



METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION AGENDA

DATE: MARCH 12, 2008

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:
9:05 A.M.

Guest: Terry DeGuentz, West County EMS & Fire District

Attendees:

Russell Todd	City of Maplewood	Gerald Ambrosecchia	West Overland FPD
John LaVenture	St. Louis Sprinkler	Bill Fox	Shrewsbury FD
Marc Ulses	Frontenac FD	Roger Herin	Monarch FPD
John Otte	Hazelwood FD	Berry West	MSFM
Dan Abert	Yale Enforcement	Tony Carlson	Tech Electronics
Teresa Cross	Mehlville FPD	Mike Henke	Potter Electric
Jack Schenck	City of Clayton	Dan Meehan	City of Clayton
John Bennett	Guarantee Electric	Dave Pruitt	MO AM Water
Ben Von Harz	MO AM Water	Michael Mahler	Sprinkler Fitters 268
Kenneth Schneider	Sprinkler Fitters 268		

Minutes: Motion to approve the January and February meeting minutes was motioned by Roger and seconded by Marc. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Paul Mercurio was absent but sent a balance to Gerry. There was no change in the balance from February 1, 2008 to February 29, 2008. Balance stands at \$6,835.16. Motion was made and seconded to approve report. Motion carried.

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

1st Reading: Terry DeGuentz, West County EMS & Fire District
2nd Reading:

Communications:

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: John La Venture

John reported there was an issue with Battalion 3 that the co-op had not paid the bills and Battalion 3 was locked up. There was a meeting regarding MDA. ID cards were discussed as well. They will be brought up at the next meeting. Madison County Illinois is considering using ID cards as pass cards. Vests – Metro West FPD is using a different color vest. Discussion on all using one color vest. HAZMAT vests are blue.

Chief's Awards Committee: Dennis Drozkowski No Report

Professional Code Committee: John LaVenture

Art Meridian(?), architect, new member.

Grant Committee: Steve Gettemeier No Report

Education Committee: Brian Leuthauser No Report

John mentioned having another class with the Jefferson County organization. He will contact Lloyd Montgomery.

Fire Prevention Week: No Report

IAAI: Dave Nichols

Conference scheduled for April 22 – May 2, 2008

Web Site: Paul Mercurio No Report

State Fire Marshals: Roger Herin

Held meeting in February and will meet in April. Conference in August. There will be some by-laws changes coming.

MABOI: Greg Breher

John stated he has spoken w/MABOI President Mark Morrison about conducting more seminars on new products and proper installation of those products. Not a sales pitch per se but education on these products. Perhaps 2-4 mini seminars on one day. There was discussion on an elevator seminar with MABOI and the alarm association.

State Chapter: Greg Breher No Report

There will be a meeting with MACA at their conference this spring.

ICC: Ed Berkel No Report

John mentioned getting as many members as possible to vote at the ICC Final Actions in Minneapolis, MN in the fall. There was discussion on how to assist members in attending the conference.

Membership: Russ Todd

Russ received copies of three renewals from Paul. Still working on complete database.

Laclede Gas: Ron Chac No Report

Bill Fox mentioned Laclede Gas will have a new program for safety involving refrigerator magnets.

Logo: John Walk No Report

Legislative Report: Lou Hecht No Report

JeffCO FMA: Lloyd Montgomery No Report

St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance: Wally Miller No Report

John stated he attended the Northern Illinois Fire Marshals conference in Chicago and it was a good conference. Approximately 50 municipalities have a residential sprinkler ordinance. He also displayed the newsletter, Fire Sprinkler Times. John has packets of information and a video is due out soon with Ron Hazeltine. John wants to get together with the Fire Chiefs regarding this issue.

AAGSL: Dan Abert

Dan stated that ADI Distribution will hold an expo and the Fire Marshals are invited. On Ball Dr. in the Westport area near the Marriott. The alarm association has flyers for the October conference. Fire Marshals can have a table at two conferences, local and state.

PIO: John LaVenture / Scott Barthelmass

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Gerry indicated someone needs to go to the Fire Academy and pull the film, they have no room to store it.

Roundtable:

Roger mentioned his concern about lightweight construction and protecting it, either with sprinklers or drywall and that there could be a liability issue with regards to firefighters and their safety.

Good of the Order:

None

Program:

None

Announcements:

Next meeting scheduled for April 9, 2008

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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