



METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2007 MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: PRESIDENT JOHN LAVENTURE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1035 HOURS.

ATTENDANCE:

JOHN LAVENTURE	CLAYTON FD	DAN FLYNN	FIRESTOPERS
JOHN BAILOT	KIRKWOOD FD	JOHN PLOWMAN	HIGH RIDGE FPD
MARC ULSES	FRONTENAC FD	DAVE NICHOLS	MONARCH FPD
William Fox	SHREWSBURY FD	TOM SAGEHORN	ENGINEERING EVALUATIONS INSP.
Tom Presnak	U L	LLOYD MONTGOMERY	ROCK COMMUNITY FPD
JIM KOENEN	TWILIGHT FIRE & ILLUSIONS	MARK MURPHY	FENTON FPD
SUE SMITH	TWILIGHT FIRE & ILLUSIONS	ROBIN JOBE	OLIVETTE FD
WALLY MILLER	ST. LOUIS SPRINKLER ALL	RON CHAC	LACLEDE GAS COMPANY
MARK MENNING	CRESTWOOD FD	GERALD AMBROSSCCHI	WEST OVERLAND FPD
PAUL MERCURIO	WEST COUNTY EMS & FIRE	TERESA CROSS	MEHLVILLE FPD
LOU HECHT	FENTON FPD	DARRYL ZASTROW	SPANISH LAKE FPD
DON HAMILTON	COMMERCIAL VENTILATION	M J VANCE	CENTERPOINT
MICHAEL MAHLER	SPRINKLERS FITTERS 268	JOHN BENNETT	GUARANTEE ELECTRIC
		MIKE KISLING	CREVE COEUR FPD

GUESTS: GORDON HIRTZ – WEST OVERLAND FPD

MINUTES: THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED FROM THE DECEMBER MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TRANSACTION</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>DEBITS</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
12/1/06	BEGINNING BALANCE			\$6,433.96
	MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$25.00		
12/31/06	TOTALS	\$25.00		\$6,458.96

MOTION MADE TO ACCEPT TREASURER'S REPORT. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW MEMBERS: 1ST READING:
2ND READING:

COMMUNICATIONS: Received a Holiday greeting from St. Louis County Fire Standards Commission

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FIRE CHIEFS: JOHN LAVENTURE – Lindenwood College is considering offering a Fire and EMS Bachelor degree program, for further information contact Captain Watkins at St. Charles FD, the overtime situation in the Minimum Wage law was discussed, the CDC is conducting studies on the effects on persons who were in their homes at the time of a fire.

CHIEF'S AWARDS COMMITTEE: DENIS DROZSKOWSKI – No Report

PROFESSIONAL CODE COMMITTEE: WADE EWING – A series of brown bag lunch seminars will be scheduled for the upcoming year. If anyone has a topic that would take 30 to 45 minutes contact John LaVenture

GRANT COMMITTEE: STEVE GETTEMEIER – No Report

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: BRIAN LEUTHAUSER - No Report

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: No Report

IAAI: DAVE NICHOLS – Conference scheduled for May 18, 19, & 20, Brochures should be sent out soon.

WEB SITE: PAUL MERCURIO – Minutes are posted on the Website, make sure Chris Gaut has your current e-mail address

STATE FIRE MARSHALS: DENIS DROZKOWSKI – Next meeting is February 2nd at Winter Fire School. It will begin at 1:00 PM at the Holiday Inn

MABOI: GREG BREHER – No Report

STATE CHAPTER: GREG BREHER - No Report

ICC: ED BERKEL – No Report

MEMBERSHIP: CHRIS GAUT –No Report

LACLEDE GAS: RON CHAC – No Report

LOGO: JOHN WALK – No Report

Legislative Report: Lou Hecht – the Minimum Wage law is going through Emergency Repair Language and should be on the Governors Desk in a couple of weeks.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion continued about the requirements for engineer seals on hood systems. Main points include:

- Each system should be sealed, not the individual applications
- Out of state engineers can purchase a Missouri license and seal plans
- A suggestion was made recommending creating a list of qualified installers

NEW BUSINESS: A training class in firestopping will be presented at the March meeting. The 2-hour course will count towards C.E.U. credits and is focused on the Inspectors perspective.

ROUNDTABLE: Robin Jobe inquired about possibility of presenting a sprinkler training class for firefighters covering the aspects of the annual testing procedures as opposed to system design classes. He also presented some questions regarding the requirement to mark the locations of emergency generators.

Dean Everett is the new Special Programs Director. If anyone knows of any classes they would like to see presented, contact Dean at the Academy.

A discussion ensued regarding seismic bracing for sprinkler piping. Also a topic of discussion involved elevator inspections.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Jefferson County Update: They have met with the HBA and discussed adjustments in the Inspection Program. 11 Fire districts have adopted the same fee schedule and are considering adopting the same ordinances. They will be meeting next week with the County to propose a “one Stop Shopping” concept. Lloyd also extended an offer to assist where they can in turn would appreciate any assistance from other agencies as well, as he described the Jefferson County Association is in the “rebuilding bridges” mode. The membership responded by offering their support and understanding.

Wally Miller spoke about the Report to the Governor regarding the fire in Anderson. He requested the organization send a letter to Jefferson City supporting the retrofitting of Assisted Living facilities with sprinklers. A motion was made and passed in favor of drafting and sending such a letter. It was mentioned that we should also include support of the state enacting laws that will offer protection to all the residents of Missouri.

PROGRAM: Tour of the Centerpoint facility

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Masonry Institute will host an Open House for Building Officials on February 7th from 12:00 to 1:30. Activities include lunch and displays. For more information contact Dan Flynn.

Next Meeting: February 14, 9:00 AM at the Kirkwood Community Center. Program will be a presentation on Firework Displays by Twilight Fire & Illusions.

ADJOURNMENT: 1125 hours