

## **Rhode Island Rehabilitation**

### **Building and Fire Code**

#### **Minutes of 8-18-04 meeting**

**A subcommittee of the Joint Committee for the Rhode Island Rehabilitation Building and Fire Code met in the Crystal Room, William Powers Administration Building at One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI on Wednesday, August 18, 2004. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Chairman George Farrell.**

**Present at the meeting were Commissioners Wahlberg, Preiss, Pearson and Burlingame. Also present were State Fire Marshal Irving J. Owens, Mr. Robert Duval, New England Regional Manager of NFPA, ASDF Richard James, RI State Building Commissioner Daniel DeDentro, Old Saybrook CT Fire Marshal Don Dobson and Thomas B. Coffey, Esq., Executive Director of the RI Fire Safety Code.**

**To open the meeting, Chairman Farrell introduced Marshal Dobson and Mr. Robert Duval. The Chairman then read into the record a letter from Mr. Duval thanking the committee for their work in addressing the issue of conflicts between the building and fire codes. Mr. Duval also addressed specific issues brought up by Marshal Owens and Building Commissioner DeDentro, and expressed NFPA's commitment to assisting the state in the development of statewide**

**safety codes.**

**Marshal Dobson then addressed the group and gave an overview of Connecticut's fire and building codes. He outlined the mission of his state as it pertained to forging a working relationship between the Building and Fire Boards and described their seventeen member Code of Standards Board.**

**Marshal Dobson stressed the importance of providing training and resources for the personnel responsible for enforcing the codes, and outlined the appeal process used by the State of Connecticut.**

**The next meeting of the subcommittee will be held on Wednesday, September 8, 2004 at 2:00 pm in Conference Room A.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Carol Marsella**