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To: Interested Parties

Subject:

Standards Council Decision (Final):	D#17-8
Standards Council Agenda Item:	SC#17-12-25-d
Date of Decision*:	6 December 2017
TIA No. 1340 on NFPA 1982, <i>Standard on Personal Alert Safety Systems (PASS)</i> , 2018 Edition	

Dear Interested Parties:

At its meeting of December 5-6, 2017, the Standards Council considered an appeal on the above referenced matter. The Council's Final decision is now available and is attached herewith.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dawn Michele Bellis".

Dawn Michele Bellis
Secretary, NFPA Standards Council

cc: D. Berry, S. Everett, L. Fuller, D. Trebisacci, E. Conlin
Members, CC Fire and Emergency Services Protective Clothing and Equipment (FAE-AAC)
Members, TC Electronic Safety Equipment (FAE-ELS)
Members, NFPA Standards Council (AAD-AAA)
Individuals Providing Appeal Commentary

*NOTE: Participants in NFPA's codes and standards making process should know that limited review of this decision may be sought from the NFPA Board of Directors. For the rules describing the available review and the method for petitioning the Board for review, please consult section 1-7 of the Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards (Regs.) and the NFPA Regulations Governing Petitions to the Board of Directors from Decisions of the Standards Council. Since this Council decision is not "related to the issuance of a document" as referenced in 1.7.2 of the Regs., notice of the intent to file such a petition must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board of Directors within a reasonable time period.



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SUMMARY OF ACTION (for convenience only; not part of official decision): The Standards Council voted to grant the appeal to not issue TIA 1340 on NFPA 1982, *Standard on Personal Alert Safety Systems (PASS)*, 2018 edition.

DECISION:

At its meeting of December 5-6, 2017, the Standards Council considered an appeal from John Morris of Scott Safety. The appeal requests that the Standards Council uphold the results yielded by the standards development process by not issuing TIA 1340 on the 2018 Edition of NFPA 1982, *Standard on Personal Alert Safety Systems (PASS)*.

As background, Steven Weinstein of Honeywell Safety Products submitted a TIA to the 2018 edition of NFPA 1982, *Standard on Personal Alert Safety Systems (PASS)*. The TIA proposed language that would require an accessory to a PASS device to comply with any NFPA standard for such accessory. For example, if a PASS device included a thermal imaging camera as an accessory, the PASS device would also have to comply with all NFPA standards for thermal imaging cameras. The TIA passed the ballot of the Technical Committee on both technical merit and emergency nature but failed the ballot of the Correlating Committee on both correlation and emergency nature. Therefore, the result yielded by the standards development process, in the absence of this appeal, would be for the Standards Council to not issue the TIA.

The appeal requests the Standards Council not issue the TIA. At the hearing, representatives of Scott Safety indicated that if the TIA were to be issued it would stifle innovation and create uncertainty in the marketplace because there are not currently testing capabilities for integrated accessories in all cases. In addition, those testifying indicated that there is no evidence of any safety problem the TIA is addressing and that in the absence of product claims to the contrary, purchasers of products with integrated accessories do not expect that those integrated accessories comply with NFPA standards for those accessories.

On appeal, the Council accords great respect and deference to the NFPA standards development process. In conducting its review, the Council will overturn the results of that process only where a clear and substantial basis for doing so is demonstrated. In this case, the appellant requested that the Council act in accordance with the result yielded by that process and not issue TIA 1340.

The Council has reviewed the entire record concerning this matter and has considered all the arguments put forth in this appeal. In the view of the Council, there is no clear and substantial basis on which to overturn the results yielded by the NFPA standards development process. Accordingly, the Council has voted to not issue TIA 1340 and to grant the appeal. The effect of this action is that the 2018 edition of NFPA 1982, *Standard on Personal Alert Safety Systems (PASS)* will not include the text of TIA 1340.

Council Member Patricia Gleason recused herself from the deliberations and vote on the appeal.