

NFPA Technical Committee on Technical Search and Rescue

Frist Draft Meeting NFPA 2500 (1670)

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## **Guests**

Jeff Young- IAFF

Wayne Chapman

## **Wednesday**

Meeting called to order by Chair Ben Waller at 08:15 hours; a sign in sheet and roster was circulated to members in attendance.

Remarks were offered by the Chair including a moment of silence for a former committee member and colleague from the Alabama State Fire College.

A lengthy and comprehensive presentation followed by Ken Holland our NFPA staff Liaison. This included a detailed review of the standards consolidation process, and specifics on each step and expectations of TC members.

NFPA 2500 will consist of several documents grouped under one umbrella document and to date includes NFPA 1983 and 1858 at this time.

The five-year revision cycle process was defined and explained, including the concept of "committee week" meetings to facilitate interaction by various document teams and stakeholders.

At the completion of the TC training presentation Chair Waller adjourned for lunch from 11:55 until 13:10

The meeting was called back to order at 13:10 hours, at which time the Chair introduced the members of the NFPA 1983 committee and their Chair who made some remarks to the group.

Opportunities for collaboration were discussed and invited by both groups; the visitors left the room to return to their own project after each introduced themselves.

A discussion ensued regarding specific elements of the Rope Rescue section of the document and specific capabilities defined therein. This focused on the need to potentially ADD a specialty level for rope rescue specialty operations.

The discussion was halted by the Chair and at his request tabled to move forward with our tasking. It will be taken up at a later time for further consideration.

Work began to review section/chapter specific changes made by the NFPA 1983 group that affected NFPA 1670. This included changes to definitions, and several sections of administrative chapters. Discussion over the removal of the term "Equivalency" from the document definitions ensued; while appropriate for a piece of equipment or hardware it raises the issue of alternate means of completing a task no longer being an acceptable option. This issue was tabled by the Chair for follow up.

A recommendation was made for TC members to carefully review remaining/existing NFPA 1670 definitions to check for accuracy, relevancy, and currency given the age of the document at this point.

The committee began its work on resolving the public inputs and developing first revisions.

Meeting adjourned for the day at 16:45 with an expected resumption of the meeting on Thursday at 8:00.

### **Thursday**

Meeting called to order at 08:05 hours by the Chair.

Committee continued their work on developing first revisions through the morning.

The Chair tasked the group with performing a document comparison of each chapter of 1006 and 1670 to identify any inconsistencies or issues that need to be corrected to maintain a correlation between the documents. Each chapter included a pdf of the 1006 new language and a word doc of the proposed 1670 document. Changes and notes to the word doc and returned to NFPA editorial staff for group review upon completion. The list of assignments was created and maintained by the Chair.

Materials to be reviewed after lunch and meeting reconvened after task completion for the review process to commence.

The committee adjourned for lunch at 11:55 and asked the task groups to resume their work on the review of NFPA 1006 and NFPA 1670.

The full committee came back together at 15:15 to continue their work on developing first revisions as an entire committee.

The chair halted additional work and adjourned the meeting for the day at 17:52 hours.

### **Friday**

The chair called the meeting to order just after 08:00 hours, and provided inspirational guidance of his plan to complete our remaining tasking this date.

The chair established a task group (Wright, Schechter, Legow) to try and correct prerequisite issues and also cover needed clarity affecting multiple skill sets and disciplines; presented and discussed.

The chair directed the committee to perform a review of their already revised chapter assignments to ensure that no prerequisite issues identified during the discussion needed to be addressed. This review to occur over lunch and any needed actions to be taken before adjournment.

The chair adjourned the meeting for lunch at 12:00 hours – reconvened at 13:00 hours.

The full committee continued their work on developing first revisions based on reports back from the task groups.

The chair and staff liaison discussed next steps in the process, and task groups were assigned to review and validate the work in terra-view with respect to accuracy, conflicts, and overall clarity for the end user.

The full committee had a lengthy and spirited discussion regarding the future state of NFPA 1670 and NFPA 1006 and by vote of the committee members present, they want to have NFPA 1670, as part of NFPA 2500, to complete its revision cycle. Once it is finished and published, they voted to have the

material that was formally known as NFPA 1670 to be pulled out of NFPA 2500 and to be combined with NFPA 1006 when NFPA 1006 has its meeting as part of group 5 of the consolidation project. The end result would be a consolidated document of NFPA 1670 and NFPA 1006 at the end of the group 5 revision cycle. This has been conveyed to NFPA and will be evaluated for future consideration.

The chair directs task groups to begin work as soon as possible and to ensure that all work product is submitted as a public comment prior to the closing deadlines listed for the document.

Task group assignments were developed and the assignment list maintained by the chair; additional tasking and assignments will follow the conclusion of this meeting via email.

The second draft meeting is currently scheduled for November 2020 at the same location this meeting was held. Confirmed dates will be sent to the full committee.

The chair thanked all participants and NFPA staff for their work over the last several days.

The meeting was adjourned at 16:00 hours.