

October 21, 2021  
Life Safety & Property Protection Education Board Meeting Minutes  
OSFM, 8181 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806

**ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Erin St. Pierre- Chairman & Deputy Chief, Office of the State Fire Marshal  
Richard Booth - Fire Sprinkler  
Daniel Brown – Fire Suppression  
Francois Camenzuli - Associate Industry  
Dera DeRoche Jolet - Associate Industry  
Lee Gillen – Security  
Russell Guidry – Hydrostatic Testing  
John Harmon – Conveyance Devices  
Jeffrey Okun - Fire Alarm

**ABSENT MEMBERS:**

Blaine Champagne - Locksmith  
Mace Bourgeois - Fire Extinguishers  
Kevin Chauvin - Door Hardware  
Paul Robinson – Gate Systems

**Visitors:**

Marlene Aucoin – OSFM  
Tre Bezou – Bezou’s Bank Locking & Security Specialist Academy  
Sarah Brooks – LA Fire Extinguisher  
Kathy Brown – Anixier  
Pat Egan – Egan Security Group, LLC  
Don Law – S&S Sprinkler  
Melinda Long – DPS/SFM Attorney  
Ricky Roubique – OSFM  
Brad Shipp – LLSSA/ Active Safety

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Erin St. Pierre** called meeting to order at 10:19a.m. at the Office of the Fire Marshal's headquarters' in Baton Rouge.

### AGENDA:

#### ❖ Pledge of Allegiance

❖ **Review/ acceptance of minutes from the July 15, 2021 meeting.** Board members reviewed the minutes. A motion was made by Richard Booth to accept the minutes from July 15, 2021. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Okun. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

❖ **Vote on Louisiana Life Safety & Security Association (LLSSA)-LAFAT** – Fire Alarm technician to be considered as a qualifier certification course for Fire Alarm (Non-Required). Challenge Exam plus years of experience for certification. Jeff Okun felt that the exam had too many questions that were not referencing Fire Alarm, too many filler questions. Brad Shipp explained that LLSSA is seeking an equivalent to ESA/NTS CFAT (this has been previously accepted by the LSPP Educations Board) or an additional option of a challenge exam. The main reason behind requesting to have this certification approved is to give technicians a way to get their certifications without starting over from the beginning. Brad Shipp is willing to edit the questions to make the test more of a challenge for the student. The exam will be structured strictly for Fire Alarm. Dera DeRoche-Jolet explained that LLSSA is only seeking the Challenge Exam for a Fire Alarm (Non-Required) as a qualifier certification course. Richard Booth did not agree with this exam. A motion was made by Daniel Brown to table the Louisiana Life Safety & Security Association LLSSA-LAFAT qualifier certification course for Fire Alarm (Non-Required); until the nest LSPP Education Board Meeting in which the test will be retaken by Jeff Okun and he will report back. It is also understood that certification will include the background with proof of thirty-six (36) months of work experience. The motion was seconded by Jeff Okun. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

❖ **Vote on Louisiana Life Safety & Security Association (LLSSA)-LAFAD** – Fire Alarm Designer as a qualifier certification course for Required Fire Alarm. Jeff Okun reviewed the LAFAD he felt that like the LAFAT it included too many filler questions and not enough Fire Alarm questions. A motion was made by Richard Booth to table the

Louisiana Life Safety & Security Association LLSSA – LAFAD qualifier certification course for Required Fire Alarm until the next LSPP Education Board meeting in which the test will be retaken by Jeff Okun and he will report back. It is also understood that the certification will include the background proof of sixty (60) months of work. The motion was seconded by Jeff Okun. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

- ❖ **Vote on Bezou Security Special Locking & Door Hardware Specialist** as an initial certification course for Special Locking and Door Hardware. Blaine Champagne was not present at the October 21, 2021 meeting but he made contact with Board member Jeff Okun, to explain he view of the courses he explained he reviewed the courses he enjoyed the course, it had a wealth of information, and benefit for anyone taking these courses. Daniel Brown also reviewed the course and he enjoyed the course. A motion was made by Jeff Okun to accepted Bezou Security Special Locking & Door Hardware Specialist as an initial certification course for Special Locking and Door Hardware. The motion was seconded by Lee Gillen. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.
  
- ❖ **ADI Global Academy – Structured Cabling for Security Seminar –** to be considered as a CEU course for Security, Fire Alarm, CCTV, and Door Hardware has cancelled the presentation.
  
- ❖ **Blue Volt CEU University –** A motion was made by Lee Gillen to have items #8 - #11 on the agenda for Blue Volt CEU University be required to be resubmitted as they were absent for the meeting. The motion was seconded by Russell Guidry. All were in favor, none were opposed. The motion passed unanimously.
  
- ❖ **Egan Security Group, LLC – Prospecting – The Steps in the Selling Process that Identifies Potential Customers for a Product- and Tips from an Industry Veteran** that all owners should know on optimizing their business to be considered as a CEU course for Sprinkler, Fire Alarm, (Non-Required)Fire Alarm, Fire Alarm Owner, Pre-Engineered, Fixed Fire Suppression, DOT Hydrostatic Testing, Security, CCTV, Household Fire, Locksmith, Bank Locking, Detention Locking, Special Locking, and Gate Systems. Pat Egan Spoke to the Board about his background in security and the different endorsements. He also spoke in depth about the courses. A motion was made by Lee Gillen to accept Egan Security LLC- Prospection and Tips from an Industry Veteran that all Owners should know on optimizing their business as CEU’s for the endorsements: Sprinkler, Fire Alarm, Fire Alarm(Non-Required), Fire Alarm Owner, Pre-Engineered, Fixed Fire Suppression, DOT Hydrostatic Testing, Security, CCTV, Household Fire,

Locksmith, Bank Locking, Detention Locking, Special Locking, and Gate System. The motion was seconded by Dera DeRoche-Jolet. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

- ❖ **Chief Browning**-talked to the Board and guest about (988) National Suicide Hotline phone number switch. This switch could impact areas such as New Orleans and Lafayette as explained by Erin St.Pierre due to their telephones having the prefix of 988. A request was made by Jeff Okun to Chief Browning to help extend the time of the switch from October 2021 to March 2022. Jeff states that it is life threatening for his customers. Firms are not able to reach all customers to make the appropriate changes to their systems in the New Orleans and Lafayette areas before the switch in October due to the inability to obtain chips because of COVID-19 and Hurricane Ida.
- ❖ **MyCEUs.com**-George M Bezou III presented the following courses:
  - a. CCTV Specialist Technician course to be considered as a qualifier course for CCTV. This course is all new course it does not contain in initial certification course information. Mr. Danny Brown, Jeff Okun, Dera DeRoche-Jolet will review the course.
  - b. Advanced Security Specialist & Electronics course to be considered as a qualifier course for Security, Locksmith, CCTV, Fire Alarm (Non-Required) as stated on the record at the October 21, 2021 Board meeting. This is a more advanced Security course. The course includes Alarms, Sales, CCTV, Design, and Security. Per Mr. Bezou this course is highly based on electronics. Dera DeRoche-Jolet will review the course. Jeff Okun will also help Mr. Bezou with any corrections.
  - c. Advanced Security Specialist (ASS) to be considered as an initial certification course for Security, Locksmith, CCTV, and Fire Alarm (Non-Required). Dera DeRoche-Jolet will review the course. Jeff Okun will also help Mr. Bezou with any corrections.
  - d. Advanced Security Specialist (ASS) to be considered as a CEU course for Security, Locksmith, CCTV, and Fire Alarm (Non-Required).
- ❖ **New Business:**
  - a. Marlene Aucoin asked the Board to select dates for the quarterly meetings for 2022. The third Thursday of the month for each quarter was selected (January 20, April 21, July 21, and October 20, 2022).
  - b. Kathy Brown invited the Board to the LLSSA Annual Convention.
  - c. Danny Brown stated that the NAFED Engineered Fire Suppression Systems Technician Exam is no longer available.
  - d. Lee Gillen gates that Chief Browning said “that any fire bureau that states that a Fire Alarm company needs to pay them for fire watch is incorrect.

Please get the person's name to me" "The Fire Bureau needs to keep a log of their watch for reimbursement." Erin will ask Chief Browning to put out a memo with this information.

- ❖ Motion was made by Francois Camenzuli to adjourn at 12:13P.M. The motion was seconded by Daniel Brown. All were in favor, none apposed.