



**SUFFOLK COUNTY PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER AND  
AUTOMATIC FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS LICENSING BOARD**  
c/o Suffolk County Fire-Rescue, P.O. Box 127, Yaphank, NY 11980-0127  
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Minutes of the  
February 16, 2012 Meeting

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The meeting was brought to order by E. Springer at 9:06am.

E. Springer introduced T. Young from the County Attorney's Office. He will be the new representative from that office since R. Nissan is no longer with the County.

**Public Comment Period**

D. Hausz discussed the industries lack of recourse in the Towns. He questioned at what point repairs require a permit. He discussed violations that had been issued for work that was done without a permit. E. Springer stated that unfortunately there is nothing the Board can do, because the Towns have local jurisdiction. He suggested contacting the Town Chief Fire Marshals. He also suggested writing a letter to the Fire Marshal's Association to ask to attend a meeting.

E. Springer stated that he would try to contact the Town Chief Fire Marshals to try to set up a meeting.

J. Williams suggested that they have an onsite inspection before any work is done.

R. Alexander asked if there was a way to get the Rules and Regulations in writing from each town. E. Springer was not sure.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

A motion was made by P. Hanratty to accept the minutes from the January 12, 2012 meeting; seconded by K. Hahn. Motion was carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

E. Springer received one complaint about Gebhardt, Inc. He is working with Mr. Gebhardt to investigate the complaint.

**Application(s) Review**

None

**Reported Violations Review**

Reviewed earlier.

**Report of the Chairperson**

J. Williams stated that he spoke with the County Executive in regards to a Public Notice. He is working with their PIO and the County Attorney to put together the notice.

### **Report of the County Attorney**

T. Young reported that he will be meeting with J. Caputi to review R. Nissan's files from FELB.

### **Report of Fire Marshals**

M. Matteo discussed the lack of proper portable inspections. He also stated that companies are getting into a bad habit of not tagging a system noncompliant. He is seeing that now companies are tagging a system with a compliant tag and putting the system's issues on back of tag.

E. Springer reported that the fire marshals have found extinguisher discrepancies in the schools that they have been inspecting. They have found many different servicing problems, including taking all of the extinguishers to one area of the building and leaving the rest of the building unprotected.

### **Unfinished Business**

E. Springer stated that industry representatives that would like to be considered for a position on the Board should submit their resume to the Commissioner. The Board member will be determined by the Commissioner. E. Springer will review the law to see what the criteria is for being a Board member.

### **New Business**

None

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by K. Hahn, and seconded by P. Hanratty. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:31am.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>GUESTS PRESENT</b>	<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>
Joseph F. Williams	Thomas Young	Kristine Bolliger
Edward Springer	Jim Meyer	
Kenneth Hahn	Reynold Alexander	
Peter Hanratty	Alex LaValle	
Michael Matteo	Roger Hausz	
	Don Hausz	

<b>NEXT MEETING/WORKSHOP</b>	March 8, 2012
<b>TIME</b>	9:00am
<b>LOCATION</b>	FRES Library