



**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  
July 5, 2011 Meeting**

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The meeting was brought to order by J. Searing at 9:18am.

**Public Comment Period**

None

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

A motion was made by E. Springer to accept the minutes from the May 24, 2011 meeting; seconded by K. Hahn. Motion was carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

E. Springer submitted a letter from the US DOT.

**Application(s) Review**

The Board discussed the Certificate of Registration application for Miron Group, Inc., dba Pinnacle Hood & Fire Protection Systems and the License application for Alan Light. J. Searing made a motion to recommend to the Commissioner that Miron Group, Inc., dba Pinnacle Hood & Fire Protection Systems be issued a certificate of registration and Alan Light be issued a license. K. Hahn seconded. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the Certificate of Registration application for United Fire Protection Corp and the License application for James Ciszewski, Jr. K. Hahn made a motion to recommend to the Commissioner that United Fire Protection Corp. be issued a certificate of registration and James Ciszewski, Jr. be issued a license. J. Searing seconded. Motion carried.

**Reported Violations Review**

None

**Report of the Chairperson**

J. Searing reported that he was in receipt of comments/recommendations from D. Hausz of All-Out Fire Equipment Co. Inc. on trainee/apprentice program. D. Hausz suggested eliminating the word "apprentice" from the program.

**Report of the County Attorney**

R. Nissan reported that the resolution to amend the law in regards to the Board members is currently waiting to be acted on. J. Searing stated that he is hoping that it will be laid on the table at the July 28, 2011 Public Safety Committee meeting.

### **Report of Fire Marshals**

E. Springer reported that as of today twenty nine (29) certificates of registrations have been issued, ninety (90) licenses have been issued and ninety seven (97) proficiency exams have been performed.

E. Springer reported that the office has been giving the written exam. On average there are thirty (30) individuals taking the test each time it is given. The biggest failure rate has been on the portable fire extinguisher exam. He feels that this is due to the fact that training is not required to service this type of extinguisher unlike the systems whose manufacturers require individuals to be trained. He also stated that two (2) minor corrections have been made to the exams. After the errors were found he went back to check if the correction would have made a difference in the outcome of anyone's score and found that it did not make a difference. He is hoping to complete all testing by August 1, 2011.

E. Springer stated that every effort is being made to schedule and finish all inspections and testing by the end of July.

E. Springer reported that a Buckeye class K fire extinguisher to him by ABT Design and Fire Protection. It was mislabeled as a five (5) pound CO2 extinguisher. He stated that he will be contacting the manufacturer to notify them of the mislabeling.

K. Hahn reported that he has also come across other extinguishers that were mislabeled.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

E. Springer stated that all individuals are given the opportunity to take the written exam three (3) times. If an individual does not show up for a scheduled exam, that would count as an opportunity. If the individual has a valid excuse, for example attending a manufacturer's training course, the company should submit a letter to the Board asking to be excused from the exam.

The next meeting will either be on August 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by K. Hahn, and seconded by E. Springer.  
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:41am.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>GUESTS PRESENT</b>	<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>
John M. Searing	Randy Nissan	Kristine Bolliger
Edward Springer	Don Hausz	
Kenneth Hahn	Roger Hausz	
	Anthony Varajao	
	Lynn Lopez	
	Robert Corcoran	

<b>NEXT MEETING/WORKSHOP</b>	To Be Determined
<b>TIME</b>	
<b>LOCATION</b>	FRES Library