

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL OPERATIONS PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL

29 -- 31 MARCH 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dean Cox at 09.00 on Tuesday, 29 March 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
Keith Dempsey	City of Dalton (GA) Fire Dept
Charles Dunn	TenCate Protective Materials
Jim Frank	CMC Rescue, Inc.
Steve Geraghty	FDNY
Dan Gohlke	WL Gore and Associates
Diane Hess	PBI Performance Products
Gavin Horn	Illinois Fire Service Institute
Steve Hudson	Pigeon Mountain Industries
James Murray	FDNY
Jack Reall	Columbus (OH) Division of Fire
Doug Stephenson	Johns Creek (GA) FD
Beverly Stutts	Underwriters Laboratories

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

Amy Brayshaw	Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility
JC Colorado	Fire Innovations
John Drewniak	Whites Manufacturing
James Fay	DEUS Rescue
Tim Gardner	3M Occupational Health and Environmental Safety
Pete Gannon	Dive Rescue International
Tricia Hock	Fire Dex
George Krause	Globe Manufacturing
Omar Jordan	RIT Rescue Systems
John McKently	CMC Rescue
Jeremy Metz	West Metro (CO) Fire
Sam Morton	Sterling Rope
Ulf Nystrom	Trelleborg Protective Products

Matthew Pappafotopoulos PCCI Inc

Members and guests introduced themselves. The Staff Liaison read the Committee Procedures statement and provided a Staff Liaison report. The report is attached to the minutes.

The Minutes of the last Committee meeting held in Covington, KY 20 -- 22 July 2010 were reviewed.

Motion by Jack Reall, seconded by Jim Frank
To approve the Minutes of the 20 -- 22 July 2010 Covington, KY
Motion passed

Chairman's Remarks:

Chairman Cox thanked the task groups that met in October in Orlando for the progress made on the various documents to keep them moving forward.

The working plan for this meeting will be to address public comments received on NFPA 1983 and NFPA 1951. Time permitting additional task group work will continue and report to the committee prior to the meeting close.

NFPA 1983 Comment Review & Committee Comment Work

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

NFPA 1951 Comment Review & Committee Comment Work

Motion by Dan Gohlke, seconded by Jack Reall
To accept Log 50
Motion failed

Motion by Charles Dunn, seconded by Doug Stephenson
To reject Log 50
Motion carried

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

Task Group Reports:

The following task groups reported on the status of their work:

- Contaminated Water Rescue Task Group (Jim Murray)
- Rope and Harness SCAM Task Group (Jim Frank)
- Technical Rescue SCAM Task Group (Jack Reall)

Old Business:

NFPA 1855 is out for public proposal, the closing date is May 23, 2011. The document is on the Fall 2012 revision cycle (2013 cover date).

The Chairman and Staff Liaison reviewed the document revision cycles and targets for the various documents under the direction of the technical committee. The cycles are currently as follows:

NFPA 1975 – F2013 revision cycle
NFPA 1952 – F2014 revision cycle
NFPA 1953 – Contaminated Water PCE – Target F2013
NFPA 1855 – Tech Rescue SCAM – F2012
NFPA 1858 – Rope Harness SCAM – Target F2013

New Business:

The next meeting will be held July 12-13, 2011 and will be to address public proposals received on NFPA 1855. Task group work will also continue on the other projects within the committee.

Future Meeting Planning:

July 12-13 2011	ROP for NFPA 1855 Proposed Locations: No consensus
April/May 2012	Work on F2013 documents

Dave and Dean will work on the committee list and categories to see if we can reclassify some participants so that we can move some people from the waiting list onto the committee.

Motion by Steve Hudson, second by Jack Reall
To adjourn
Motion passed

Chairman Cox adjourned the meeting at 10:30 on 31 March 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lehtonen

Karen Lehtonen, Secretary
TC on Special Operations Protective Clothing and Equipment