

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON ELECTRONIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT

September 20-21, 2011

Austin, TX

AGENDA

ROC MEETING FOR NFPA 1801
Standard on Thermal Imagers for the Fire Service

Tuesday, September 20 (continuing to close of business on Wednesday September 21)

1. **9:00 a.m.** Call to Order - Chairman Bruce Varner
2. Introduction of Members and Guests
3. Meeting Procedures and NFPA Staff Liaison Report - Dave Trebisacci
4. Approval of the Minutes of the August 3-4, 2011 TC meeting, Quincy, MA
5. Chairman's Remarks - Bruce Varner
 - NFPA 1982 update
 - NFPA 1981 (1802) status and work plan
6. Thermal Imagers Task Group Report
7. Review and Discussion of Public Comments received on NFPA 1801
[Note: Public comments will be emailed separately]
8. Review and Discussion on Committee Comments on NFPA 1801
9. Future Document(s) Discussion
10. Old Business
11. New Business
 - Next TC meeting
 - Other
12. Adjourn at close of business on Wednesday, September 21.

The Thermal Imager Task Group will be meeting on Monday, September 19.

Task Group on Alarm Sounds will meet Tuesday afternoon following meeting recess.

It is estimated that the meeting will fill both days.



Technical Committee on Electronic Safety Equipment Minutes of the Meeting

August 3-4, 2011
Quincy, MA

Thursday, January 13, 2011

Agenda Items #1-3: Call to Order, Introduction of Members and Guests, and Committee Procedures

Chairman Bruce Varner called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.. All committee members and guests introduced themselves.

Members present:

Bruce Varner, Chairman
Chris Spoons, Secretary
Dave Trebisacci, Staff Liaison

Robert Athanas
Michael Feely
Craig Gestler
Wayne Haase
Zachary Haase
Bill Haskell
Jack Jarboe
Richard Katz
Jeffrey Landis

David Little
Nick Luzie
Chad Morey
John Morris
Craig Parkulo
Gordon Sletmoe
Steve Townsend
Steven Weinstein

Guests present:

Stuart Bhenkiron	Draeger
Beverly Gullledge	Scott
Simon Hogg	Draeger
Kate Remley	NIST
Bruce Teele	NFPA (Ret.)
William Young	NIST

Staff Liaison Dave Trebisacci read the NFPA committee procedures to the committee.

Agenda Item #4: Approval of the Minutes of the January 2011 San Diego, CA meeting.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the meeting held January 13-14 in San Diego, CA. No changes were proposed.

**Motion to accept the minutes: Jack Jarboe
Second: Bill Haskell**

To approve the Minutes of the January 13-14 meeting

Motion carried

Agenda Items #5: Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Varner welcomed all members and guests to Boston. He then updated the committee on the round robin testing on thermal imagers between NIST and test labs. At this time we do not have correlation between the labs in all aspects of the testing. He is hopeful that the task group work will correct that and allow us to move forward.

Agenda Item #6: Task group on Alarm Sounds – Report

Wayne Haase gave the task group report on alarm sounds. He introduced a new tone for the committee to consider. The committee decided to move forward with the new tone, but would like some research on the effectiveness of various tones in PASS devices.

**Motion for the committee to develop specifications based on the report of the TG on pass sounds utilizing the data in the TG research as the basis for a standardized pass sound:
Steve Weinstein**

Second: Steve Townsend

For the committee to develop specifications based on the report of the TG on pass sounds utilizing the data in the TG research as the basis for a standardized pass sound.

Motion carried

Agenda Item #7: Task group on Intrinsic Safety – Report

The task group reported at the previous meeting that they found there was no real benefit in lowering or removing intrinsic safety with the items tested. There has been no further action.

Fire Protection Research Foundation

Casey Grant from the NFPA Fire Protection Research Foundation told the committee about a grant to study the optimization of PASS alarm sounds.

Presentation on Radio Frequency

Dr. Kate Remley presented an update on research related to proposed test methods for RF-Based PASS devices that NIST Boulder has been working on.

Agenda Item #8: Review and Discussion of Public Proposals received on NFPA 1982

The committee reviewed, discussed, and acted on Public Proposals received on NFPA 1982.

Agenda Item #9: Review and discussion on Committee Proposals for NFPA 1982

The TC reviewed, discussed, and acted on the Committee Proposals for NFPA 1982.

Agenda Items #10: Future document(s) discussion

Chairman Varner let the TC know that we have not yet asked Standards Council about a portable radio standard, but that is still forthcoming. He also said we will be seeking permission for NFPA 1800 to enter either the Annual or Fall cycle of 2013. The committee also still has some items to fix in NFPA 1801.

Agenda Item #11: Old business

None discussed.

Agenda Item #12: New Business

Tentative dates for the next meeting are September 20-21, 2011, in Austin, TX.

Agenda Item #13: Adjourn at close of business

Having no further business, Chairman Varner sought a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Jack Jarboe
Second: Zach Haase

To adjourn the meeting

Motion passed

Chairman Varner adjourned the meeting at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Spoons, Secretary
TC on ESE
