

REGISTERED FIRE PROTECTION TECHNICIAN MEETING

February 18, 2015
BCIT – SW3 – Room 1710
5:30PM

In Attendance:

Rob Barrett, RFPT, Vice Chair, Fire Protection Certification Board
Dave Clou , Fire Protection Compliance Officer
Don Delcourt, AScT, EngL, Chair, Fire Protection Certification Board
Bob Furlong, Manager, Fire Protection Registrations
Erin Macedo, Coordinator, Technical Specialist Registrations

Meeting was called to order at 5:36pm

Introductions

- A) Don Delcourt talked about a couple of the updates as of late:
- 1) ASTTBC Fire Protection Website is being updated.
(please send us suggestions!)
 - 2) All Challenge Exams are being updated
- B) The reason for the meeting is to get feedback from the technicians and people in the field. We want to know what's working and what's not. How can we make the program better?
- C) Tags: ASTTBC wants to improve proper tag use guidelines and the way we communicate this to the techs. Compliance department has come across many issues with the tags.

Comment from techs: AHJ say they want things punched out on the tag and it's against what ASTTBC wants. Discussion.

- D) Electrical Work Practitioner: What's the status on this program? *It likely won't be offered for at least another year due to some legal matters.*
- E) Verification of Fire Alarms is now in 'abeyance' and ASTTBC will not be certifying in this discipline until, at least, end of 2015.
- F) Code Books: *Part of membership could include access to Codes and Standards via the website.*
- G) A requirement Matrix will be available soon via the website. This would include things like Codes and Standards, forms and tools.
- H) Electronic Stamps: (By show of hands) The majority of techs at the meeting were in favor of an electronic stamp.
- I) Questions and discussion surrounding 120V testing. *Unless you are a ticketed electrician you can only unplug and check the E-Lights. Don't start messing with the wires. Don't touch above 120V.*

- J) Newsletters and meeting notices: Suggestion: *Send them to the manager or head technician to disperse.* This would be a difficult administrative task. It could be narrowed down to each company but even then it's not guaranteed to make it to everyone. We will continue to send notices to each technician – please keep your information up to date with Erin – namely email!
- K) ASTTBC is looking at Registering Companies. This idea is still in its infancy, Please contact Rob Barrett (rbarrett@bartecfire.com) if you have any comments or questions about this issue.
- L) Discussion surrounding Water-Based Fire Protection Systems – Clarity needed – Chloramine/Chlorine?
- M) Logbooks: This is a requirement. Technicians are required to keep a log of the work they do.
- N) Stamps: Each technician is to have ONE stamp only.
- O) FAQ on the website – Erin and Bob are creating an FAQ section on the website.
- P) Auditing Program: most of the techs were in favor of an auditing program.

Tech feedback:

1. Code Books: *Part of membership should include access to Codes and Standards via the website*
2. *Go with the Property Manager to do auditing on buildings.*
3. *Post a Fire Hall Database on the WWW*
4. *Have meetings narrowed down to the individual disciplines*
5. *September/October would be an ideal time for the next meeting*
6. *Get AHJ at the next meeting.*
7. *Get Business Owners at the next meeting*
8. *Have a form for topic suggestions for the next meeting on the website*
9. *Have highlights from each Board Meeting posted on the website*
10. *When we send out annual dues notices include a form asking for email addresses*

| Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm

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