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TEXAS STATE FIRE MARSHAL OFFICIAL ORDERS ISSUED MAY 2005 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2006

Lorenzo Yin d/b/a Firetech Co. of El Paso, acting individually and as a firm, allegedly violated the fire extinguisher rules, after servicing and modifying a fixed fire extinguisher system in the cooking area of an El Paso restaurant, by failing to attach a red tag, which would indicate the system was unsafe due to a disconnected automatic electrical power shut-off for the cooking appliances according to case LC04-068. The firm has been cited in previous consent orders. The State Fire Marshal, in order number FM-1153, dated 5-3-05, permitted the firm and Mr. Yin to retain their extinguisher Certificate of Registration ECR-1426 and Fire Extinguisher License (FEL-7983A), subject to payment of an administrative penalty of \$1,000, and providing a written report each month, to the El Paso Fire Department, for the next six months, of the locations in which they perform service, maintenance, installation or inspection work on any fixed fire extinguisher system.

Big Tex Fireworks, Ltd., of Bastrop, allegedly stored, possessed and sold fireworks to retailers without holding the applicable fireworks license according to case LC03-141. The State Fire Marshal, under order number FM-1154, dated 5-16-05, permitted the firm to obtain a subsequently issued jobber license (FWJ-0041), subject to payment of an administrative penalty of \$1,000.

Electronic Monitoring Services, L.L.C., of Matairie, LA, acting by or through its employees or agents as a central monitoring station, upon receipt of a fire alarm signal from a motel in Bellmead, allegedly failed to immediately (within 90 seconds) retransmit the signal to the public fire service communication center, as required by the adopted NFPA standard, according to case LC04-094. The State Fire Marshal, under order number FM-1155, dated 5-19-05, permitted the firm to retain its fire alarm Certificate of Registration (ACR-2370) subject to paying an administrative penalty of \$1,500.

Gerald A. Huck, of Temple. The State Fire Marshal, under order number FM-1156, dated 5-20-05, permitted Mr. Huck to obtain a fire alarm technician license, subject to a two year probation, during which he may not violate any laws of the State of Texas or be convicted of any criminal violation, excluding traffic offenses.

Robert E. Deem, of Texas City, while employed by Longhorn Fire Protection, allegedly contracted with customers and failed to perform contracted services, by failing to service portable fire extinguishers in compliance with the adopted NFPA standards, failing to service portable fire extinguishers in compliance with the manufacturer's requirements, and failing to provide supporting evidence of performing hydrostatic tests, according to case LC04-166 (and others). The State Fire Marshal, under order number FM-1157, dated 6-6-05, revoked fire extinguisher license number FEL-10107-A issued to Robert E. Deem.

Christopher Deem, of Texas City, while employed by Longhorn Fire Protection, allegedly contracted with customers and failed to perform contracted services, by failing to service portable fire extinguishers in compliance with the adopted NFPA standards, failing to service portable fire extinguishers in compliance with the manufacturer's requirements, failing to provide supporting evidence of performing hydrostatic tests, and failing to install and service fixed fire extinguisher systems for a restaurant cooking area, in compliance with the manufacturer's requirements and the adopted NFPA standards according to case LC04-194 (and others). The State Fire Marshal, under order number FM-1158, revoked fire extinguisher license FEL-9324-A issued to Christopher Deem.

Christopher Deem, d/b/a Longhorn Fire Protection, of Texas City, allegedly contracted with customers and failed to perform contracted services, by failing to service portable fire extinguishers according to the adopted NFPA standards, failing to service portable fire extinguishers in compliance with the manufacturer's requirements, failing to provide supporting evidence of performing hydrostatic tests, and failing to install and

service fixed fire extinguisher systems for a restaurant cooking area, according to the manufacturer's requirements and the adopted NFPA standards according to case LC04-166 (and others). The State Fire Marshal, under order number FM-1159, dated 6-6-06, revoked Certificate of Registration ECR-1653 issued to Christopher Deem, d/b/a Longhorn Fire Protection.

Alan Elliot Israelow d/b/a/ Jenco Services, of Mansfield, acting individually and as a firm, inspected a fire alarm system in a church in Duncanville, found a fire alarm zone inoperable, attached a red tag, but allegedly failed to timely notify the local authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) in writing that the system was inoperable or impaired according to case LC04-221. The State Fire Marshal, under order number FM-1160, dated 8-4-05, permitted the firm to retain its fire alarm Certificate of Registration, ACR-2484, subject to paying an administrative penalty of \$500.

Wayne E. Dalton d/b/a/ Master Sound, of Dallas, acting individually and as a firm, serviced a fire alarm system at a country club in Wylie and found a manual fire alarm box inoperable and telephone lines that would not convey a fire alarm signal to the central station, attached a red tag, but allegedly failed to timely notify the local authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) that the system was inoperable or impaired according to case LC05-077. The State Fire Marshal, under order number FM-1161, dated 9-1-05, permitted the firm to retain its fire alarm Certificate of Registration, ACR-1226, subject to paying an administrative penalty of \$500.

AAA Fire and Safety Equipment Co., Inc., of Austin, acting by or through its employees or agents, allegedly failed to install and service a cooking area fixed fire extinguisher system, at a restaurant in Austin, in compliance with the adopted NFPA standards or the manufacturer's requirements. Discharge nozzles, were located closer to the fuel than permitted; were located above the center of the appliance when they were required to be on the perimeter; and were used to cover a larger surface area than permitted. In addition the discharge piping was loose and the gas shutoff valve, listed for indoor environments, was installed outside the building according to case LC03-102. At another restaurant in Austin the discharge nozzles did not have blow-off caps and were congested with grease according to case LC04-014. The firm has been cited in previous consent orders. The State Fire Marshal, under order number FM-1162, dated 9-1-05, permitted the firm to retain its extinguisher Certificate of Registration, ECR-827, subject to paying the cost to fix the systems and an administrative penalty of \$1,200.

Chubb Security Systems, Inc., of Austin, acting by or through its employees or agents, allegedly serviced a fire alarm system, in an apartment complex for the elderly in Galveston, disconnected part of the fire alarm system, attached a red tag, but failed to timely notify the local authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) that the system was inoperable or impaired according to case LC04-082. The State Fire Marshal, under order number FM-1163, dated 9-2-05, permitted the firm to retain its fire alarm Certificate of Registration, ACR-84089-642, subject to paying an administrative penalty of \$750.

Diversified Fire Protection, Inc., of Fort Worth, acting by or through its employees or agents, allegedly modified the fire alarm system in a hotel in Corpus Christi, failed to notify the authority having jurisdiction or submit preliminary drawings prior to beginning the installation according to case LC05-122. The State Fire Marshal, under order number FM-1164, dated 9-9-05, permitted the firm to retain its fire alarm Certificate of Registration, ACR-1039, subject to paying an administrative penalty of \$500.

1st Alarm Fire Protection, Inc., of Fort Worth, acting by or through its officers, employees or agents, allegedly failed to obtain a branch office registration in Abeline and failed to service several household fire alarm system by or under the direct on-site supervision of an appropriately licensed technician in the San Antonio area, according to case LC04-216 & 025. The State Fire Marshal, under order number FM-1165, dated 9-19-05, permitted the firm to retain its fire alarm Certificate of Registration, ACR-1756, subject to paying an administrative penalty of \$1,500.

POL-LEE Fire Extinguisher Company, Inc., of Fort Worth, acting by or through its employees or agents, allegedly failed to use licensed individuals to hydrostatically test extinguishers and failed to display registration numbers on service vehicles according to case LC05-116. The State Fire Marshal, under order number FM-1166, dated 10-5-05, permitted the firm to retain its fire alarm Certificate of Registration, ECR-069, subject to paying an administrative penalty of \$1,000.

Brandon P. Billings d/b/a Lake Area Protection Company, of Mabank, acting individually and as a firm, allegedly serviced a fire alarm system, found a manual fire alarm box inoperable, attached a red tag, but failed to timely notify the local authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) that the system was inoperable or impaired according to case LC05-072. The State Fire Marshal, under order number FM-1167 & FM-1168, dated 10-27-05, permitted the firm to retain its fire alarm Certificate of Registration, ACR-2343, and Mr. Billings to retain his license FAL-4924, subject to paying an administrative penalty of \$250.

Mohammed Reza Shoghi, of Austin, while employed by AAA Fire and Safety Equipment Co., Inc., allegedly failed to service a cooking area fixed fire extinguisher system, at a restaurant in Austin, in compliance with the adopted NFPA standards or the manufacturer's requirements. After finding discharge nozzles were located closer to the fuel than permitted; perimeter nozzles were located above the center of the appliance; nozzles covered a larger surface area than permitted; the discharge piping was loose; the gas shutoff valve, listed for indoor environments, was installed outside the building; failed to attach a red tag and timely notify the local authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) that the system was inoperable or impaired according to case LC03-102. The State Fire Marshal, under order number FM-1169, dated 11-1-05, permitted Mr. Shoghi to retain his extinguisher license FEL-9343 subject to an administrative penalty of \$500.

American Promotional Events of TX, LP, d/b/a Plains Wholesale Fireworks, of Lubbock, allegedly failed to maintain records of retail fireworks sales permits in a manner required by the commissioner, by failing to complete all the information on over 140 permits, according to case LC05-158. The State Fire Marshal, under order number FM-1170, dated 12-19-05, permitted the firm to retain its distributor license, FWD-0078, subject to payment of an administrative penalty of \$1,000.

Big-Tex Fireworks, Ltd., of Elgin, allegedly failed to maintain records of retail fireworks sales permits in a manner required by the commissioner, by failing to provide accurate information on over 40 permits, according to case LC05-267. The State Fire Marshal, under order number FM-1171, dated 12-19-05, permitted the firm to retain its jobber license, FWJ-0041, subject to payment of an administrative penalty of \$500.

Ryan K. Hadorn, of Fort Worth. The State Fire Marshal, under order number FM-1172, dated 12-20-05, denied the application of Mr. Hadorn for a fire alarm technician license having failed to demonstrate a present fitness for a license after conviction of criminal misconduct.

Phantom of New Mexico, Inc., d/b/a Big Bear Fireworks, Inc., of Youngstown Ohio, allegedly failed to distribute fireworks as required by the fireworks rules, by failing to return the copies of the fireworks retail permits they issued prior to March 1 of the following year, according to case LC05-182. The State Fire Marshal, under order number FM-1173, dated 12-20-05, permitted the firm to retain its distributor license, FWD-0094, subject to payment of an administrative penalty of \$500.

WINCO Fireworks International, LLC., of Lone Jack, Missouri, allegedly failed to distribute fireworks as required by the fireworks rules, by failing to return the copies of the fireworks retail permits they issued prior to March 1 of the following year, according to case LC05-184. The State Fire Marshal, under order number FM-1174, dated 1-10-06, permitted the firm to retain its distributor's license, FWD-0073, subject to payment of an administrative penalty of \$750.

McCullen Williams, Jr., of Arlington, employed by ADT Security Services, Inc., of Fort Worth, allegedly failed to notify the property owner of a skating rink in Arlington and the local authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) in writing after attaching a red tag to a fire alarm system, according to case LC05-117. The State Fire Marshal, under order number FM-1175, dated 1-10-06, permitted Williams to retain his fire alarm technician license, FAL-4086, subject to payment of an administrative penalty of \$500.

Griffin Communications and Security Systems, Inc., of Point, acting by or through its officers, employees or agents, allegedly failed to plan several fire alarm systems (for both residential and commercial occupancies) using an appropriately licensed individual, failed to service and test fire alarm systems using appropriately licensed technicians, failed to complete and post a certificate of installation (FML-009), failed to comply with the NFPA standards by not providing a smoke detector above the control panel, not adequately supporting fire

alarm cables (laying them on ceiling tiles), and not providing protection to cables entering the control panel, according to case LC02-099, LC02-108, LC03-034, LC03-143, LC03-144, and LC03-145 pursuant to the installation of fire alarm systems in Greenville, Commerce, Campbell, and Sulphur Springs. The firm voluntarily corrected the violations at a cost of \$10,655. In addition, the State Fire Marshal, under order number FM-1176, dated 2-2-06, permitted the firm to retain its fire alarm Certificate of Registration, ACR-1016, subject to payment of an administrative penalty of \$9,000.

David L. DeHart, Sr., and David L. DeHart, Jr., d/b/a/ DeHart Fire Systems, of Bedford, acting individually and as a firm, allegedly failed to maintain the required liability insurance according to case LC04-163. The State Fire Marshal, under order number FM-1177, dated 2-8-06, permitted the firm to retain its fire alarm Certificate of Registration, ACR-2045, subject to payment of an administrative penalty of \$1050.

David Lima, of Onalaska, acting individually and as a firm, allegedly failed to comply with the fireworks rules by not providing panic or fire exit hardware on the exit doors and not providing exit doors that open in the direction of egress, and other violations at a fireworks indoor retail site, at 13762 Hwy 190 West, in Polk County, by or in Onalaska, according to case LC05-189. The State Fire Marshal, under order number FM-1178, dated 2-8-06, permitted Lima to retain a permit to sell retail fireworks from that location, subject to providing a written statement attesting to the fact that all necessary repairs and corrections were completed and a payment of an administrative penalty of \$1,000.