



METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 14TH, 2007 MEETING

Call to Order: President John LaVenture called the meeting to order at 0915 hours.

Attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department / Company</u>
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
Steve Gettemeier	Florissant Valley FPD
Darryl Zastrow	Spanish Lake FPD
Berry West	MO State FMO
Wayne Shirk	MO State FMO
Dennis Woods	City of Creve Coeur
Lloyd Montgomery	Rock Community FPD
Lou Hecht	Fenton FPD
Gordon Hirtz	West Overland FPD
Jim Anderson	Edwardsville FD
Tom Dannenberg	Edwardsville FD
John Anderson	Webster Groves FD
Dave Nichols	Monarch FPD
Brian Leuthauser	Valley Park FPD
Scott Rue	Valley Park FPD
Sheila Frost	Eureka FPD
Randy Gabel	Eureka FPD
Tom Pinz	Cintas
Mike Price	Pattonville FPD
Dave Schmiderer	Maryland Heights FPD
Eric Hinson	Ladue FD
Ted Jury	Ladue FD

Guest: There were numerous guests present that attended the seminar after the meeting.

Minutes: The Minutes were approved from the February 14, 2007, meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TRANSACTION</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>DEBITS</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
2/1/07	Beginning balance			\$7,958.96
	Deposits	\$100.00		
	Debits (Reimbursements)		\$0.00	
2/28/07	TOTALS (Month ending)			\$8,058.96

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

New Members: 1st Reading:
2nd Reading:

Communications:

Some handouts were passed around that contained information from the USFA Coffee Break Training Sheets. More sheets can be obtained online from <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa/coffee-break/index.shtm>.

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: John LaVenture- MODOT gave updates about the HWY 40 project.

Chief's Awards Committee: Dennis Drozkowski – Looking for nominations. Any suggestions please contact Dennis.

Professional Code Committee: -No Report

Grant Committee: Steve Gettemeier – No Report

Education Committee: No Report

Fire Prevention Week: No Report

IAAI: Dave Nichols – International Elections are April 1st. Conference is May 18th – 20th. Visit the website for more information.

Web Site: Paul Mercurio – Trying to keep the website updated seems to raise concern. Looking at the option to move to another webmaster and host site. Please contact Paul with any information or suggestions.

State Fire Marshals: Denis Drozkowski – No Report

MABOI: Greg Breher – No Report

State Chapter: Greg Breher - No Report

ICC: Ed Berkel – The MFMA has allotted funding to send someone to Rochester, NY, for voting and conference attendance purposes. If you are available and eligible to attend please contact John LaVenture for consideration.

Anyone interested in going to Jefferson City on April 11th to attend the Building Safety Resolution / Proclamation, please contact John LaVenture.

Also if anyone is planning on adopting the 2006 International Fire Code contact John LaVenture. There are several North County Departments that are or have adopted the 2006 ICC Codes.

Membership: Chris Gaut – Must have dues in by May 1st in order to maintain "Good Standing" status.

Laclede Gas: Ron Chac – No Report

Logo: John Walk – No Report

Legislative Report: Lou Hecht – Legislation issues concerning minimum wage laws are still be discussed. Weekly updates from Jorgan are being sent and Steve Gettemeier is doing a great job keeping everyone updated. Thanks Steve.

Old Business: Scott Barthelmas has been actively supplying PIO information to the local media outlets for our awareness operation to Residential Sprinklers. Thank you Scott for your hard work, help, and support. Please remember to help advocate residential sprinklers at any given opportunity should the chance arrive and it is appropriate.

New Business: Paul Mercurio received correspondence from the Burn Recovery Support Group asking for a yearly and camp donation. A motion was made, seconded, voted on, and approved to donate \$250.00.

Paul also received correspondence from the Department of Health and Senior Services asking if they could give our association a presentation on the Pandemic Flu. It was agreed upon that the Dept of H&SC should contact the Chief's or EMS association for the presentation.

Dennis Drozkowski made a motion and asked for that a \$500.00 donation be given to the MO State Fire Marshal's Association Annual Conference which would be designated to the Public Fire Educators block of classes. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

Lou Hecht made a motion and asked that a \$25.00 donation be given to the Battle of the Badges event which benefits' Backstoppers. The motion was amended by John Otte to donate \$200.00. The amended motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

Roundtable:

Lou Hecht asked if anyone had ran across the lead acid battery regulations of the 2003 International Fire Code. If you have not you may want to look over the regulations as they are pretty detailed. Some of the larger companies that have large UPS systems may fall under these regulations.

Good of the Order: NONE

Program: Inspections of Fire Stopping Systems, presented by Fire Stoppers. (1000hrs – 1200hrs)

Announcements: April Meeting is cancelled due to conflict schedules. Next Meeting: 0900 May 9th at the, Shrewsbury Community Center.
6200 Shrewsbury Ave. 63119

A demonstration for indoor fireworks and safety will be given by Twilight Fire & Illusions.

Adjournment: 0940 hours.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chris Gaut
Secretary MFMA