

**FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK
EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES**

MARCH 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order by David Waskowicz, Chairperson, on Thursday, November March 9, 2017, 2017 at 10:01 a.m. at 450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT, 06103, Hearing Room J.

Members Present: David J. Waskowicz - Unlimited Journeyman,
Chairperson
Kevin Wypychoski – Unlimited Contractor
Keith Flood – Local Fire Marshal
Robert W. Hollis, III – Unlimited Contractor
Thomas E. Booth – Unlimited Journeyman
Kevin Griffith – State Fire Marshal
Anthony D. Moscato – Public Member
John Michalewicz – Public Member

Members Absent: None

Board Vacancies: Public member

DCP Board Staff: Richard M. Hurlburt, Director
Karen Layman, Secretary

Others Present: John Neumon, Director
Bill Abbott, State Fire Marshal
John Abbate, Jr., FPT/NFSA
David LaFond, NFSA

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board reviewed the November 17, 2016 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board draft minutes and voted unanimously to accept as corrected with the following addition: Chairperson David Waskowicz inquired about the procedure for the reinstatement of lapsed licenses. It was confirmed that a license lapsed under two years can be automatically reinstated, and that a license lapsed over two years can be reinstated upon receipt of proof that the licensee remained in the fire protection sprinkler work trade during the time that the license was lapsed.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

David LaFond, NFSA, noted that the Board had made a motion at the November 17, 2016 meeting to move forward with the Limited Residential Fire Sprinkler category license F-7/F-8, and inquired as to whether or not any further action has taken place on this matter. The Board informed David LaFond that no further action has taken place subsequent to the meeting. (See "Old Business" for additional discussion on this topic).

APPEARANCE BY DCP DIRECTOR JOHN NEUMON:

Director John Neumon appeared and introduced himself as the Director of Investigations Division. Director Neumon provided an overview the Investigations Division, including procedures for filing complaints and the workflow of complaints within the Division once received by staff. The Board reiterated that enforcement is their biggest concern, and they hope to see enforcement efforts continue to improve and more onsite inspections taking place.

APPLICATIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems

- **Limited Residential Fire Sprinkler Category License F7/F8**
Keith Flood inquired as to the proper procedure to move forward with this limited license. After discussion, it was determined that the Board will invite Legislative Program Director Leslie O'Brien to the May 11, 2017 Fire Protection Board meeting to discuss going forward with regulation changes required for this proposed limited license. In addition, Chairperson David Waskowicz will contact Commissioner Jonathan Harris before the May 11 meeting to discuss this matter. Keith Flood stated it would be helpful to have a formal statement from Commissioner Jonathan Harris to submit at the next Codes and Standards Committee.

- **Requirement for designing plans and layout drawings for residential fire sprinkler systems**

Discussion took place regarding the requirement for persons designing plans for residential fire sprinkler systems, i.e., is the requirement that person hold a Professional Engineer license, or an Automatic Fire Sprinkler System Layout Technician License.

2. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); for the Board's information

Board so noted.

3. Applications

Director Richard M. Hurlburt provided an update on the status of applications that were voted upon at the November 16, 2017 Fire Protection Board meeting.

Chairperson David Waskowicz requested a report including applications which have been approved by the Department from November 2016 to present. Director Richard M. Hurlburt stated that he will provide this report for the May 11, 2017 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. F-2 Unlimited Journeyman licensee data; for the Board's information

The Board reviewed this document and requested that this data to be compiled for F-1 Unlimited Contractor licensees as well, which would provide a total count of all active "F" type holders for the Board's information.

2. Building and Fire Safety Code Adoption; for the Board's information

Board so noted.

3. License Look Up Instructions; for the Board's information

Board so noted.

4. Request for copy of *2017 Report to the General Assembly's General Law Committee Pursuant to Public Act 14-210 - An Act Concerning the Enforcement of Certain Occupational Licensing Statutes*; for the Board's information

The Board reviewed this report and requested additional information on Case # 2016-268. Director Richard M. Hurlburt will contact Director John Neumon and provide this information to the Board.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

DCP OCCUPATIONAL ENFORCEMENT UNIT:

1. The Board reviewed a complaint report dated 1/01/2017 to 1/31/2017 consisting of open, closed, and dismissed cases and provided by Director Richard M. Hurlburt.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

John Abbate inquired about the proper licensing for the installation, testing, and maintenance of sprinkler systems, as he is concerned about unlicensed persons doing sprinkler inspections.

Bob Hollis stated that there is no license requirement for the testing or inspection of sprinkler systems at this time, and that it is not a licensing board issue; it would require a statute change.

Director Richard M. Hurlburt stated that the Board may consider proposing a bill for the purpose of expounding upon the current scope of work for fire protection to add inspecting and testing, similar to Senate Bill 830 in relation to the definition of sheet metal work. Richard Hurlburt will provide the Board with information on this bill for the Board's reference.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:34.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

2017 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- **May 11, 2017**
- **July 20, 2017**
- **September 14, 2017**
- **November 9, 2017**

**All meetings will take place at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT
at 10:00 a.m.**