

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL OPERATIONS PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

COVINGTON, KY

20 -- 22 JULY 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dean Cox at 09.00 on Tuesday, 20 July 2010.

The following members and guests were present:

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Dean Cox, Chairman	Fairfax County (VA) Fire & Rescue
Karen Lehtonen, Secretary	Lion Apparel
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
Bill Haskell	NIOSH/NPPTL
Diane Hess	PBI Performance Products
Gavin Horn	Illinois Fire Service Institute
Steve Hudson	Pigeon Mountain Industries
Pam Kavalesky	Intertek Testing
James Murray	FDNY
H. Dean Paderick	Spec Rescue Intl
Jack Reall	Columbus (OH) Division of Fire
Doug Stephenson	Johns Creek (GA) FD
Beverly Stutts	Underwriters Laboratories

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

JC Colorado	Fire Innovations
Jim Ewing	Sterling Rope Company Inc
Tyler Griffith	Sturges Manufacturing
Ken Hanzalik	3M Occupational Health and Environmental Safety
Omar Jordan	RIT Rescue Systems
Jeremy Metz	West Metro (CO) Fire
Robert Stinton	Diving Unlimited International

Members and guests introduced themselves. The Staff Liaison read the Committee Procedures statement.

The Minutes of the last Committee meeting held in Goleta, CA 09 -- 11 March 2010 were reviewed.

Motion by Diane Hess, seconded by Steve Corrado
To approve the Minutes of the 09 -- 11 March 2010 Goleta, CA.
Motion passed

Chairman's Remarks & TCC Update:

Chairman Cox informed the committee that the intent of this meeting is to complete the ROP for NFPA 1983 and NFPA 1951. Chairman Cox asked the group to be flexible in their schedule as we process the proposals received and committee proposals. The group may need to work late or start early in order to complete the work before the close of the meeting.

Chairman Cox announced to the committee that Bruce Teele will officially retire from NFPA at the end of 2010 after more than 40 years of service.

Chairman Cox did not attend the last TCC meeting, no update was provided. The next TCC meeting will be held Sept 28-30, 2010. Location has yet to be determined.

Chairman Cox updated the Technical Committee on NFPA 1953 progress. A letter was submitted to the Standards Council identifying the expertise on the technical committee, it is anticipated that the Standards Council will approve activity on this document at their next meeting.

The Staff Liaison provided the following report:

The technical committee is currently comprised of 19 members and 9 alternates.

The following document cycles were reviewed.

Document #	Cycle	Close of Comments	Last date ROP Mtg	Last date ROC Mtg
1951	Fall 2011	May 28, 2010	8/6/2010	4/8/2011
1983	Fall 2011	May 28, 2010	8/6/2010	4/8/2011
Document #	Cycle	Close of Proposals	Last date ROP Mtg	Last date ROC Mtg
1953	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
1855	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
1858	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
1975	Fall 2013 2014 Ed	May, 2012	8/1/2012	4/1/2013
1952	Fall 2014 2015 Ed	May, 2013	8/1/2013	4/1/2014

The actions to be taken on the proposals and committee proposals were reviewed.

NFPA 1983 Proposal Review & Committee Proposal Work

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

Logs 38, 39, 45 and 46 were rejected as part of NFPA 1983 but it is to be noted that the technical committee intends to address these items as part of the development of a selection, care and maintenance document as approved by the NFPA Standards Council.

NFPA 1951 Proposal Review & Committee Proposal Work

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

Motion by Pam Kavalesky, seconded by Bill Haskell

To grant editorial liberty to Dave Trebisacci and Karen Lehtonen on NFPA 1983 and NFPA 1951 proposals and subsequent drafts.

The Staff Liaison will distribute the draft of the actions taken on NFPA 1983 and NFPA 1951 proposals to the technical committee members within 1-2 weeks. A draft incorporating the actions on proposals will be distributed with the ROP letter ballot for NFPA 1983 and NFPA 1951.

Old Business:

Discussed the status of Technical Rescue SCAM document (NFPA 1855). The letter ballots circulated to the technical committee and the technical correlating committee both passed. The draft document will be sent to Standards Council for approval into the Fall 2012 Cycle

Motion by Keith Dempsey, seconded by Diane Hess

To forward the draft of NFPA 1855 to Standards Council for entry into the Fall 2012 Cycle.

Motion passed

Discussed the status of Rope and Harness SCAM document (NFPA 1858). A draft is being prepared by the task group to be circulated to the technical committee within the next 2 weeks. The technical committee will review the draft and then a letter ballot will be issued for approval of the draft to seek approval to enter the next available cycle.

Discussed the status of NFPA 1953, Contaminated Dive Water Standard. Chairman Cox has appointed Jim Murray as task group chairman to prepare the draft of NFPA 1953 for entry into the next available cycle.

The publication of NFPA 1983 and NFPA 1951 ROP will be December 22, 2010. Comment closing date will be March 4, 2011.

If there is interest in participation on any of the above task groups, please provide your contact information to the committee Secretary for assignment.

New Business:

The next meeting will be held October 26-27, 2010 and will be for the task groups on contaminated dive water (NFPA 1953), technical rescue selection, care and maintenance (NFPA 1855) and rope/harness selection, care and maintenance (NFPA 1858) to continue efforts on the draft standards.

Steve Hudson, Dean Paderick, JC Colorado, and Jeremy Metz have volunteered to assist in hosting the meeting. Attendees will need to book hotels on their own and the meeting room/amenities will not be supported by NFPA.

Future Meeting Planning:

March 2011 ROC for NFPA 1951 and NFPA 1983
Proposed Locations: Key West, New Orleans or San Diego

Motion by Dan Gohlke, second by Diane Hess
To adjourn
Motion passed

Chairman Cox adjourned the meeting at 12.15 on 22 July 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lehtonen

Karen Lehtonen, Secretary
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