



**METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: July 8, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:00 A.M.

Guests: None

Attendees:

NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Roger Herin	Monarch FPD	John LaVenture	St.Louis FSA
Marc Ulses	Frontenac FD	Russ Todd	City of Maplewood
Mark Murphy	Fenton FPD	Steve Gettemeier	Florissant Valley FPD
Lou Hecht	Fenton FPD	Leo Meyer	Kirkwood FD
David Phipps	Metro West FPD	Dale Harbison	MO Dept. Fire Safety
Neil Fick	St. Louis County	Brian Leuthauser	Valley Park FPD
Teresa Cross	Mehlville FPD	Art Oestereich	Creve Coeur FPD
Anthony Lancia	AGC of St. Louis	Jerry Wessels	City of St. Louis
Jim Fritz	Affton FPD	Dan Flynn	Firestoppers
Chris Gaut	NFSA	Wally Miller	St.Louis FSA
MJ Vance	AAGSL	Jim Koenen	TFI
Sue Smith	TFI	Tony Simpson	St. Louis County
Tom Crews	Silent Knight	Mike Henke	Potter Electric
Greg Latka	Siemens	Dennis Woods	City of Creve Coeur
Ben VonHarz	MAWC	Jeff Edwan	Ferguson FD

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance: \$8,417.06; Ending Balance: \$8,467.06

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved by vote of the membership:

New Members: The following were approved by vote of the membership:

1st Reading: Rich Fasching, FireTech LLC
Rick Oster, Butler Durrell Security

2nd Reading: Eric Hall, Des Peres Fire & EMS

Membership Report:

Regular	74
Associate	34
Honorary	1
Honorary Life	1
1 st Reading	2
2 nd Reading	1
Total	113

Program/Presentation: None

Communications: Request from VariLogic to use MFMA logo on PermitTree website. The membership denied this request by vote.

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: John LaVenture – No report – they will meet next week.

Education Committee: Steve Gettemeier or John LaVenture – No report.

State Fire Marshals: Roger Herin – Conference is August 3,4 & 5. Registration flyer is on the website (fmamonline.com).

State ICC Chapter: No report. Russ Todd will e-mail info to the membership.

MABOI: Bryan Kopp – Jerry Wessels reported upcoming seminars – see their website (maboi.homestead.com)

ICC: Ed Berkel – No report.

Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc.: Lloyd Montgomery – No report.

Laclede Gas: Ron Chac – No report.

Missouri American Water: Ben Von Harz –

The water company is experiencing large main breaks – please call MAWC dispatch (314-996-2420) before testing hydrants.

Water company painters and testers are working to service all fire hydrants.

Corporate (located in New Jersey) is looking into changing the color scheme of fire hydrants – consensus of membership present is against any change of fire hydrant color scheme.

The Public Service Commission is working to get a “one tap rule” for homes with fire sprinkler systems. Discussions between MAWC and PSC are continuing.

MAWC is working on a letter to property owners addressing hydrants obstructed by vegetation – a draft will be sent out for comment from the fire service. The letter will instruct property owners to trim the vegetation within a time period after which, if not done, it will be trimmed by MAWC.

St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance: Wally Miller – Wally listed upcoming side-by-side burns including at the State Fair. The issue of residential sprinklers and the HBA was discussed at length.

AAGSL: MJ Vance – Dave Phipps and Tom Presnak will be speaking at the next AAGSL meeting July 21, 11:30 AM at the Viking Center in South County.

Code Review: Steve Gettemeier or John LaVenture – MABOI is reviewing the 2009 I-Codes. They have several committees reviewing different areas of the Codes.

BCRC: Roger Herin – The code change proposal we submitted was voted down. We have opportunities at the Building Commission level and at the County Council level. Much discussion ensued.

MCRC: Paul Mercurio – No report. Paul had e-mailed an item to the membership regarding duct detectors.

Old Business:

By-Laws: Roger Herin – Discussion regarding number of votes for each organization. Paul Mercurio had e-mailed his concerns, and other members present echoed them. There was much discussion regarding voting rights. The current by-laws have no restrictions for voting by any members except Honorary Members. A motion was made, seconded and approved by vote that Associate Members should not have voting rights. It should be noted that the motion was made by an Associate Member, and that there were no dissenting votes by any members present. There was also discussion regarding the proposal that the by-laws state that we are

under the umbrella of the GSLAFC. It was agreed that the by-laws changes will be tabled until Paul is present.

New Business: None

Roundtable:

Jim Koenen stated that another fireworks accident has happened while loading/unloading fireworks. He advised that we should watch for electric matches connected to the fireworks before set-up at the site, as this could be a cause of accidental firing. It was agreed that this should be addressed during the permit process so as to prevent this from happening.

Lou Hecht had questions about laundry chutes – discussion ensued with no resolution.

There was much discussion regarding MFMA representation at meetings involving HBA regarding the sprinkler issue. It was discussed that the President should attend or appoint a representative to attend. A motion was made, seconded and passed that we should have a representative at any future meetings with the HBA regarding the sprinkler issue. It was further voted to recommend Brian Leuthauser for that duty.

Good of the Order: Russ Todd stated that there will be a candle-light vigil in honor of Ryan Hummert at 8:00 PM July 21 at Ryan Hummert Memorial Park in Maplewood.

Announcements:

Next Meeting: August 12, 2009

Adjournment: 10:10 AM

Respectfully Submitted:

Roger Herin, Secretary