



**SUFFOLK COUNTY PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER AND
AUTOMATIC FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS LICENSING BOARD**
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Minutes of April 15, 2021 General Meeting

The meeting was brought to order by J. Kuethen at 10:01 am.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- Motion to accept the minutes from the March 18, 2021 meeting made by J. Meyer and seconded by M. Matteo.

Public Comment Period

- None

Correspondence

- a) Email received from Christine at All Out Fire rescinding the application for Gil Roman; application fees returned.
- b) Email received from John Murillo at TFP1, Inc. rescinding the applications for Angel Polanco and Taimar Bonaparte; application fees returned.

Application(s) Review

a) Vigilant Fire & Safety Corp.

New license application for Nicholas Meyer. (Portable Fire Extinguishers)

Motion to move application forward made by J. Meyer and seconded by A. Duspiva.

b) New Generation Fire Corp dba All Island Fire

License renewal application for Robert Rojas. (Portable Fire Extinguishers, Dry/Wet Chemical Fixed Extinguishing Systems)

Motion to move application forward by J. Meyer and was seconded by A. Duspiva.

New license application for Ian Rankin. (Portable Fire Extinguishers, Dry/Wet Chemical Fixed Systems)

Motion to table application pending further review based off information contained in the application made by J. Meyer and was seconded by A. Duspiva.

c) United Fire Protection Corp.

New license application for Damien Hicks. (Portable Fire Extinguishers)

New license application for Thomas Van Brunt. (Portable Fire Extinguishers)

Motion to move all applications forward by J. Meyer and was seconded by D. Lynch.

Review of Reported Complaints

- a) Complaint received 3/25/21 naming William Hird & Co. The location is LNJ International, 145 Ricefield Lane, Hauppauge, NY 11788

Motion to send Letter to appear to the Certificate of Registration holder and technician C. Williams made by M. Matteo and seconded by D. Lynch.

Report of the Chairperson

- *Thanked the board and the industry for their continued efforts.*

Report of the County Attorney

- *Not present due to COVID-19 related responsibilities, no report.*

Report of Fire Marshal

- *D. Lynch has no report.*

Report of FMASCO

- *M. Matteo nothing new to report.*

Report of Industry Representatives

- *No report from A. Duspiva or J. Meyer.*

Report of Authorities Having Jurisdiction

- *No report*

Unfinished Business

a) TFP1, Inc. dba Total Fire Protection

Complaint received 2/24/21 naming TFP1, Inc., dba Total Fire Protection. The location is Chili's Restaurant, 280 Pond Path, South Setauket, NY 11738. Motion to send Letter to Appear to both the Certificate of Registration holder and the technician named in the complaint made by J. Meyer and seconded by M. Matteo. 3/18/21.

J. Capone, President, and technician G. Rodriguez were both in attendance. J. Capone addressed the issue with the tags stating they were not aware the address had to be printed on the tag, as other jurisdictions do not require this. He will have new tags made with all required information and will send a copy of said tag when they are received.

J. Capone and G. Rodriguez discussed the issue from the complaint and stated that after receiving the complaint, they went back to address and correct the issue. G. Rodriguez spoke in length regarding how he serviced the system; they provided new pictures, invoices, and service reports as evidence of the correction for the Board to review.

Motion to have J. Capone send a letter of retraining of their technicians as well as a new tag with correct information on it to the Board. Motion made by M. Matteo and seconded D. Lynch.

b) LC Squared dba All Out Fire

Complaint received 1/29/21 naming All Out Fire. The location is H.L. Dennison Building, 100 Veterans Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788. Motion to send Letter to Appear made by M. Matteo and seconded by A. Duspiva. 3/18/21. Certified Letter sent, no correspondence received.

R. LaVacca present at the meeting. He stated to the Board that his technician should have replaced the extinguishers himself rather than having the building maintenance personnel be responsible. After receiving the complaint, he spoke with his staff to reeducate and retrain.

Motion to have a Letter of Retraining sent to the Board made by D. Lynch and seconded by A. Duspiva.

c) Life Safety Fire & Security Solutions

Complaint received 2/4/21 naming Life Safety Fire & Security Solutions. The location is American Tire Distributors, 121 Wilshire Blvd, Edgewood, NY 11717. Motion made to send Cease and Desist letter made by M. Matteo and seconded by J. Meyer. 3/18/21. Certified letter sent; received an email back from Robert Vezina, President of Life Safety Engineered Systems, Inc.

Letter from R. Vezina read to the Board, stating that Life Safety has never working in any capacity for American Tire and that Life Safety also sold off all of its service teams in March of 2020; they have no technicians of any kind at this time. He believes it is possible that an ex-employee sold the tags to someone who is fraudulently performing service or that American Tire bought tags and is performing the service fraudulently themselves. He asked that we keep him information as to what happens and if any further information is needed, to please contact him.

Motion is made to forward this issue to Legal and follow up with the DA office made by M. Matteo and seconded by D. Lynch.

d) National Fire and Safety Solutions, Inc.

Complaint (correct form) received 3/24/21 naming National Fire and Safety Solutions, Inc. The location is Speedcast, 45 Oser Avenue, Hauppauge, NY 11788. Motion made to table until follow up is complete made by J. Meyer and seconded by A. Duspiva. Correct complaint form received from FM Raia. 3/24/21

Motion to send letter reminding of the Suffolk County Rules and Regulations as to what is needed to appear on all tags in order for them to be compliant, along with an example of a compliant tag for their reference. Motion made by D. Lynch and seconded by J. Meyer.

New Business

- No new business.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2021 at 10:00 AM, at the Suffolk County Fire Academy.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by J. Kuethen and was seconded by A. Duspiva, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:52 AM.

(T) – Teleconferenced

MEMBERS PRESENT	GUESTS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Mike Matteo	Rich LaVacca	Brianne Minden
Jim Meyer	Joseph Capone	Ryan Fischer
Al Duspiva	Gabriel Rodriguez	
Joseph Kuethen		
Don Lynch		