



**SUFFOLK COUNTY PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER AND
AUTOMATIC FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS LICENSING BOARD**
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Minutes of the
May 3, 2012 Meeting

The meeting was brought to order by E. Springer at 9:08 am.

Public Comment Period

J. Meyer of Firemasters asked about the meeting to be set up with FMASCO. M. Matteo said he would contact K. Peterson, FMASCO President, to set that up.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A motion was made by K. Hahn to accept the minutes from the March 8, 2012 meeting; seconded by M. Matteo. Motion was carried unanimously.

Correspondence

None

Application(s) Review

No new applications. K. Bolliger reported that one application was handled by e-mail for Guardian.

Reported Violations Review

CFM Springer reported that on 2/12/12 Mike Scala was convicted of 190.60 PL by the D.A.'s Office. He was involved in testifying against others involved in that incident. He was sentenced and received a "Relief from Civil Disability". In March Mr. Scala received a Field Appearance Ticket from CFM Springer which resulted in a \$200 fine. County Attorney stated that anything he received after his "Relief from Civil Disability" can be used to determine future applications.

CFM Springer indicated a complaint was received from the owner of a business at 1 Edison Ave. West Babylon regarding Mr. Scala. Witness testimony indicated that Mr. Scala represented himself as being from "FCS" to service the extinguishers but then placed "Kings Fire" tags on the devices. He was issued another Field Appearance Ticket (F.A.T.) on 2/22/12 for that offense. CFM Springer also issued an F.A.T. to Alex Ramirez of "Kings Fire" for allowing the incident at 1 Edison Ave. to occur. Mr. Scala had an application on file from "Kings Fire" but it has since been withdrawn and he has been fired by Mr. Ramirez. The license fee of \$400.00 was returned to Mr. Ramirez but \$100.00 was retained for the application fee. Susan Lund, Nassau County Fire Marshal's Office, reported to CFM Springer that Mr. Scala is presently working for "Chase Fire" out of NY City. He has an application filed in the County of Nassau. CFM

Springer also received a complaint from "All-Island" regarding 1021 Portion Road. Mr. Scala posed as a representative of "All-Island" and received money while he was employed by actually "Kings Fire". 6th Precinct Crime Control Detectives are working on this case.

CFM Springer reported another complaint regarding 1337 Lincoln Avenue, Holbrook concerning "ABT Design". CFM Springer is looking into it. He also has a hospital complaint he just received and will elaborate on at a later date.

CFM Springer reported a complaint received regarding "Permanent Fire Protection" doing work at "Bellport Beer and Soda". He is working with Postal Inspectors concerning the use of a P.O. Box on his tags when he does not reside or work at that address. In addition, he does not have a county license

Alex LaValle, "BK Engineering", asked about a complaint he called CFM Springer about regarding a Getty Station located at 255 Lake Ave. CFM Springer said that issue is still ongoing.

FM Matteo reiterated the importance of making sure all complaints are received on the proper complaint form and not simply verbal. This will minimize any confusion or lost complaints.

D. Haus, "All-Out", questioned the difference between doing business and just selling privately. Discussion followed.

Alex LaValle, "BK Fire", raised a question regarding fines for violations. Discussion followed.

Report of the Chairperson

None

Report of the County Attorney

County Attorney Young stated he reviewed the "Relief from Civil Disability" and indicated that it does not currently factor into applications for licensure we have received.

Report of Fire Marshals

4 more licensees have passed the written test and are awaiting practical exams.

Unfinished Business

K. Hahn questioned if the individual from "AB Fire" had retaken his test with the accommodations made for him. K. Bolliger reported he has not.

D. Haus, "All-Out", questioned if provisions are in place to require re-training should an individual fail several written exams. CFM Springer indicated that most simply fail to read NFPA 10 and once they do, they usually pass. Discussion followed.

New Business

K. Hahn questioned if "Chief Fire Safety" currently had a license. CFM Springer indicated they do not. It is believe that the fire extinguisher portion of their business may have been sold to "Fire Command".

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by M. Matteo, and seconded by K. Hahn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:43 am.

MEMBERS PRESENT	GUESTS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Michael Matteo	Tom Young	Kristine Bolliger
Edward Springer		Don Lynch
Kenneth Hahn		

NEXT MEETING/WORKSHOP	June 7, 2012
TIME	9:00 am
LOCATION	FRES Library