

**NH Fire Protection Equipment Technician Certification Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes May 7, 2008**

Meeting opened by Chairman Thibodeau with the following members present: Mr. Burns, Mr. Mango, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Mooney, and Mr. Musil and in the visitor's gallery: Mr. Raincourt and Mr. Eldridge.

Members Absent: Mr. Deblois, Mr. Hoisington, Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Burbank

Recent revisions to rules were not available due to Deputy Farley's unexpected absence.

These are highlights of the meeting from notes taken by Chief Cyr sitting in for Deputy Farley as no one was assigned to take minutes: They are in synopsis form and should not be considered complete.

- The fire alarm subcommittee still has issues with their work.
- Mr. Burns reported that the hang up is in the requirements for certification of an "RME".
- Discussion then took place on two possible levels of an RME and whether or not the enforcement of an RME had enough teeth.
- Three versions of subcommittee reports were presented which then became a long and free ranging discussion.
- Chairman Thibodeau cautioned all parties present that if they could not move past this issue he would fully expect Deputy Farley to write the rules as the Fire Marshal's Office sees fit.
- Continuing education was discussed. The committee felt that three hours of continuing education in a three year period would suffice.
- Discussion carried over to the position of the IRC and the IBC on the residential sprinkler requirements and the progress or lack of in conjunction with the NFPA.
- A request was made to have Deputy Farley define the apprenticeship program.
- Discussion continued as to a possible fee structure and funding based on current standards.

The June 5th meeting was scheduled for June 11th 2008. A revised room request will need to be sent. Meeting adjourned.