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STATE FIRE COUNCIL (SFC)

PUBLIC HEARING

**HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (HAR) CHAPTER 12-44.1 ENTITLED TESTING,
CERTIFYING, AND CREDENTIALING INDIVIDUALS WHO PERFORM
MAINTENANCE AND TESTING OF PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, FIRE
PROTECTION SYSTEMS, AND FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS**

MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: March 13, 2018

Place of Meeting: Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) Headquarters
636 South Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present:

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| Manuel P. Neves | SFC Chair Fire Chief, HFD |
| Robert Westerman | SFC Vice Chair Fire Chief, Kauai Fire Department |
| Jeffrey Murray | SFC Member Fire Chief, Department of Fire and Public Safety, County of Maui |
| Darren Rosario | SFC Member Fire Chief, Hawaii County Fire Department |

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| Adam Rosenberg | Deputy Attorney General State of Hawaii Department of the Attorney General |
| Lloyd Rogers | SFC Administrative Specialist |
| Edmund Suzuki | SFC Administrative Specialist |
| Carol-Louise Carper | SFC Secretary |
| Socrates Bratakos | Assistant Chief (AC), HFD |
| Wayne Matsuda | Battalion Chief, HFD |
| Kevin Mokulehua | Fire Captain, HFD |
| Mark Inay | Fire Inspector, HFD |
| Nathan Bourg | National Fire Protection, Service Manager |
| Donald Chang | Simplex-Grinnell/Johnson Construction Inspection Manager |
| Steve Farmer | Oahu Fire Protection, Inc., Vice President |
| Mike Merrell | University of Hawaii, Fire Safety Program Fire Safety Officer |
| Brian Okazaki | Simplex-Grinnell/Johnson Construction Service Sales |
| Joseph Zarriello | Fire Safety System, Inc., President |
| Tony Zarriello | Fire Safety System, Inc., Service Technician |

I. Introduction of Attendees

- A. Chair Neves called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.
- B. Chair Neves welcomed everyone, and an introduction of attendees followed.

Chair Neves stated that he will be the presiding officer for the hearing. Chair Neves explained that the purpose of the meeting was to adopt Chapter 12-44.1 HAR Entitled Testing, Certifying, and Credentialing Individuals Who Perform Maintenance and Testing of Portable Fire Extinguishers, Fire Protection Systems, and Fire Alarm Systems

Motion: Vice Chair Westerman moved to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

Record of Votes: Chair Neves - Aye
Vice Chair Westerman - Aye
Member Murray - Aye
Member Rosario - Aye

C. The notice of public hearing, as published, was read by Lloyd Rogers.

II. Public Testimony

A. There were no written testimonies from individuals or organizations that were present.

B. The following individuals or organizations presented oral testimony:

Mr. Farmer shared some concerns he has in the fire protection industry. The professionalism and licensing aspect of the proposed rules may require some modifications. He testified that training for his company is conducted in house and not with the International Codes Council, the National Fire Protection Association, or the National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies. Vice Chair Westerman suggested to Mr. Farmer to submit suggestions on how his in-house training is conducted and see what could be accepted by Oahu.

Mr. Rogers thanked Mr. Farmer for his testimony and commented that there is a need to have licensed individuals who are certified to current national standards, and the county fire departments do not have the resources to update the certification examinations.

AC Bratakos discussed setting minimum qualifications for all system testing professionals.

III. Comments

Chair Neves opened the floor for comments and questions.

The need to be certified is very important and an independent third party is a viable solution to verify an individual's qualifications and training. Chair Neves requested Mr. Farmer to submit written testimony of his comments by the end of the business day.

IV. Adjournment

With no further testimony, Chair Neves thanked all who attended and informed them that the SFC will discuss its decisions at a meeting directly following the public hearing. A written response by the SFC will be sent to those submitting written testimony.

Motion: Member Rosario moved to adjourn the public hearing at 9:18 a.m. The motion passed.

Record of Votes: Chair Neves - Aye
Vice Chair Westerman - Aye
Member Murray - Aye
Member Rosario - Aye



MANUEL NEVES
Chair