



# Technical Committee on Electronic Safety Equipment Minutes of the Meeting

August 3-4, 2011  
Quincy, MA

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**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
Louis Chavez	UL

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

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## **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**

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**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.

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**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**

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**Agenda Item #11: Old business**

None discussed.

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**Agenda Item #12: New Business**

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

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**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.

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Respectfully submitted,

Chris Spoons, Secretary  
TC on ESE

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