

**Ontario Fire Service Advisory Committee
(Section 21 Committee)*
Final Minutes
December 5-6, 2013**

Meeting held at the IHSA Voyager Training Centre, 21 Voyager Court S, Etobicoke.

Commencing at noon on Thursday December 5, 2013

Present:

John Mavrinac	OPFFA – Committee Co-Chair
Andy Kostiuk	O AFC – Committee Co-Chair
Jeff Atwell	OFM
Chris Francescone	OPFFA
Mike Vilneff	O AFC
Jeff Topliffe	OPFFA
Warren McGillivary	OPFFA
Cathy Hoffman	AMO
Mark Pankhurst	AMO

Joe O’Grady MOL Facilitator

Regrets:

Darren Storey – FFAO
Terry Gervais - O AFC
Rod McEachern - FFAO

Special Guests:

Mark Tevyaw – Technical Specialist - TSSA

1. Review of Draft Minutes from September 26/27, 2013

Minutes accepted as read.

Action: Joe to finalize the minutes and distribute for posting on the websites.

2. Business arising from the minutes - none.

3. Update on the Fire Services Manual: Forward section – Joe

As previously stated the committee consensus was to ensure future (and revised) notes try to specify which elements are legislated requirements and which are recommended best practices.

Action: Committee to review forward during manual update in the spring of 2014

4. Considerations for firefighters responding to incidents in which there may be carbon dioxide leaks - Andy

When responding to occupancies where CO₂ is stored, firefighters must be alert to the possibility that it may be leaking from the delivery systems. Locations where wine fermentation occurs or CO₂ is delivered to businesses in pressurized cylinders and or recent practices of using CO₂ Dewars to deliver large volumes of cryogenic liquefied gas can be of concern.

Action: Draft guidance to be forwarded to PSHSA - Joe

5. Discussion item – Health and wellness for firefighters – Andy/Joe

There was some discussion on the importance of health and wellness for firefighters and the committee supporting workplaces engaging in and adopting healthy workplace programming.

Action: Cathy and Mark to work on reference material for the OFS Manual.

6. Radio Frequency Hazards – Draft GN – Andy

This note revised by the committee.

Action: Joe to review, re-format and send out for comment

7. Discussion: Guidance Note GN #4-9 Respiratory Protection – discussion of comments from MOL Provincial Hygienist

Committee discussed whether to include more detail in the elements listed in the note, consensus was for note to remain as amended and go out for comment.

Action: Joe to send note to go out for comment.

8. Update on elevator rescue training - Mark Tevyaw – Technical Specialist, TSSA

Discussion was around the frequency, duration, and content of the training provided to fire services.

Action: Andy to review GN 6-32 based on this discussion.

9. Discussion item – O. Reg. 714/94 and NFPA references – John/Andy

The committee discussed the current references to NFPA standards and the need to review and update guidance notes. Joe noted that MOL is currently looking at the process of modernizing and updating regulations and will advise the committee as updates are available.

10. Discussion item - CSA SPE900 - Solar photovoltaic rooftop-installation best practices guideline

Some discussion was around the OFM and ESA materials on this topic.

Action: Solar Voltaic note to be reviewed with the other electrical notes (Andy/John) and Jeff A will provide an update from the OFC on this course.

11. Discussion item - NIOSH Report HETA 2012-0028-3190 – precautions during training exercises - Andy

A discussion on the report and training implications and related precautions listed that may be listed in MSDS.

Action: Andy to provide an update in March.

12. GN 6-29 update - Denys

Updates to this note approved.

Action: Joe to send note out for comment

13. Discussion item – cylinder handling, storage, and transport issues – John

A discussion on the concerns around the safe practices required for the handling cylinders and the need for guidance to fire services.

Action: John and Denys to prepare a draft guidance note for review in March.

14. Discussion item - OFS Section 21 Manual appendix D-2 – Darren

Darren to discuss at next meeting under new business

15. Electrical Safety Handbook – update on progress – Andy

It was decided that GNs needing review against the new edition would include 1-7, 6-16, 6-19, 6-20, 6-34 and 6-35

Action: John and Andy to begin this review for March meeting

16. GN 6-6 – review of comments – John/Rod

A title change and minor edits from the comments provided were made. Consensus to move forward to approval.

Action: Joe to re-format and initiate approval process.

17. GN 6-03 – Water and Ice Rescue – update – John/Jeff

Reported that more work still to be done on this note so it will be tabled in March.

18. HCN – Draft GN revisions – Mike/Terry

Revisions were made to expand the scope of this note to fire gases.

Action: Joe to re-format and send out for comment.

19. MOL Report – Joe

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Next Meeting Date:

Proposed: March 7/8 2014