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LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: Carbon Monoxide Detectors

DATE OF MEETING: September 6, 1995

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Elizabeth W. Leland, EC *ELW*

LOCATION: CPSC, East-West Towers, Bethesda, Maryland

CPSC ATTENDEE: Elizabeth Leland, EC

NON-CPSC ATTENDEES: See Attached Listing

SUMMARY OF MEETING:
Minutes for the meeting were provided by Task Force 3 and are attached.





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MINUTES -TASK FORCE #3

To : All Task Force 3 (Consumer & Professional Education) Members
From: Bill Smith
Date: 9/6/95

Task Force 3 (Consumer and Professional Education) met on Wednesday, September 6, 1995 at the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission in Bethesda Maryland.

I. Attendees & Observers Present

Elizabeth Leland	Consumer Product Safety Commission
Jim Lansdowne	Piedmont Natural Gas
Mary Ellen Fise	Consumer Federation of America
Leyla Erk McCurdy	American Lung Association
Wendy Gifford	BRK Brands (First Alert)
Angela Mickalide	National Safe Kids Campaign
Bill Johnson	CCI Controls
Bob Craig	System Sensor Div. of Pittway
Teresa Hrones	Underwriters Laboratories Inc.
Susan Strong	Nighthawk Systems, Inc
Sandra Jones	Sandra Jones & Company
Irwin Billick	Gas Research Institute
Jim Ranfone	American Gas Association
Bill Smith	American Sensors
Nancy Harvey Steorts	Nancy Harvey Steorts International
Todd Leeuwenburgh	Product Safety Letter
Gabriel Sanchez	Science Applications

II. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order @ 10:25AM by Chair Bill Smith. He welcomed attendees and had them introduce themselves. In the absence of Julie Stewart, the recording secretary, Mr. Smith asked for a volunteer to take minutes. Sandra Jones volunteered and was asked if she would assume the responsibility for the Task Force since Julie Stewart had a conflicting meeting schedule and would be unable to continue in the roll of recording security. Ms. Jones indicated she would consider it.

III. Minutes

Minutes of the March 9th meeting were read. Two discrepancies were noted: (1) regarding government statistics which were corrected to read "data should be relied on" and (2) correcting the statement to read "Is the FTC looking at claims on the product?" Mr. Billick made the motion to approve the corrected minutes, Ms. Leland seconded and the motion passed.

IV. Discussion

Irv Billick advised Mr. Smith he was officially replacing Dave Barrons as the AGA representative.

The next order of business was to summarize the activities of Task Forces 1, 4, & 6. The only report available was from Task Force 1. It included that there were two new technologies introduced. One using a chemical cell and another using non-dispersent infrared.

It was unknown if the technologies had been submitted or approved by UL, however the group agreed if the technologies are incorporated in a consumer product, information on them should be included as part of Task Force 3. Mr. Smith identified Aim Safety Products as the producer of the chemical cell and Teleire as the infrared technology. He asked that Ms. Strong include their firms on the list of manufactures from whom she should attempt to obtain product information.

It was discussed that although there was a considerable amount of information available to the public, much of it was contradictory. Ms. Mickalide suggested we review the available information to see if from it we could develop key messages. The discussion continued and concern was expressed by members of the Task Force to use our limited resources carefully, include what was important to consumers and not overlap our efforts with those of other Task Forces.

From the discussions, it was agreed to stay abreast of activities on the other Task Forces, and expand our scope to include testing products and meters used by response personnel in addition to detector information. Mr. Smith suggested that Ms. Strong, in addition to the list of detector companies being contacted for product information, obtain information from meter manufacturers, Industrial Scientific and Aim Safety Products.

The discussion continued that before going forward we understand the roll of our committee and our target audience. Ms. Fise took the floor and suggested since there were distinct target audiences that we would be able to accomplish more if we divide into work groups.

V. Motion

Ms. Gifford moved and Ms Mickalide seconded, we created two sub-committees; one for "Public Information" and another for "Professional Information". The motion was voted on and passed.

It was further discussed and agreed upon that each committee:

- 1) Identify key audiences (expanding October 6th list)
- 2) Agree on key messages for each audience
- 3) Identify optimal modes of dissemination
- 4) Discuss evaluation techniques

Ms. Fise made the motion, Ms. Gifford seconded; we accept the four statements. The motion was voted on and passed. The following people volunteered:

Professional Information

Bob Craig
Bill Smith
CPSC representative
AGA representative
EPA representative
Fire Service representative
Angela Mickalide
Sandy Jones

Public Information

Wendy Gifford
Susan Strong
Julie Stewart
CPSC representative
Mary Ellen Fise
Teresa Hrones (UL)
Leyla Erk McCurdy
Nancy Harvey Steorts

A suggestion was made to see if some of the individuals from Task Force 1 would be receptive to participating on the "professional sub-committee" and Mr. Smith agreed to contact them. Ms. Gifford suggested we target the end of the year for final reports. Mr. Billick added that a list of data sources be included with the final report.

VI. Steering Committee Update

Members of the Steering committee updated attendees on their recent meeting and activities. Mr. Smith confirmed Task Force 6 was disbanded. Discussion of the new CPSC report on "Non-Fire-Related CO Death & Injury Incident Estimates" ensued. Ms. Leland agreed to provide copies of the report to attendees after lunch. Task Force 4 minutes just became available 9/5 noting the last meeting ended on a dissident note. The threshold levels of medical vs. public ranged from 65 to 100 ppm. Their next meeting was scheduled for 9/7/95.

Mr. Johnson made us aware that the codes reference to the "test button" on detectors was misleading to consumers since it tested power to the detector, not a test of the sensor. He continued by suggesting the public needs to be able to test sensor and made us aware of two tests kits that were available. Mr. Smith indicated the public interest showed a low interest in the kits.

VII. Detector Information

Ms. Strong brought literature gathered from detector manufactures, reported on her progress, and made materials available to the committee. She had collected brochures and marketing information. Discussion followed asking Ms. Strong to expand future gathering to include operating instructions and owners manuals. Comments about the potential confusion different versions (pre and post June 1 UL changes) of instructions might create. Ms. Hrones of UL was asked to provide information on the UL requirements for owner manuals and packaging along with an update on detectors currently meeting the UL standard. She advised us there were 26 manufactures, approximately 80 devices listed with 8 to 10 of those devices meeting the October standard.

Mr. Smith called for a lunch break, with instructions to reconvene at 1:30

The meeting reconvened @ 1:30. Ms. Leland provided copies of the CPSC report discussed earlier. The findings indicated a decrease in deaths from CO. Discussion ensued. Mr. Ranfone explained the impact and evolution of the standards for space heaters. Mr. Smith asked Ms. Leland if she had contacted EPA to determine what level of involvement they had. The Task Force then divided into their working sub-committees.

VIII. Public Information Sub-Committee Report

Assignments were given, outlines provided and deadlines made. The sub-committee targeted 11/15/95 as their deadline for a draft report to the Task Force.

IX. Professional Information Sub-Committee Report

It was determined a series of common knowledge requirements for each of the 3 target groups needed to be created. The following groups, targets and assignments were made:

Assignment		
Task ⇨	Need series of common ⇨ knowledge questions	Mr. Smith (respond to common questions)
Groups ⇩	Targets within groups ⇩	
1) First Responder ⇨	Fire fighters ⇨	Mr. Lansdowne (support)
	Utilities	
	EMS	
	Hazmat	
2) Health Professional ⇨	Physician ⇨	Ms. Mickalide (health)
	Nurse	
3) Support ⇨	Poison Control / 911 ⇨	Mr. Craig (key messages)
	Central system monitoring	
	HVAC	
	Central station response	

Each of the four groups will have a preliminary report by 10/17/95. Mr. Smith will assemble, disseminate then conference with the sub-committee. The goal would be to have a draft report by 11/17/95 and a final report by the end of the year.

A tentative date of November 17th, 1995 was made for the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Jones