

**NH Fire Protection Equipment Technician Certification Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes October 8, 2008**

Meeting opened by Chairman Thibodeau at 0918 hours with the following members present: Larry Thibodeau, Chris Burns, Robert Musil, Steve Mango, Ron Deblois, Len Daniels, and Deb Pendergast. Absent were: Mr. Mooney, Mr. Hoisington, and Mr. Burbank. A quorum was duly noted. In the visitor's gallery were the following visitors:

Darrough Madden, Irish Electric Corp.  
Bruce Theriault, Honeywell Corp.  
John Weinhold, Ralph Pill Electric Supply.  
Don Boisvert, Boisvert Electric  
Roger Garon, Boisvert Electric  
Steven Rancourt, Rancourt Enterprises, Inc.  
Bill Benard, Gemini Electric  
Tim Oczykowski, Ozz-E Electrical Service

After a round of introductions, Chairman Thibodeau welcomed the newest member to the committee, Deb Pendergast, who is representing the NH Electricians Board.

A review of the September 10, 2008 rules draft was commenced by Chairman Thibodeau

There was some discussion about the terminology concerning the definition of unlimited versus limited fire alarm technician. Mr. Mango spoke to the distinction between the servicing, and programming a system.

A motion by Mr. Mango, seconded by Mr. Daniels to add the following to the unlimited definition in 1202.04:

“This does not include the repair, programming and testing of systems in accordance with applicable codes and standards.”

Motion passed.

Consensus was gained to remove 1202.07 (formerly 1202.09)

Consensus was gained to add “an” to 1202.15 (formerly 1202.17)

A motion by Mr. Mango, seconded by Mr. Burns to accept the rewrite of 1203.01(c)(5) as submitted by Mr. Rancourt of the ECBA. That language reads:

1203.01(c)(5) For fire alarm and detection systems

- a. An individual who meets the requirements of Saf-C 1204.02(a)(8) and,
- b. Has four thousands (4,000) hours of total experience in their respective disciplines per Saf-C 1204.02(a)(8) and,
- c. Proof of a 3 hour course with a test on NFPA 72 or,
- d. An individual who meets the requirements of Saf-C 1204.02(a)(9)

Motion passed

Consensus was gained to add “Federal” to the beginning of 1203.02(b)(2)  
Consensus was gained to add a reference to Appendix B to 1203.02(d)(5)

A motion by Mr. Daniels, seconded by Mr. Mango to 1204.02(a)(7) [formerly 1204.02(a)(8)] to change title of course to the New Hampshire Limited Technician Training Course. The motion passed

A motion by Mr. Mango, seconded by Ms. Pendergast to accept 1204.02(a)(7) as amended above. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Mango to accept all changes to page 9. Deputy Farley requested that the committee file a single motion to accept all changes not requiring modification at the end. Committee agreed and motion was withdrawn.

Consensus was gained to change the one year to three years in 1204.05(b).

A motion was made by Mr. Daniels, seconded by Mr. Mango to change the language in 1204.03(c)(2) to read: “For initial application, evidence of required experience such as:...” Motion passed.

Consensus was gained to change “a” to “an” in 1204.06(a)

A motion by Mr. Daniels, seconded by Mr. Mango to strike “or individual certificate” from 1205.01(a)

Consensus was gained to add “be” to 1206.01(d) and (e)

There was some discussion about the term “endorsement” and what it meant in Saf-C 1206.01(c) Some of the committee felt that the firm certifications should be separate and each separate discipline would be a separate application fee. Others felt that there should be a reduction in the rate for secondary disciplines.

A motion by Mr. Daniels, seconded by Ms. Pendergast to add the following language as a new paragraph 1206.01(b):

“A firm making application for multiple disciplines shall be charged \$50 for each additional discipline.”

Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Mango, seconded by Mr. Daniels to add the following language as a new paragraph 1206.01(d):

“An individual making application for multiple disciplines shall be charged \$5 for each additional discipline.”

Motion passed.

Mr. Rancourt questioned the fees and inquired if the fees for the fire protection technician certifications would be considered an endorsement to the existing electrician licensing program. Deputy Farley stated that the enabling legislation for both programs was completely separate and the rules are completely separate so therefore the division will be handling the applications and certifications completely separately. Mr. Rancourt went on to express his concern that the voluntary certification program not become a “fund raiser” for the Fire Marshal’s Office.

There was some discussion about 1207(a)(1) relative to the suspension and revocation language in the rules. The consensus of the committee was to take that under new business at a subsequent meeting.

A motion by Mr. Mango, seconded by Mr. Burns to alter 1208.01(e) to require six hours of continuing education for both levels of fire alarm technicians. Motion passed.

Consensus was gained to strike the word “additional” from 1208.01(a)(4)

A motion was made by Mr. Mango, seconded by Mr. Burns to approve the changes to 1208.01(f)

A motion by Mr. Mango, seconded by Mr. Deblois to accept the text of 1209.01 as amended. Motion passed.

There was some discussion about the number of hours required for a provisional certificate. Mr. Daniels felt that 2,000 hours was too few hours for this level of certification. A motion by Mr. Daniels, seconded by Mr. Mango to change the number of hours in 1209.01(a) from 2,000 to 4,000 hours was offered. Mr. Rancourt offered that raising the hours may scare some people away. After much discussion a call for the vote was suggested. The ayes 2 and the nays 5, so the motion failed.

A motion by Mr. Mango, seconded by Ms. Pendergast to accept the text of 1210 as amended was passed.

The review of the September 10, 2008 meeting minutes was tabled until the next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2008 at 0900 hours at the Fire Academy.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Daniels. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned .