

**NH Fire Protection Equipment Technician Certification Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes September 10, 2008**

Meeting opened by Chairman Thibodeau at 0920 hours with the following members present: Larry Thibodeau, Chris Burns, Robert Musil, Steve Mango, Ron Deblois, Butch Burbank, John Mooney, Len Daniels, and Mike Hoisington. A quorum being duly noted. In the visitor's gallery was Mr. Rancourt and Mr. Eldridge

A motion was made by Deblois and seconded by Mooney to accept the minutes of the June meeting.

A discussion about the rulemaking process ensued.

The committee then began a review of the latest revision of the rules dated June 11. There was some discussion about the term "valid" and that the word might be too strong. A motion by Mango, seconded by Burbank to change 1204.01(b) to read, "*The individual certificate shall only be in effect if he or she is in the employ of a firm with a current certificate of registration.*"

There was some discussion about the fact that some of the sentences did not have periods. Deputy Farley assured the committee that there will be a thorough review of the document for spelling and punctuation.'

The Fire Alarm sub-committee did not have a presentation ready for the committee to review.

Discussed the sub-committee's proposal that was signed by all members of the sub-committee. There was some discussion about bullet #4 of that proposal which would require an additional administrative process for certification of additional requirements for RME's. The discussion continued as to why all installers need the three hour course being proposed for RME's. Mr. Rancourt spoke to the issue by stating that this was a compromise position and that the ECBA's position is that the two sides of the issue will never agree.

A request was made to add the discipline for firm certification application.

A motion by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Mango to accept the sub-committee's proposal, which passed.

There was some discussion about Section 1209. The consensus was to change the term from apprentice to trainee. The definition was reviewed.

A motion by Mr. Daniels, seconded by Mr. Hoisington to insert definition for trainee which passed.

There was some discussion on the ratio of supervisors to trainees. Currently all other licensed trades are 1:1 with the exception of gas fitters which 1:2. The discussion led to the idea of eliminating the apprentice certificate because it is more paperwork. After some discussion the consensus was to move 1209.02 to a separate section and to move 1209.03 to 1209.01 and to change 1209.03 back to provisional.

A motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Mr. Mango to strike 1209.03 (d). Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Mango, seconded by Mr. Daniels to add new language to the provisional certificate as follows:

A provisional certificate holder shall be afforded all the rights and privileges of an individual certificate holder.

Motion passed.

A discussion ensued about a proposal for adding Electricians to the section 1204. A motion by Mr. Mango seconded by Mr. Hoisington to add the phrase about being a licensed electrician per sub-committee proposal in 1204.02(a)(8)(a). Motion passed.

There was some discussion about curriculum language in 1204.02(a)(8)(b). The sub-committee will continue to finish the curriculum and will forward it to the fire marshal's office.

There was a discussion about continuing education. A motion by Mr. Burbank, seconded by Mr. Mango to require six (6) hours of continuing education for a limited fire alarm certificate and fifteen (15) hours for an unlimited certificate.

There was a consensus to delete 1204.02(a)(3) which was a hold over from a previous draft that should have been deleted before.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 8th at 9:00 am. A motion by Mr. Hoisington, seconded by Mr. Deblois to adjourn was passed unanimously.