

FIRE/EMS Coalition

Subcommittee: WI Residential Fire Sprinkler Coalition

Meeting Minutes for Oct. 13, 2009

11:00a.m. at the City of Brookfield Fire Station, Calhoun Road

Attendance:

Lt. Tom Clark, Pleasant Prairie Fire Dept. and WSFIA

Dan Gengler, National Fire Sprinkler Association

Guy Santelli, Kenosha Fire Department

Roger Bauer, WI Fire Protection

Ron Omernick, Wausau Fire Dept. and WSFIA (via phone)

Matt Mertens, North Shore Fire Dept. and WSFIA

Kathy Meulemans, Peg Paul & Assoc.

PROCEEDINGS:

Meeting called to order at 11:08a.m. by Chairman, Tom Clark.

- I. **Welcome:** T. Clark welcomed everyone
- II. **Review Minutes:** T. Clark asked for all to review the Sept. 16, 2009 minutes. T. Clark summarized the minutes. G. Santelli made a motion to approve the minutes and M. Mertens second. All approved the Sept. meeting mins.
- III. **Action of Coalition:**
 - **Letter to the Fire/EMS Coalition** - D. Gengler summarized that at the last meeting the committee sent a letter of appeal to the Fire/EMS Leadership Coalition to contact the League of Municipalities to encourage the adoption of the 2009 IRC. It was found out recently that the building officials approved the IRC and it went to the League of Municipalities without the chapters including the sprinkler provisions. T. Clark mentioned that the State Fire Chiefs Assoc. does not support the adoption.

M. Mertens added that the various other chapters do still affect the inclusion or not of fire sprinklers. Some are favorable and some are not. There are options included in other chapters
 - D. Gengler mentioned that so far the WI Alliance for Fire Safety has approached the State of WI to adopt the sprinkler provisions.
 - **NFPA 13D Books** - G. Santelli distributed NFPA 13D books to everyone.

- **IRC Hearings** - The IRC Hearings will be held in Balt., MD in two weeks. A 2/3-majority vote is needed to overturn taking fire sprinkler provisions out of the IRC 2009 edition.
- D. Gengler mentioned that Fire Team USA will be doing a one-day, free session this year. The details are being worked out.

IV. **Committee Agenda - Review**

- D. Gengler distributed PowerPoint programs from the MN coalition for the various groups to use to adapt to their presentations. They include public, non-fire (builders, legislators), fire service and technical (AHJ's). Dan went through the presentations in summary to show what they include and answer any questions. Some presentations include the "Marble Mountain" DVD and HFSC information.
- It was brought up whether to include "most commonly asked questions" as a part of the presentation. Good idea, sometimes the amount of time allowed to present is a factor whether there is time to include commonly asked question discussion.
- D. Gengler will be presenting "The Politics of Life Safety" at the WSFIA in Wausau next month. The presentation will include portions of the four programs.

IV. Next meeting date is Dec. 9th at 11a.m. Location TBD.

G. Santelli made a motion to adjourn the meeting and T. Clark second.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30p.m.