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LOG OF MEETING

PLACE : Doubletree Hotel, Nashville, TN

DATE : September 17 and 18, 1995

SUBJECT : NFPA 901 Fire Reporting Committee Meeting

NON-CPSC ATTENDEES : Dal Howard, Chairman, Los Angeles City F.D.
Marion Long, Va Dept of Fire Programs,
NFIC
Ralph Sellars, Factory Mutual
Carl Peterson, NFPA
Stan Stewart, U.S. Fire Administration
Dee Morrison, Dallas Fire Department
Mark Chubb, Southeastern Association of
Fire Chiefs, Inc.

CPSC ATTENDEES : Linda Smith, EHHA

SUMMARY : The primary purpose of this meeting was to revise NFPA 902M, Fire Reporting Field Incident Manual, which had been sent back to the Committee for revision by a vote of the NFPA general membership in May. The Committee had recommended withdrawal of the entire document.

The meeting began with an update from Marion Long and Dee Morrison on the status of the NFIC activity to establish a revised fire reporting system using new software (including a new coding structure) and new hardware. The codes are currently being tested in several locations. The software is scheduled for pilot testing in early 1996. It was estimated that the complete system will be ready to send to localities in mid-1997 and that implementation may begin January 1998.

Committee members indicated that there is need for a Users Guide to complement the Quick Reference Guide. Stan Stewart indicated that they recognized this, but their plans to do it remain in the future. USFA also plans a software utility for users to compare the old codes with the new codes.

There was a discussion of the Fixed Property Use codes which NFIC proposes to reduce to about 100, rather than the approximate 700 in the current 901 system. Stan Stewart requested that the Committee develop a proposal for what it wants. This will be developed at a meeting of the Committee in Chicago in November.

The Committee also discussed its response to Mr. Isman, whose proposal to revise the sprinkler codes was sent back to Committee by the membership in May but rejected by the Committee in a subsequent vote. Following resolution of this issue, the Committee proceeded with revision of the 902M document.

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