CPSA 6 (b)(1) Cleared
No Mfrs/PrvtLbrs or
Products Identified
___Excepted by_____
___Firms Notified,
Comments Processed.

LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM), Steering Committee of the NASFM Science and Technology Advisory Committee

DATE OF MEETING: August 28, 1997

DATE OF LOG ENTRY: September 2, 1997

PERSON SUBMITTING LOG: James F. Hoebel

LOCATION: Phoenix Park Hotel, Washington, DC

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): James F. Hoebel, Engineering Sciences

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):
Thomas Brace, NASFM, Minnesota Fire Marshal
Rocco Gabriele, NASFM, Maryland Fire Marshal
Donald Bliss, NASFM, New Hampshire Fire Marshal
Frank McGarry, NASFM, Project Manager
Michael Minieri, NASFM Executive Director
Karen Suhr, NASFM
Dr. Gary Ter Haar, Albemarle Corporation
Dr. James A. Milke, University of Maryland

SUMMARY OF MEETING: NASFM is forming a new Science and Technology Advisory Committee to review their activities and positions to insure that they are technically sound. They asked Ter Haar, Milke, and Hoebel to serve as a Steering Committee to help them organize the Advisory Committee. They expect that these three individuals will also serve on the Advisory Committee. Dr. Ter Haar was designated as the Advisory Committee chairman. It was envisioned that the Advisory Committee might consist of six to eight objective and credible individuals, but that additional members could be appointed, depending upon the need for additional expertise. Issue-specific task groups could be formed. NASFM expects perhaps four meetings per year, with some discussions occurring via conference calls. Meetings would be open to the public.

The issues that NASFM could address include fire sprinklers, upholstered furniture, performance codes, halon extinguishants, and fire modeling. (Mr. Hoebel noted that he would abstain from any advice relating to issues involving CPSC, such as furniture).

Attendees listed several types of expertise that would be desirable for the Advisory Committee. These included statistics and fire data analysis, full scale and bench scale test method development, chemistry, fire protection engineering including fire modeling, and combustion toxicity. Potential candidates were suggested by the Steering Committee. NASFM hopes to form the Advisory Committee quickly and have the first meeting on October 30, 1997.