



METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION AGENDA

DATE: JAN 9TH, 2008

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:
9:03 A.M.

Guest: None

Attendees:

Russell Todd	City of Maplewood	Brian Leuthauser	Valley Park FPD
Paul Mercurio	West County EMS & Fire	Marc Ulses	Frontenac FD
Steve Gettemeier	Florissant Valley FPD	Dave Nichols	Monarch FPD
Roger Herin	Monarch FPD	Jeff Edwan	Ferguson FD
Paul Richard	Pattonville FPD	Bill Fox	Shrewsbury FD
John LaVenture	Clayton FD	Gerald Ambrosecchia	West Overland FPD
Ben Von Harz	MO-AM Water Co.	John Bennett	Guarantee Electric
Ron Chac	Laclede Gas Co.	Michael Mahler	Sprinkler Fitters
Wally Miller	St. Louis Fire Sprinkler Alliance		

Minutes: Approval for 12/07 (postponed)

Treasurer's Report:

Ending November, 2007 balance: \$5,710.16

Ending December, 2007 (& year end balance): \$6285.16

No payments were made during this period. Motion and 2nd to accept report was approved.

New Members: The following were read for new member approval. A motion was made and seconded for approval.

There were no new members to vote upon at this meeting.

1st Reading:

2nd Reading:

Communications:

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: John La Venture

John was not able to attend the meeting.

Chief's Awards Committee: Dennis Drozkowski

Dennis not being present, there was no report.

Professional Code Committee: John LaVenture

John indicated there was discussion with the local AIA chapter and State Fire Marshals regarding a statewide code. John stated there would be no meeting in January.

Grant Committee: Steve Gettemeier

No report. It was recommended that this committee be dropped for a time.

Education Committee: Brian Leuthauser

There will be a commercial fire inspection class given by the Jefferson County Fire Marshals Association. A building construction classification class will be in Cottleville in February. The goal is to have at least 10 classes this year with the State fire Marshals Association.

Fire Prevention Week:

No report.

IAAI: Dave Nichols

Conference to be in May at the Lake of the Ozarks. Brochures should be sent out later this month.

Web Site: Paul Mercurio

Steve has been having trouble trying to mass e-mail. Changeover to new webmaster still happening.

State Fire Marshals: Roger Herin

Membership is up from last year. Members need to send in dues. Conference set for August 6-8, 2008.

MABOI: Greg Breher

No report

State Chapter: Greg Breher

No report

ICC: Ed Berkel

No report

Membership: Russ Todd

Russ will obtain most current list from Chris Gaut. Renewal due date March 31. Recommended that the renewal notices be sent via e-mail. Russ will have total membership count by next meeting. John LaVenture read the definitions of the different types of memberships.

Laclede Gas: Ron Chac

According to Ron, all is quiet.

Logo: John Walk

No report.

Legislative Report: Lou Hecht

A judge ruled in favor of a fire district regarding the overtime issue.

JeffCO FMA: Lloyd Montgomery

No report.

St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance: Wally Miller

There was general discussion regarding residential sprinklers and water meters and the fact that the small meters are not covered by a AWWA specification. If mandated by the fire district, Missouri American Water Co. will install the meters. If not mandated but the builder wants it, there will have to be 2 taps. There was general discussion on approvals by fire districts.

AAGSL: Dan Abert

No report

PIO: John LaVenture / Scott Barthelmass

Public Information Officers went to the Post-Dispatch to obtain better communications.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Discussion on directional sound alarms with sounders over doors. Public awareness was discussed. Fenton hospital has them installed. There was an agreement that a tour of the facility may be in order.

Roundtable:

There was discussion on changes to the Existing Building Code. One was to take sprinklers out of the appendices and place them in the International Residential Code. There was discussion regarding pre-manufactured I-joists and the protection thereof. There was a question about a particular hood fire suppression system company. Bill Fox, Fire Marshal, City of Shrewsbury, indicated a condo was being re-built from a fire with sprinklers.

Discussion on the adoption of the 2009 codes and if the city and county could adopt them around the same time. The next code change hearings will be in September in St. Paul, Minnesota with the new code out in February or March, 2009.

Good of the Order:

None

Program:

None

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

Adjournment at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Russell Todd, CBO
Building Official/Fire Marshal
City of Maplewood