

**NH Fire Protection Equipment Technician Certification Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes April 9, 2008**

Meeting opened by Vice Chairman Mooney at 9:28 am.

Members present: Mr. Hosington, Mr. Mooney, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Musil, Mr. Burns, Mr. Burbank.

Members Absent: Mr. Thibodeau, Mr. Mango, Mr. McCarthy

Visitors Present: Mr. Robert Eldridge and Mr. Steven Rancourt

Reviewed minutes of February Meeting. Motion by Mr. Burbank, seconded by Mr. Daniels to accept.

Discussion about the Insurance Requirements being struck at previous meeting. Mr. Mooney felt that the insurance requirements are an important part of rules and are included in the rules in New York City and New Jersey. He indicated that he felt that it would not be in the best interest of public safety to remove them. He added that the certification should not be used as a marketing tool. Mr. Daniels reminded the committee that the insurance requirement was not removed in its entirety but only the minimum amounts based upon research conducted with insurance brokers who have indicated that the minimum amounts of coverage are already determined by the brokers and that what they require was already above what was listed in the rules. There was some further discussion about the regulation of insurance companies by the NH Department of Insurance.

**Fire Alarm Sub-committee Work**

There was discussion about the March 5, 2008 document created by the sub-committee. They continued to work on the curriculum for both DC and AC theory. Discussion continued on 1204.02(a)(8) and the requirement for nationally recognized curriculum/certification. There was discussion about 1202.06 and 1202.07 in the definition section. Discussion continued on the Responsible Managing Employee (RME) in 1202.17.

There was discussion about the certification of education providers in 1210. and that providers should provide the FMO with copies of the various certificates for each endorsement. The discussion continued on continuing education requirements.

The discussion returned to the qualifications of the RME and that a new paragraph is needed for 1203.01(c)(5) for fire alarm certification. The discussion continued as to whether or not the RME for a firm certificate for fire alarm should be the higher level technician certificate holder.

A motion by Mr. Hoisington, seconded by Mr. Burbank to accept the changes proposed by the sub-committee. The motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Hoisington, seconded by Mr. Burbank to accept the changes from last meeting. The motion passed.

There was some discussion about 1204.02(a)(1) and whether or not it is needed. A question was posed as to whether there is a need for different endorsement for an unlimited installer vs. unlimited service technician.

There was some discussion about provisional certificates versus apprentices.

There was some discussion about the fee schedule. The committee would like to know what the state projects for costs to run the system. Deputy Farley will attempt to conduct some research based upon the gas fitter's program.

A motion by Mr. Hoisington, seconded by Mr. Daniels to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1140 a.m.