

**Minutes**  
**South Carolina Board of Pyrotechnic Safety**  
**Regular Meeting, November 9, 2010**  
**Fire Marshal's Office Conference Room**

Members attending: John Armstrong; Larry Godfrey; Brian Mixon

Staff attending: John Reich, Deputy Director/State Fire Marshal; Barbara Foster, Administrative Assistant State Fire Marshal; Jerry Wingard

Visitors attending: Mike Solomon, Fireworks Association of S.C.; Joe Burgess, Carolina Fireworks; Roger Scott Sr., Bill Jeanes, Stars and Stripes; Chris Laundra, TNT Fireworks; Danny Dickerson, Kay Harris, Dickerson Fireworks; Paul D. Abbott, Jr., Retail Fireworks Association of South Carolina; Frank Maples, staff

- Co-chairman John Armstrong called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Public Notice of the meeting was properly posted in the S.C. Board of Pyrotechnic Office, Division of Fire & Life Safety, State Fire Marshal's Office, 141 Monticello Trail, Columbia, S.C. and was provided to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the S.C. Freedom of Information Act.
- Approval of Minutes: Brian Mixon made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2010 meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Larry Godfrey. Motion unanimously carried.
- Meeting was lead by John Reich, Deputy Director/State Fire Marshal. He informed the Board that due to conflicting schedules they did not have Legal Counsel for the meeting.
- Licensee report: Barbara Foster
  - Commercial Indoor Operators      13
  - Motion Picture Operators            3
  - Pyrotechnic Trainees                53
  - Unrestricted Operator               47
  - Retail licenses (permanent)        540
  - Retail licenses (temporary)       142
  - Wholesalers                            31
  - Jobbers                                    4
- Administrative Report: John Reich
  - An overview of the Webpage for the Board of Pyrotechnic was discussed.
  - Gov. Mark Sanford appointed two new Board members in November. Angela Renfrow was appointed as a wholesaler representative, and David A Tafaoa as the law enforcement representative. The Governor also issued new appointments to John B. Armstrong, general public and to Larry H. Godfrey, fireman representative.
  - Frank Maples was introduced as the new investigator of the Board of Pyrotechnic Safety. Frank has 25 years experience in the fire service. He will fill Jerry Wingard's position.

- PyrotechnicoVitale has requested permission to conduct a training class on shooting fireworks. The training will be held at the S.C. Fire Academy Saturday April 2, 2011. Participants will receive professional development hours (PDH) for the free training. The facility will also be open to other companies. American Pyrotechnic Association (APA) sends advisories to the Board of Pyrotechnic Safety that we would like to share with the industry. We are in the process of creating an email database for fire marshals to automatically disburse information as we receive it.
- S.C. statute 23-35-175 (Fireworks Prohibited Zones) allows local authorities to prohibit the shooting of fireworks in a particular zone. Lexington County sent a letter advising us of their prohibited zones. Our office will focus on sending letters to each county advising them of this statute and ask that they report prohibited zones in their areas.
- S.C. Department of Transportation sent a letter informing us of findings of the inspection of A+ Driving Training School in Lake Wylie. They felt they were violating fire codes. Upon our inspection of the facility, we found that they were conforming to NFPA1124. Letters were sent resolving the issue.
- Existing non-conforming facilities are allowed to operate at present state. Under new licensing process, application should be in at least 15 days before opening to assure inspection. Insurance cost for firework facilities is competitive. The Board cannot sway a customer's decision in the issue of insurance carrier.
- John spoke on the administrative changes within the Board in the past eight years of his administration. He told the Board that they will have a new Fire Marshal and that the Director would be leaving soon. He hopes that his continued efforts to improve fire service will continue with new leadership.
- Other
  - Statute 87.1 transporting of fireworks is in the processing of being rewritten. This statute states what is allowed to be transported in the US.
  - Explosives may go to third party testing.

Discussion (Fire extinguishers)

John opened the floor for comments.

Next meeting scheduled for February 8, 2011.

Larry Godfrey made a motion to adjourn.

Brian Mixon seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.