

March 25, 2021

Life Safety & Property Protection Education Board Teleconference Meeting Minutes  
OSFM, 8181 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806

**ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Erin St. Pierre- Chairman & Deputy Chief, Office of the State Fire Marshal

David Allen - Security

Richard Booth - Fire Sprinkler

Mace Bourgeois - Fire Extinguishers

Francois Camenzuli – Associate Industry

Blaine Champagne - Locksmith

Kevin Chauvin - Door Hardware

Dera DeRoche Jolet - Associate Industry

Russell Guidry – Hydrostatic Testing

John Harmon – Elevator Industry

Jeffrey Okun – Fire Alarm

Paul Robinson – Gate Systems

**ABSENT MEMBERS:**

Daniel Brown - Fire Suppression

Lee Gillen – Security

**Visitors:**

Marlene Aucoin – OSFM

Tre Bezou – Bezou’s Bank Locking & Security Specialist Academy

Kevin Broussard- National Elevator Industry Educational Program

Paeton Burkett – DPS/SFM Attorney

Kirk Caron - Elevator Industry

Kyle Chamber – Elite CEU

Kirsten Kassem – Elite CEU

Randy Laguna –Louisiana Fire Sprinkler Association

Ricky Robique - OSFM

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Erin St. Pierre** called meeting to order at 10:13a.m. at the Office of the Fire Marshal headquarters. The meeting was held via teleconference. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Erin St. Pierre explained that with the new legislation and name change that the LSPP Education Board was considered to be an all new Board. Erin introduced the newest member Mr. John Harmon of the Conveyance Industry. There was a roll call of the Board members present on the Teleconference and it was established that there was a quorum.

### AGENDA:

- ❖ **Pledge of Allegiance**
- ❖ **Erin** acknowledged that there indeed was a quorum for the meeting.
- ❖ **Review/ acceptance of October 15, 2020 meeting minutes.** Board members reviewed the minutes. A motion was made by Paul Robinson. to accept the minutes from October 15, 2020. The motion was seconded by Francois Camenzuli. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ **Erin discussed agenda items numbers 9-18 FED Learning Center presentations**, these items will not go forward. FED Learning Center representative Nicki Smith submitted an email to the LSPP Education Board and it was read by Erin St. Pierre for the record. The email states “Thank you, we currently do not have the capability digitally inside of courses to provide the identification that the board is looking for. In regard to the testing, the NAFED/ICC test is proctored by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party via webcam. Many people say that the FEDLC course prepares them for that test. I appreciate being asked to re-present for initial certification and explain the testing portion, however, I feel that if we do further explain the later to the board, it still won’t be approved as we can’t meet the identification requirements they are looking for.
  - **Mace Bourgeois** questioned what FEDLC needed for approval. Erin explained the testing portion of the course was up the LSPP Board standard. The person testing could not prove their identity.
- ❖ **Erin discussed agenda item number 20 LLSSA Life Safety Course, Maintenance, Troubleshoot, and Service Course** successful completion of courses would give equivalency to ESA/NTS CFAT (Certified Fire Alar, this will not go forward at this time. Dera states the course was not complete at this time.
- ❖ **Review and Vote on Elite CEU Electronic Access Control Installation** as an initial certification for Special Locking technician. Kevin Chauvin and Blaine Champagne to review the course. Erin St. Pierre asked Blaine Champagne his opinion on the course. Mr. Champagne state that the course is extensive and provides a lot of good information, he recommends the course as an initial. Kevin Chauvin also recommends the course. Mr. Chauvin states best interactive course, the course would not allow you to go forward without completing that portion of the course. Erin asked if anyone from Elite CEU was present, both Kirsten Kassem and Kyle Chamber were present to answer any questions asked. Dera DeRoche Jolet questioned whether this course was a narrow niche field or all types of locking. Mr. Chambers

answered that the course is extensive. Kevin Chauvin explained that the course covered more hardware basics than normal. Kirsten Kassem said the course was a certification course and it is a 15-hour course. Ricky Roubique questioned Blaine Champagne and Kevin Chauvin if the course was the course strictly Special Locking and not Mechanical Locking correct? They both responded that the course was strictly Special Locking. A motion was made by Kevin Chauvin to accept the Elite CEU Electronic Access Control Installation course as an initial certification for Special Locking. The motion was seconded by Jeff Okun. All were in favor, none opposed. The

❖ **Tre Bezou of Bezou's Bank Locking & Security Specialist Academy** presented as series of Security courses to the Board. The courses are: Security Level 1 course as an initial certification course for Security Technician, Security Level II course as a Qualifier Certification for Security, Security Sales and Design course as an initial certification course for Property Protection Sales Specialist, CCTV Specialist course as an initial certification course CCTV Specialist, and Special Locking course as an initial certification course for Special Locking Specialist.

- Security Level 1 course: The course covers basic electronics, learning how to wire alarm panels, properly use a multi-meter, and solder. The student learns entry level Security and basic field work. The course is given online and can be taken in the classroom. At the end of every course the section the quiz the student takes tells them the answers that they got incorrect and it gives the student the correct answer. David Allen questioned whether the student tested in person. Mr. Bezou said stated that the exam was proctored by himself and someone whom worked of his company. Erin St. Pierre explained this could not be done as the person who gave the course could not give the exam. David Allen, Jeff Okun, Paul Robinson, and John Harmon all volunteered to review this course.
- The Level II course covers: Access Control, CCTV, Sales Design, Special Locking, Door Hardware, NFPA, OSHA, PPE and much more. The student must receive at least a 75% to pass the proctored exam. Much like the Level I course the Level II course the student is give a quiz at the end of each section. If the student passes the quiz the student is given the answer to any questions they may have gotten incorrect. Dera Jolet suggested to give them a section to review, but not give the student the answers to questions they got wrong on the quiz. The questions to the test are changed monthly as to not have the test duplicated, but the format is the same. David Allen questioned if the Board members could review just the Level I and Level II and it cover all the requirements for certifications for Property Protections Sales Specialist, CCTV Specialist, and Special Locking Specialist. Erin asked Mr. Bezou to answer David Allen's question. Mr. Bezou states that students who take the Bezou's Bank Locking & Security Specialist Academy Level I or Level II cover the material as in the specialties courses Security Sales and Design, CCTV, and Special Locking.
- Security Sales and Design course as an initial certification course for Property Protection Sales Specialist. This course will be reviewed by Board Members David Allen, Jeff Okun, Paul Robinson, and John Harmon.
- CCTV Specialist course as an initial certification course CCTV Specialist. This course will be reviewed by Board Members David Allen, Jeff Okun, Paul Robinson, and John Harmon.
- Special Locking course as an initial certification course for Special Locking Specialist. This course will be reviewed by Board Members David Allen, Jeff Okun, Paul Robinson, and John Harmon.

❖ **Randy Laguna of Louisiana Fire Sprinkler Association** presented the Association Meetings to be considered as CEU courses for Sprinkler. The course is worth one credit hour. A motion was made by David Allen to accept Louisiana Fire Sprinkler Association meetings as a CEU course for Sprinkler. The motion was seconded by Richard Booth. All were in favor, none opposed.

❖ **Kevin Broussard of National Elevator Industry Educational Program** presented the NEIEP Continuing Education to be considered as CEU courses for Conveyance Device Mechanics. NEIEP program has been in existing since the

1960's and is certified with the Department of Labor. The courses are classes both in classroom and online. The classroom setting is a lot of hands on training for the student. Mr. Broussard explained how the certificate would appear once student successfully completed the course. A motion was made by Francois Camenzuli to accept the National Elevator Industry Educational Program Continuing Education as CEU courses for Conveyance Device Mechanics. The motion was seconded by John Harmon. All were in favor, none opposed.

❖ **Megan Fitzmaurice of NAESA International** was to the NAESA International Continuing Education-Code Webinar course to be considered as a CEU course for Conveyance Device Inspectors. Megan was not on the phone conference. Marlene Aucoin was unable to reach Ms. Fitzmaurice via phone during the meeting. A motion was made by Kevin Chauvin to table the vote the NAESA International Continuing Education –Code Webinar course to be considered as a CEU for Conveyance Device Inspectors. The motion was seconded by David Allen. All were in favor, none were opposed. The motion was passed unanimously.

❖ **New Business: Ricky Roubique** explained the Office of the Fire Marshal did a review of the Kitchen Suppression firm certifications. As the new certification requirements for the Kitchen Suppression qualifiers took effect on January 1, 2021. It was found that a large number of the firms did not have the proper certifications for the qualifier. This was due largely to COVID, hurricanes, or being displaced. of their certification had not met the proper requirements for set forth by the Board. There are a large number of firms that have not obtained the proper certification. The certifications voted on by the Board in 2019 for Kitchen Suppression qualifiers is equal to the certifications of the Pre-Engineered qualifiers. These certifications were to take effect on January 1, 2021. So Chief Browning went the Governor and proposed that there be an extension from January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021 to give the firms additional time obtain the proper certification. Ricky read the Proclamation for the record, 30 Section 3:(D)(2)(b)states the deadline to obtain the required certification or education, as required by the Life Safety and Property Protection Education Board, for those who currently hold a kitchen suppression qualifier license to obtain the required certification or education, not including the Fire Marshal Administrative Rules Courses, the Fire Marshal Plan Review Course, and the Life Safety Course is extended to December 31, 2021 from the initial deadline of January 1, 2021.

- Dera Jolet – Spoke to the Board about what she has been witnessing people do during following CEU courses. She states that the do the following:
  - Walking out of the room
  - Blacking out the screen
  - Texting
  - Online
  - On the Phone
- She just implemented in her LLSSA courses starting in March, that you can no longer have a phone with you. You cannot be gone longer than fifteen minutes from the classroom or you forfeit your CEU course. If you are online, you better be in front of the camera. If you do not have a camera on your computer use your phone to take your course.

❖ Motion was made by David Allen to adjourn at 11:58 A.M. The motion was seconded by Kevin Chauvin. All were in favor, none opposed.