stated that he will review the test.

Application(s) Review

None

Reported Violations Review

E. Springer reported that he received a call from B. Caruso in Ray Nail Spa in Centereach on July 26. She was very upset with how an individual from Fire Control Systems spoke to the owner of the business. The individual stated that he was from the Centereach Fire Marshal's Office and then grabbed the extinguisher and put tag on it. The individual was Ian Rankin and he was representing himself as an employee of Fire Control Systems. A field appearance ticket was issued. E. Springer stated that everyone employee needs a license and he does not have one. C. Spilberg is the only employee that is licensed and permitted to do work from Fire Control Systems. The field appearance ticket was issued to C. Spilberg.

E. Springer reported that he has been receiving other complaints along Suffolk Avenue and he is sending Fire Marshals to inspect the complaints today.

Report of the Chairperson

None

Report of the County Attorney

R. Nissan reported that the resolution had not reached his office.

R. Nissan discussed issuing summons.

Report of Fire Marshals

E. Springer reported that thirty two (32) Certificate of Registrations and ninety four (94) licenses have been issued. He stated that one hundred six (106) proficiency exams have been conducted. He also stated that the failure rate for the portable extinguisher exam was high. He stated that he believes that the rate is higher on portables because no schooling is required unlike the systems.

E. Springer reported that all inspections have not been completed and asked the Board to extend the expiration date of the pending applications to September 1, 2011. The Board voted unanimously to extend the expiration date.

M. Matteo stated that the Board should keep their eyes open. He is starting to hear complaints about things that are happening in the field. He has heard that companies are undercutting each other. He stated that it would be hard for the Board to water down the law when things like this are happening.

J. Meyer asked if a copy of law could be handed to each employee after they pass the test. The Board will take this into consideration.

Unfinished Business

None

D. Hausz asked if the verbiage for trainee program was ready. The Board responded that they would work on it for the October meeting.

M. Matteo stated that the Board has to work on regulations for pre-piped hoods.

New Business

E. Springer reported that C. Spilberg from Fire Control Systems spoke to him on Friday. Marc Graf is currently training with him. He was told that Marc could train with him, but Chris is responsible for the work and must be present when he is training. C. Spilberg stated that he was in the parking lot when Ian Rankin and Marc Graf went into the businesses. The Board said this is not allowed.

P. Hanratty joined the meeting at 9:31am.

E. Springer asked J. Meyer from Firemasters to send him information on prepiped hoods. J. Meyer stated that this type of hood is not allowed in Nassau County and said they should not be allowed in Suffolk County. A. Duspiva from A's Sheet Metal agreed. M. Matteo stated that they appear to work in chain stores that are set up exactly the same in every single store.

A. Varajao from All Island Fire Protection & Supply brought in the regulations on non UL 300 systems from the Village of Mastic Beach. He questioned if they could be more restrictive and R. Nissan stated that a village could be more restrictive than the County.

The Board will have a workshop the week of August 22, 2011. Items to discuss would be the trainee program, non UL300 systems and pre-piped hoods.

Meeting date: September 15th at 9:00am.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by K. Hahn, and seconded by P. Hanratty. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:42am.

MEMBERS PRESENT	GUESTS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
John M. Searing	Randy Nissan	Kristine Bolliger
Edward Springer	Don Hausz	
Kenneth Hahn	Reynold Alexander	
Peter Hanratty	Jim Meyer	
Michael Matteo	Marc Spielberg	
	Mark Graf	
	Chris Spielberg	
	Anthony Varajao	
	Robert Corcoran	
	Al Duspiva	

NEXT MEETING/WORKSHOP	September 15, 2011
TIME	9:00am
LOCATION	FRES Library