



METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE FEB 14TH, 2007 MEETING

Call to Order: President John LaVenture called the meeting to order at 0918 hours.

Attendance:

Name	Department / Company
Paul Mercurio	West County EMS and Fire PD
Dennis Drozkowski	Maryland Heights FPD
Teresa Cross	Mehlville FPD
Marc Ulses	Frontenac FD
John Otte	Hazelwood FD
Gerald Ambrosecchia	West Overland FPD
Dan Flynn	Firestoppers
Wally Miller	STL Fire Sprinkler Alliance
Michael Mahler	Sprinkler Fitters Local 268
Bill Fox	Shrewsbury FD
Mark Murphy	Fenton FPD
Mark Menning	Crestwood FD
John LaVenture	Clayton FD
Dave Phipps	Metro West FPD
Chris Gaut	Eureka FPD

Guest: Lynn Jones FROM BATTELLE was representing the CDC on a study for human behavior in fire project

Minutes: The Minutes were approved from the Jan 11th, 2007, meeting

Treasurer's Report:

DATE	TRANSACTION	CREDITS	DEBITS	BALANCE
1/1/07	Beginning balance			\$6,458.96
	Deposits	\$1,525.00		
	Debits (Reimbursements)		\$25.00	
2/14/07	TOTALS			\$7,958.96

Motion made to accept Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

New Members: 1st Reading:
2nd Reading:

Communications:

Discussion was made about creating a resolution to send to the ICC relaying our support for residential sprinklers language to be placed in the 2009 IRC. It was brought up that resolutions are not going to be able win a vote so it was decided that it would be best to send a voting member to Rochester, NY for the ICC Conference to place a vote. A motion was made a pasted to allocate funds for the representing

member. Also there was discussion as to the best way to educate the public about residential sprinklers. It was thought that the ability to fast track the information was to take media opportunities and talk about residential sprinkler importance. Scott Barthelmass would be contacted to see if he could help getting the information to the media outlets. For long term goals, grants and sponsorships would be sought to help in the cost for public handout information and other media programs.

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: John LaVenture- No report

Chief's Awards Committee: Denis Drozskowski – No Report

Professional Code Committee: Wade Ewing – The AIA will be hosting several "Brown Bag Lunch" meetings through out the year with corresponding trainings. If interested contact John LaVenture.

Grant Committee: Steve Gettemeier – No Report

Education Committee: 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. RSVP to cgaut@efpd.org.

Fire Prevention Week: No Report

IAAI: Dave Nichols – No Report

Web Site: Paul Mercurio – New updated membership list will go on the website. The list will only contain business office information.

State Fire Marshals: Denis Drozskowski – Lots of discussion about legislative issues. Next meeting is April 18th, 10:00am at Division of Fire Safety. The annual FMAM Conference is set for August 16th – 18th at Tan-Tar-A.

MABOI: Greg Breher – No Report

State Chapter: Greg Breher - No Report

ICC: Ed Berkel – No report

Membership: Chris Gaut – 63 members paid to date for year 2007

Laclede Gas: Ron Chac – No Report

Logo: John Walk – No Report

Legislative Report: Lou Hecht – No Report

Old Business: There was an opening for a representative from the Fire Marshals on the Academy Board. Steve Gettemeier volunteered and was appointed. The FA Board does not recognize an alternative position for an alternative will not be allowed if Steve can not make a meeting.

New Business: A building safety week proclamation will be handed out in Jefferson City on April 11th, 2007. This is the same day that the State Capital will be hosting Firefighters Day at the Capital in addition to the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service. If you wish to attend on behalf of the proclamation please contact John LaVenture ASAP.

Seeing that the MFMA regular meeting is also set for April 11th, an alternate day for the monthly meeting will be set at the March meeting

Roundtable:

Chief Fox reported that the State ID program is still underway with REGIS. Training for data entry should start in the next 2-3 weeks.

Wally Miller stated the FSA wants to give training way but would like to have feed back to from the group as to what topics should be taught. Any suggestions should be given to Wally. September 14th is the annual golf tournament. Contact Wally if interested. Wally also stated that there have been several "sprinkler" saves in the last couple of months record throughout the Metro area. Places included St. Charles, Fenton, St. Louis City, and Edwardsville, IL.

John Otte asked the group if anyone has ran across any hotels/motels that are being used more for "extended stay" facilities. A clear definition between the two use groups is not given in the IBC and it is not clear what position the ICC takes.

Dave Phipps announced that the Board of Directors of the Metro West Fire Protection District adopted the 2003 IBC, IFC, and IRC and in the same meeting that the MWFPD will no longer regulate codes to any residential structure or enforce the newly adopted IRC.

Dennis Drozkowski had information regarding burning regulations which are now enforced by the STL County Health division. Please contact STL County Health for this information if you have any questions.

Good of the Order:

Program: NONE

Announcements: Next Meeting: 0900 March 14th, Shrewsbury Community Center.
6200 Shrewsbury Ave.
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Adjournment: 1026

Respectfully Submitted:

Chris Gaut
Secretary MFMA