

Florida Building Commission
Joint Florida Building Commission Building - Fire Technical Advisory Committee and
State Fire Marshall Fire Code Advisory Council
May 15, 2002
Committee Report

The Committee discussed and taken actions with regard to the following items:

- (1) Dec. Statement #. DCA02- DEC - 125 (emergency escape of rescue openings) and Dec. Statement #. DCA02 - DEC - 132 (attic ventilation).

Dec. Statement #. DCA02 - DEC - 132 was withdrawn and no action from the Committee was needed.

Dec. Statement #. DCA02 - DEC - 125 was discussed and the Committee voted to concur with the Commission action.

The Commission Action was as follows: The emergency escape and rescue openings required by Section 1005.4 may open into a screen enclosure, open to atmosphere, where a screen door is provided leading away from the residence.

- (2) Discussion and providing recommendation with regard to establishing a sub-code for rehabilitating historic buildings.

The Committee voted to utilize Chapter 12 of the International Existing Building Code, NFPA 914 and Appendix D of the FBC as the base documents for establishing a sub-code for rehabilitating historic buildings. This approach will provide the users with three compliance options (prescriptive, performance and evaluation). Conceptually, NFPA 914 is to be adopted by reference within Chapter 12 of the IEBC. This propose approach will also replace Chapter 10 of the IEBC.

- (3) The Committee request that they meet on the 19th of June at 10:00 AM in Orlando.

- (4) Johnny Long, spoke on the subject of the need for establishing an evacuation process for the physically challenged individuals and requested that the Committee support such evacuation process. Staff was directed to download from the Access Board's website the evacuation process established by the Board for consideration at the next meeting. Larry Schneider indicated that he will invite a member of the Board to attend the next Fire TAC meeting.