

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL OPERATIONS PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

ALEXANDRIA, VA

12 -- 13 JULY 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dean Cox at 08.00 on Tuesday, 12 July 2011.

The following members and guests were present:

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Dean Cox, Chairman	Fairfax County (VA) Fire & Rescue
Karen Lehtonen, Secretary	Lion
Dave Trebisacci, Staff Liaison	NFPA

Steve Corrado	Underwriters Laboratories
Charles Dunn	TenCate Protective Fabrics
Dan Gohlke	WL Gore and Associates
Bill Haskell	NIOSH
Diane Hess	PBI Performance Products
Steve Hudson	Pigeon Mountain Industries
Kim Klaren	Fairfax County (VA) Fire & Rescue
James Murray	FDNY
Jack Reall	Columbus (OH) Division of Fire
Beverly Stutts	Underwriters Laboratories

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

James Baker	Lion Total Care
Amy Brayshaw	Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility
Donna Cox	Patricio Enterprises/PEO Soldier Equipment
John Drewniak	Whites Manufacturing
Ken Hanzalik	3M
Kimberly Hunter	Pigeon Mountain Industries
Cleveland Heath	Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility
Ulf Nystrom	Trelleborg Protective Products
Faith Ortins	Diving Unlimited Int
Matthew Pappafotopoulos	PCCI Inc
Blades Robinson	Dive Rescue International

Members and guests introduced themselves. Staff Liaison Dave Trebisacci read the Committee Procedures statement and provided a Staff Liaison report which included a cycle update for the various documents covered by this Technical Committee. He also provided an overview of the new NFPA standards development process, which will affect the next edition of NFPA 1975. NFPA 1975 is one of 17 documents that will be the first to be revised according to the new process. He indicated that further information is available on the NFPA web site, and will provide additional assistance to technical committee members as the new process begins operation.

The Minutes of the last Committee meeting held in Ft Lauderdale, FL 29 -- 31 March 2011 were reviewed.

Motion by Diane Hess, seconded by Steve Corrado

To approve the Minutes of the 29 -- 31 March 2011 Ft Lauderdale, FL

Motion passed

Chairman's Remarks:

Chairman Cox outlined the plan for the meeting. The primary objective is to process the proposals received in NFPA 1855. The task group working on NFPA 1953 will continue their work concurrently. The Technical Committee will review the draft of NFPA 1858 in order to move it forward. A proposed FI on NFPA 1975 will also be discussed.

TCC Update:

Chairman Cox attended the TCC meeting by conference call; he provided a summary to the Technical Committee of the TCC Actions taken on NFPA 1951. Chairman Cox reported to the Technical Committee that no TCC Actions were taken on NFPA 1983.

Chairman Cox and Staff Liaison Trebisacci reported on a TCC discussion on the use of the term "All Hazards" in lieu of "CBRN Hazards". Further discussion was held on the use of the term "All Hazards" by this Technical Committee and possible inclusion in NFPA 1855. There was confusion amongst the Technical Committee on how to apply the "All Hazards" concept and terminology at this time. The Technical Committee agreed that the concept requires further discussion and research and took no action to include the language in NFPA 1855. The Technical Committee will consider the concept as it develops within other Technical Committees and as other documents are processed.

NFPA 1855 Proposal Review & Committee Comment Work

Actions were taken on the public proposals received and committee proposals generated.

Discussion on NFPA 1975 Proposed FI

The proposed FI submitted by Steve Corrado was discussed by the Technical Committee. After discussion the group agreed that the intent was to conduct the pre-conditioning of 100 cycles prior to the optional flame resistance test and to conduct the pre-conditioning of 25 cycles prior to the Heat and Thermal Shrinkage Test and Thermal Stability Test. The reason for the 100 cycles of pre-conditioning is to ensure that FR topical treatments are durable for at least 100 laundering cycles. The Technical Committee will clarify the language during the next revision process of NFPA 1975.

Document Updates – Task Groups

Contaminated Water Rescue Task Group (Jim Murray) - Proposed NFPA 1953

The Task Group continued their work at this meeting and has prepared a proposed draft for entry into cycle. The technical committee discussed the options for entering into cycle and agreed to request from Standards Council to enter into the 2014 cycle.

Rope and Harness SCAM Task Group (Steve Hudson) - Proposed NFPA 1858

A proposed draft was circulated to the Technical Committee and was posted on the Technical Committee page. Language still is needed to address rope grabs and descenders and will be added as part of the next draft. The technical committee discussed the options for entering into cycle and agreed to request from Standards Council to enter into the 2014 cycle.

The next drafts of NFPA 1858 and NFPA 1953 are due to Dave Trebisacci NLT October 2011.

Old Business:

Public Input due on NFPA 1975 by January 4, 2012. Dave Trebisacci to circulate the deadlines for the Fall 2013 revision cycle to the TC.

New Business:

The next meeting will be held NLT 16 March of 2012 to address public input on NFPA 1975. Task group work will also continue on the other projects within the committee.

Future Meeting Planning:

March 14-16 2012	ROC NFPA 1855, Public Input for NFPA 1975 Proposed Locations: Phoenix, AZ or San Diego, CA (piggyback with the EMS TC Meeting on March 13) March 16 could be ½ day.
NLT Jan 5, 2013	ROC Meeting for NFPA 1975

Motion by Diane Hess, second by Jack Reall
To adjourn
Motion passed

Chairman Cox adjourned the meeting at 12:00 on 13 July 2011.

The Contaminated Water Rescue Task Group continued their task group meeting work until close of business after the adjournment of the Technical Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lehtonen

Karen Lehtonen, Secretary
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