ALARM ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA
Miami-Dade Region

Minutes of Meeting held on February 7, 2008

Location: TRI-ED Doral Branch

Time: 6:30 pm

Participants:

GregGracer, MAXIMUM SECURITY
Michael Donnelly, ALARM & ELECTRONICS
Rusell Jones, ALARM & ELECTRONICS
Eric Neilinger, FIRE ALARM SYSTEM & SECURITY
Romulo Villacis, SECURITY PLUS
Don Richter, ARESSCO
Robert Rosen, CENTURY ALARMS
Mathew Forristall, ARESSCO
Bob Ireland, AMSAFE OF MIAMI
Hernando Barreto, AMTEL SOUTH FLORIDA

Invited Speaker:

Robert Crooke, FCM-PELCO

Host:

Danny Gago, TRIED

Discussed Topics:

1. Open discussion about Journeyman requirement in the State and particularly in Miami-Dade:

Robert Rosen informed to participants about the possibility that electricians in general would push again in 2008 to get approved a State Bill mandating the presence of a journeyman electrician on every electrical job site.

Bob Ireland explained the possibility of supporting an Electronic Systems Technician Education Program based on the NCCER Electronic Technician System program.

Hernando Barreto emphasized the importance for our Industry in Miami-Dade of promoting Education and supporting the Accreditation by AAF of Electronic System Technicians. Also informed that a Miami Dade based College has shown interest in the implementation of such program and they would like to have the support of AAF Miami-Dade members.

Some agreed that an education program would help in general.

About this education and training matter some suggest expanding the BASA/ FASA content to become not just a 14 hours class requirement but actually create a 200 hours training program. Additional opinions were given to consider education and training not only in Burglar and Fire Alarms (BASA/ FASA) but also in other critical areas like Access Control and CCTV.

2. Featured Speaker:

Robert Crooke made a quick but comprehensive and very interesting presentation about Digital Video Systems and all participants requested copy of his PPT presentation. Hernando will send by e-mail to all participants the link to download the presentation.

3. Proposed Fire Ordinance in Miami-Dade:

Discussion took placed about proposed ordinance introduced 10/29/07 by the Miami-Dade County Fire Department (Legislative Item 073205).

The purpose of the ordinance is to seek proper installation, operation, maintenance, testing, and supervision of fire alarm systems and to seek to obtain compliance with Chapter 633. The scope of the proposed regulation apply to all fire alarm system, except one and two family dwelling unit fire alarm systems, within the geographical area of Miami-Dade county.

Although this ordinance seems to be favorable for Fire Alarm Contractors it would be convenient to contact the Chief of the Miami-Dade Fire Department to get more information about the intent, benefits and consequences of the new ordinance. Hernando Barreto will contact Fire Department about this topic and he will inform about it before the next meeting.

4. Elections and coming convention:

Volunteers for the Director and Secretary positions of AAF Miami-Dade were solicited on the meeting for the year 2008-2009. Greg Gracer is running for Director at Large of AAF; and then he excused himself to become Director of the Region, no one else volunteer for Director and the participants requested Hernando Barreto to stay as Director and proposed Robert Rosen as Secretary. Both Hernando and Robert accepted the positions for the AAF Miami-Dade Region.

Several participants confirm their plans to participate in the AAF Convention.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.