NFPA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE FOR
Special Operations Clothing and Equipment
Hilton Hotel Marina, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
April 29-30, 2014

1. Call to order at 8:00am April 29th
2. Introductions/Attendance

Members
Metz, Jeremy (Chairman)
Lehtonen, Karen (Secretary)
Allen, Jason (via phone)
Dempsey, Keith
Dunn, Charles
Frank, James
Haskell, Bill (via phone)
Hess, Diane
Horn, Gavin
Howard, Thomas
Hudson, Daniel
Klaren, Kim
McCurley, Loui
Murray, James
Nelson, Robert
Paderick, Dean
Reall, Jack
Saito, Jon
Stinton, Robert
Stutts, Beverly
Farrell, Chris (NFPA Staff)

Guests:
Beechner, Brian (Orange County FL Fire Rescue)
Broccolo, Richard (Orange County FL Fire Rescue)
Gannon, Pete (Dive Rescue)
James, Chris P. (UL)
Ortins, Faith (DUI)
3. Opening remarks were provided by the technical committee Chair, Jeremy Metz
   - The chairman’s report is attached
   - Chairman Metz encouraged Committee member Participation. Please participate, be informed and vote.

4. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved
   - No modifications, minutes approved without a motion

5. NFPA Staff Liaison report was provided by Staff Liaison Chris Farrell

6. NFPA 1953 Second Draft was reviewed
   a. Task Group Report was provided by the task group chair Jim Murray
   b. Public comments were acted on
   c. Correlating committee notes were acted on

7. Reports
   a. An update on the NFPA 1983 reorganization concept was provided by Jim Frank
      The objective is to make the standard more end user friendly even though it is a manufacturing specification. Reorganize by blocks of product types. Section 1-4 would not change, Section 5-8 would be reformatted by product types. A copy of the proposed draft was circulated to the TC by Staff Liaison Farrell.

8. New business
   a. NFPA 1983 F 2016 revision cycle discussion
      A task group to work on PI’s for NFPA 1983 was established; PI closes Jan 5, 2015
      Co-Chairs - Jim Frank and Beverly Stutts
      Members – Gavin Horn, Loui McCurley, Steve Gheraghty, Robert Nelson, Jeremy Metz
   b. NFPA 1858 status – Staff Liaison Chris Farrell
      Draft submitted to NFPA, the draft standard has been approved for processing by SC. Upon issuance of draft a task group will need to be established to review and work on PI’s.

9. Other items
   TIA for NFPA 1952 review
   Discussed proposed TIA language and reason TIA is being submitted

10. Next meeting
    Act on PI for NFPA 1983 (closes January 5); begin editorial review of NFPA 1858.
    February 3-5 (half day on 5th)

11. Adjourn, 3:00pm April 30th
Special Operations Protective Clothing and Equipment

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Chair Report
In Memory of Mr. Steve Hudson

Committee member since Jan 1\textsuperscript{st}, 1992
Your New Chair

• 22 years in Fire Service
  – U.S. Air Force FF
  – District (Battalion) Chief and Technical Rescue Chief with West Metro Fire Rescue, Lakewood, CO
    • 120 square miles, 15 staffed stations, ALS transport, 340 member, all career
    • Western Denver Metro area, multiple technical rope rescue, water rescuer incidents annually
    • Host agency for COTF1
Your New Chair

• NFPA Chair training in June an annual meeting
• Starting Executive Fire Officer program at National Fire Academy in June
• Married, wife is program manager for sexual assault forensic nurses at Denver Health Medical Center
• Daughter 9, son 7
• Deeply committed to firefighter safety and training
Standards Council Actions
March 3, 2014

• Jeremy Metz (user), West Metro Fire Rescue, to Chair
• Kim Klaren (user), Fairfax County Fire, principal
  – Pending alternate
• Loui McCurley (manufacturer), Pigeon Mountain Industries, principal
  – Pending alternate
• Jeremy Brads (manufacturer), Spec Rescue International, alternate
• Richard Broccolo (user), Orange County Fire Rescue, FL, hold for balance
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1952 Surface Water PC&E

- CC voted to forward NFPA 1952 to the NFPA Technical Meeting
- There appears to be an editorial error in SR37. In this revision wet and dry elements were removed from this test criteria.
  – CC will be getting a ballot on the correction
1858 Rope and Equipment SCAM

• The Council approved the request to enter a new document, NFPA 1858, *Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Life Safety Rope and Equipment for Emergency Services*, into the Fall 2017 revision cycle

• Task Group Chair or Co chairs?
1953 Contaminated Water PC&E

• Standards Council approved the request to move NFPA 1953 from Fall 2014 cycle to Annual 2015 cycle, without a call for new Public Comments.
• Jim Murray, FDNY Task Group chair to report
NC State Project Goal: Project will produce concept turnout suit prototypes that reflect a systems level understanding on optimum balance between TPP and THL requirements for structural firefighter turnout suits.

• Base layer ensemble testing (1975)
Supplemental Operating Procedure for Test Method Validation flow chart

Test Method Validation – How to include criteria within the NFPA Process.

1. **Test Method Validation Requirements**
   - [Technical Committee (TC) creates First Revisions on a new test method]

2. **Correlating Committee (CC) First Draft meeting**
   - CC may provide guidance through Correlating Notes (CNs), including test method validation requirements.

3. **TC Second Draft meeting**

4. **CC Second Draft meeting**
   - CC may develop changes/revise Second Revisions (SRs) through Second Correlating Revisions (SCRs). This can be based on test method validation requirements.
Committee Participation

- Recognize the vastness and diversity of technical expertise and knowledge in Spec Ops
- Attendance is preferred at TC and TG meetings
- Teleconference, web conference is available
- Participation is key whether you can attend meetings or not
- Get involved in task groups
- Be informed and vote!