

Alarm & Locksmith Committee report for the December 7, 2011 held in Room # 806 OSDH

Paul Juneau called the meeting to order at 9:05 am, and requested approval of last month's minutes. The minutes were approved, Paul then turned the meeting over to Don Maisch from the OSDH legal department who made the presentation from the Ad-hoc Committee's findings. (Lowell Robert showed this presentation to the members of the OMLA at our last meeting) The presentation covered how the State was making changes to how complaints are handled and recorded, and that anyone who enters a complaint would be contacted in a timely manner on the findings and out come of the complaint. He also explained how ALL complaints would be recorded in the data base and kept on record, and how all data is stored and handled. How the Governor had lifted the hard freeze on hiring so a replacement could be hired for Matt Schue's position. He also covered all the steps that every complaint will go through after it is received. Then he covered how the changes would be made to handle violation prosecution. He also discussed steps to get another enforcement officer. Lowell Roberts asked legal how we could put more teeth in the enforcement side of the law, and there was much discussion from the room on this issue. One of the area's fire marshal was present at the meeting and said more cooperation between the fire marshals & the State would help, and the fire marshal would provide more education on what to look for as far as violations. Next, Paul turned the meeting over to the discussion from the Ad-Hoc Committee. Jack Sink addressed the committee on the Ad-Hoc recommendations. First was the requirement of all licensed companies to carry a minimum amount of liability insurance. The board voted to have legal do a impact study on this issue first, before any decision would be made. Then Jack talked about doing the Central Station Monitoring survey. Jack then gave a copy of a list of PSA to put out to the public. (the list will be put on the website) Then Jack confirmed the enforcement process review that Don Maisch had presented. The next thing was the residential tagging Issue, and that it was moving well. Jack asked legal about the financial report, and Don said he would get with the accounting department to get it to the committee as soon as possible. Then Jack turned the meeting back over to Paul Juneau and he moved into the review of company applications. There were only three companies to review, two were approved. And one was tabled until next month. None of the companies were locksmiths. Then Paul moved to new items, and there were none. Next, old items: One of the people in the room wanted to know if the money for the Alarm & Locksmiths was put in the State's general fund or kept in a separate account? Don said that the money was kept separate and that they could only send a certain percent for running, personnel and upkeep costs. Then Paul moved to the report from OSDH staff. Keith Gabel said that there had been 15 complaints registered since the November meeting, but could not cover the status of them at this time. Then Paul moved to discussion from the general public.

Lowell Roberts asked the board what the committee could do to put more teeth in the enforcement of our rules & law. There was a lot of suggestions and discussion for the room on this. Then the fire marshal got up in front of the committee and presented them with some proposed ideas to help them in enforcement. His main complaint was no lettering or numbers on company trucks. Their suggestion was to require all company's shop trucks that transport tool or supplies to have company lettering & license numbers on them. There was a good bit of discussion on this from the committee and the room. Then Paul called for adjournment at 11:24 am. The next meeting will be on Jan.4, 2012 Room #806

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