

Iowa State Fire Marshal's Office
Iowa Fire Extinguishing and Alarm System Certification Advisory Board
UNAPPROVED-Meeting Minutes –September 28, 2022

Members Present-by phone:

David Kuhn
Doug Richard
Justin Frederick
Frank McGuire
Kristen Spina
Jason Davis

Members Not Present:

John Hadley
Don Faux

State Fire Marshal Staff Present:

Jeannie Guttenfelder, Management
Analyst 3

Public Present:

Jeff Getz

The Iowa Fire Extinguishing and Alarm System Certification Advisory Board meeting was held via conference call on Wednesday, September 28, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Chair Doug Richard.

The meeting minutes from August 2, 2021 were discussed and a **motion** to approve made by David Kuhn. Jason Davis **seconded** the motion and the minutes were **approved** with no changes unanimously.

The board members discussed recommendation of approval of the Getz Fire Equipment Company's preengineered systems training as an alternative qualifier for licensing of technicians for maintenance inspection endorsement only of preengineered dry chemical/wet agent fire suppression systems.

Alternative qualifiers for the preengineered dry chemical/wet agent fire suppression systems is a concern because it is widely known that most manufacturers will not train technicians directly unless the company is also a distributor. Not all companies are able to acquire distributorship with various manufacturers.

Concerns were registered regarding how the instructors for Getz's program are qualified. Jeff Getz was present by phone and explained their instructors are all certified by the various system manufacturers. There were also concerns, if approved, the training might lead to other fire equipment companies offering training to "help comply" with licensing requirements.

It was agreed there are few alternative qualifier options and the benefit to approval of this training program would be another alternative to NICET, ICC, or FPC. The board did feel it was beneficial to have a training program that offered hands-on exposure to the various systems for training rather than webinars.

The board voted 5 yeas/1 nay to recommend approval of the Getz training program to the State Fire Marshal. Jeannie Guttenfelder informed the board she would present their comments and concerns to the State Fire Marshal. Ms. Guttenfelder will email notification to the board and Mr. Getz once the State Fire Marshal has made a decision regarding approval of the program.

There was no other board business and no public comments. As the board does not have routine business to discuss, no meeting was tentatively scheduled at this time. The board meeting adjourned at 10:48am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Guttenfelder, Management Analyst 3