



# METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION AGENDA

**DATE: FEB 13, 2008**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:  
9:15 A.M.

**Guest:**

**Attendees:**

Russell Todd	City of Maplewood	Gerald Ambrosecchia	West Overland FPD
John LaVenture	St. Louis FSA	Dave Nichols	Monarch FPD
Marc Ulses	Frontenac FD	Chris Gaut	NFSA
Tony Carlson	Tech Electronics	Teresa Cross	Mehlville FPD
Rita Swearingen	ICC	Denis Drozkowski	Maryland Heights FPD
Denis Woods	City of Creve Coeur	Jeff Edwan	Ferguson FD
Mark Murphy	Fenton FD	Dan Abert	Yale Enforcement
Kevin White	Tech Electronics		

**Minutes:**

Minutes of the January meeting were posted on the website but not everyone had an opportunity to review, so approval of the minutes was tabled.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer's report was read by Jerry and motion was made by Marc and seconded by Dave to approve the report as submitted.

Opening Balance, 1/1/08	\$6,261.99
Ending Balance, 1/31/08	\$6,811.99

**New Members:**

There were no new members submitted

**Communications:**

John relayed that Art Oesteriech had indicated a ½ day seminar on fire doors is being organized.

The joint training with the Jefferson County Fire Marshals on conducting commercial fire inspections was a success, there were 60+ in attendance and the organization made around \$1,000.00. There was discussion on combining training with ICC.

**Committee Reports:**

**Fire Chiefs:** John La Venture

The meeting was canceled.

**Chief's Awards Committee:** Dennis Drozkowski

No report.

**Professional Code Committee:** John LaVenture

The meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2008.

**Grant Committee:** Steve Gettemeier

No report.

**Education Committee:** Brian Leuthauser

No report. Tony indicated there may be some training on the IBC and fire alarms. Gerry has a letter from Viega regarding plumbing products and there was discussion regarding having training on the effects of fire on these products.

**Fire Prevention Week:**

No report. John would like to see a side by side burn display to demonstrate the effectiveness of residential sprinklers.

**IAAI:** Dave Nichols

The international conference is scheduled for April 27 – May 2 and the local conference at the Lake of the Ozarks is scheduled for May 16 – 18.

**Web Site:** Paul Mercurio

No report.

**State Fire Marshals:** Roger Herin

Jerry indicated the meeting was last Friday. The conference will be at the Lake of the Ozarks Tan-Tar-A resort August 6 – 8 with the banquet on Friday night instead of Saturday night. Dan Abert mentioned a door and hardware seminar will be forthcoming.

**MABOI:** Greg Breher

No report. Rita indicated some classes will be coming up soon. The Missouri Association of Code Enforcement (MACE) has applied for ICC chapter status.

**State Chapter:** Greg Breher

No report.

**ICC:** Ed Berkel (Rita)

Region 3 had a meeting and discussed activities at the Final Action Hearings in Minneapolis, MN in September. The code hearings will be webcast during the Spring Hearings, February 18 – March 1, 2008. Building Safety Week is May 5 – 11, 2008. There is consideration for taking Appendix P out and placing it in the body of the code. Randy Noland is on the earthquake committee.

**Membership:** Russ Todd

No report.

**Laclede Gas:** Ron Chac

No report.

**Logo:** John Walk

No report

**Legislative Report:** Lou Hecht

No report.

**JeffCO FMA:** Lloyd Montgomery

No report.

**St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance:** Wally Miller (Chris Gaut)

Chris indicated concern regarding CPVC piping and what type of material is coming in contact with it. Is the underground tracing wire coating having reactions to the pipe? He also showed a brochure on flex head sprinklers and how they must be installed properly. There is federal legislation for tax incentives to install sprinklers in existing high rise buildings. Chris mentioned additional training opportunities and the NFSA website. There was discussion on residential sprinklers and the upcoming ICC code change hearings. There were 6 side by side burn demonstrations. There was discussion about leasing a bus to take to Minneapolis for the ICC Final Action Hearings, possible with other local chapters.

**AAGSL:** Dan Abert

Dan indicated a check was presented for the fire fighters museum at the state meeting. He also indicated the joint press conference last year was a success and plans to have another press conference this year along with a golf outing October 7 – 8, 2008. The Missouri Fire Alarm Association meeting is scheduled for July 17 – 19, 2008. The website, [www.alarmstl.org](http://www.alarmstl.org) has a link (or will have) to the MFMA.

**PIO:** John LaVenture / Scott Barthelmass

Meeting was held with the news director from channel 11. Meetings should be held with members of the fire service, police, media MODOT and others. Dave indicated these meetings are good for communications and fostering relationships with other first responders, etc.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

John indicated he would like to see another class with Jefferson County and wants to look into what we should use for our free ICC seminar and listing of seminars on the website.

**Roundtable:**

None

**Good of the Order:**

There was discussion on equipment vendors at the state conference, fire truck manufacturers and others for sponsorships.

**Program:**

None

**Announcements:**

It was announced that the chapter report is due to ICC by June 1, 2008.

Next meeting March 12, 2008

**Adjournment:** 10:22 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

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