

New Hampshire Department of Safety
Fire Protection Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2009

Meeting opened at approximately 9:25 AM by Chairman Thibodeau. Present were Lawrence Thibodeau, Len Daniels, Ron DeBlois, Deborah Pendergast, and Chris Burns. Absent were Mr. Hoisington, Mr. Burbank, Mr. Mango, Mr. Musil, and Mr. Mooney. A quorum was not present.

The committee went directly into the business of reviewing the initial proposal from Attorney Kelloway. The following is a synopsis of that review:

- 1202.04 – “recognized agent or water additive”. What about water mist systems? Mr. Mooney and Mr. Daniels will research this further for clarification at the next regular meeting.
- 1203.01(a) – Concern by some members that this paragraph might be taken alone without the adjoining paragraphs.
- 1203.01(b) – What about firms that are involved in other unrelated trades such as Cintas which does fire alarm work but also does uniform rentals? Would unrelated branch offices of a large corporation that are not involved in one of the regulated trades be required to register?
- 1203.01(c)(1) – Remove the word “systems”. Portable fire extinguishers are not considered systems.
- 1203.01(c)(3)(c) – There was some concern about this paragraph becoming an “easy out” for applicants. What criteria will FMO use to validate experience? Some felt that the wording should be changed to allow only “industry related” experience to count.
- 1203.01(c)(5)(a) – Change reference to 1204.02(a)
- 1203.01(c)(5)(c) – Concern about wording relative to “...test on NFPA 72.” Who is going to develop this course? The consensus was to recommend the wording be changed to: “Successful completion of a 3 hour course on fire alarm installation methods and NFPA 72 with a test.”
- There was a question from the visitor’s gallery about the status of a quorum for the committee. Deputy Farley stated that a quorum was not necessary to review the document. A quorum will be necessary to vote on final acceptance of the document.
- 1203.01(c)(5)(d) – Change reference to 1204.02(h)
- 1204.01(b) – Change in intent. The original intent of this provision was to require that the licensee be employed by a registered firm, but that if their employment arrangement was severed, the individual’s license would go into limbo without peril until such time as they reconnected with another registered firm.
- 1204.02(c) – Problem with terminology on “restaurant” as there is no definition for it. Consensus was to change language to “...applicant for a pre-engineered, kitchen, fixed extinguishing system...” The definition section should be changed accordingly.

- 1204.02(c)(1) - ICC/NAFED is not specified properly. Spell out International Code Council/National Association of Fire Equipment Distributors and follow it with ICC/NAFED in parentheses. From hence forth only abbreviation needs to be used.
- 1204.02(d)(1) – Contract ICC/NAFED to acronym only.
- 1204.02(d)(2) – Contract NICET to acronym only.
- 1204.02(e)(1) – Contract NICET to acronym only.
- 1204.02(e)(3) – Contract NICET to acronym only.
- 1204.02 – There appears to be some inconsistency with the specific description of field experience in the various paragraphs. Some paragraphs just show the term “field experience” whereas others have language which indicates that the field experience must be related to the specific endorsement.
- 1204.02(g) – Remove “and detection”
- 1204.02(g)(1) – Addition of word “and” changes entire requirement. Initial intent was to have applicant meet the provisions of sub-paragraph (1) **OR** the provisions of paragraph (2)(a) or (2)(b).
- 1204.02(g)(2) – Remove “and detection”
- 1204.02(h)(1) – Change reference to 1204.02(g)
- 1204.02(h)(2) – Remove “and detection”. Add “systems”
- 1204.02(h)(2)(a) – Change acronym from “AFFA” to “AFAA”
- 1204.02(h)(2)(d) – Use acronym NICET
- 1204.03(d)(2) – Intent was to permit any one of the following in the list. Add “one of the following:” after “include”
- 1204.03(e) – Missing opening bracket between the words “be” and “returned” in the second line. So new language should read: “If an application is incomplete, the applicant shall be notified in writing by the department of any apparent errors or omissions. The applicant shall be allowed to resubmit the application to the department.”
- 1204.04(b) – Change reference at the end to 1204.01 and 1204.02 respectively.
- 1204.06(a) – Change reference to 1204.03(a)
- 1204.07(a) – A question was posed to inquire about the inclusion of the Coast Guard

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1150 hours. The chair will convene a special meeting of the committee on September 16, 2009 at 1300 hours in Classroom 4 at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy in Concord, NH. The purpose of the special meeting will be to continue the review of the rules for final vote at the October meeting.