



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

Date: August 11, 2009

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

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Marc Ulses	Frontenac FD	Steve Bierman	Steamatic
John LaVenture	St.Louis FSA	Michael Mahler	Sprinkler Fitters
Jeff Edwan	Ferguson FD	Tony Simpson	St. Louis County
Dennis Drozhowski	Maryland Heights FPD	Dan Flynn	Firestoppers
Dennis Woods	City of Creve Coeur	Dave Nichols	Monarch FPD
Ron Chac	Laclede Gas	Paul Mercurio	Clayton FD
Greg Latka	Siemens	Art Oestereich	Creve Coeur FPD
Mike Henke	Potter Electric	Mark Johnson	Creve Coeur FPD
Anthony Lancia	AGC of St. Louis		

**Guest:** Dennis Yoder from Underwriters Laboratories Inc.

**Treasurer's Report:** Beginning Balance: \$8,467.06; Ending Balance: \$8,042.06

**Secretary's Report:**

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

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

2nd Reading: Rick Oster, Butler Durrell Security  
Rich Fasching, Fire Tech

Membership Report:	Regular	76
	Associate	35
	Honorary	1
	Honorary Life	1
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	2
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**Program/Presentation:** None

**Communications:** Letter from Fire Chief Trout Regarding the regional system.

**Committee Reports:**

**Fire Chiefs:** Discussion on the radio commission and their request for funding. Fire Chiefs authorized a \$5000 dollars donation to be used to educate the public on the issue. Chief Trout who is representing the fire service is planning to request donations from the Fire Marshals Association, Training Coordinators and Medical Officers organization as well.

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

**State Fire Marshals:** State Fire Marshals Conference a very successful event, and was well attended.  
Congratulations to Lloyd Montgomery who received the Ed Vinyard Award and Chris Gaut who received the President's Award

**State ICC Chapter:** No report. Russ

**MABOI:** No report.

**ICC:** No report.

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

**Laclede Gas:** Ron Chac Fire training information was sent out Monday and everyone should receive this Material shortly

**Laclede Gas will host the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting starting at 10am  
4118 Shrewsbury Ave  
Shrewsbury, MO**

**Missouri American Water:** Public Service Commission still working on single tap issue, however the consensus of the group is our primary focus is still on Missouri American Water  
Copy of a letter from Art Black that allows one tap in California is being forwarded  
In addition suggestion was made to work with St. Louis County plumbing to make sure this provision is acceptable.

**St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance:** Upcoming side-by-side burns including at the State Fair. In addition side by side Burns are scheduled for September 12 under the Arch at the Fire Engine Rally as well as in Fenton on the same date in the evening.  
Burn Aid Golf Tournament August 28

**AAGSL:** None

**Code Review:** Committee is reviewing the changes in the 2009 code however there has not been any changes proposed at this time

**BCRC:** None

**MCRC:** Paul Mercurio – has written a proposed change to the mechanical code to 2009 IMC **507.2.3**

**Exception:** The installation of a domestic cooking appliances in a commercial building such as a residential range, that is capable of producing grease or smoke, primarily intended for warming and the AHJ believes the frequency of use to be minimal must be protected with a listed exhaust hood and a UL listed automatic range top fire suppression system or comply with section 509. This exception does not apply to Use Group or Occupancy Types A, E and I.

**Old Business:**

**By-Laws:** Roger Herin – Discussion regarding number of votes for each organization. There was discussion regarding the proposal that the by-laws state that we are under the umbrella of the GSLAFC. There was discussion regarding voting and some minor changes in the wording of the By Laws which will be forwarded to Roger Herin for these changes.

Awards Committee was discussed and that we need to keep it going. The Fire Chiefs awards ceremony is October 18<sup>th</sup> and we should have a candidate chosen for this ceremony. **The deadline for nominees will be at the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please submit to Denis Drozhowski.**

**New Business:** Tech Electronics is hosting a class on August 26<sup>th</sup> on UL certification for fire alarm systems. Reservations should be made through Tech Electronics 6415 Manchester 63139

A good chance the Division of Fire Safety may not have a Fire Inspector class for the St. Louis region in 2010. All members are urged to see if there is enough interest for a class and the Metropolitan Fire Marshals fund it.

Discussion on the radio commission and their request for funding. Chief Trout made the request on their behalf. After a long discussion on its merits a motion to donate \$1000 dollars was made, seconded, and passed.

**Roundtable:**

Discussion on licensing and bonding requirements was discussed and its merits when work that does not comply

With the code this "insurance" would apply. Those communities that do not contract with St. Louis County these provisions do not apply.

Upcoming code hearings were discussed and the importance of Baltimore vs. Dallas and when our members should go. The dates for Baltimore are October 28<sup>th</sup> thru October 30<sup>th</sup>. If there are any members who can commit to Baltimore we have funds available to support this.

A Vincent J. Ellebracht has offered to give class on the merits of light weight construction.

**Good of the Order:**

**Announcements:** Next Meeting: **10:00 AM**

**September 9<sup>th</sup> at Laclede Gas  
4118 Shrewsbury Ave  
Shrewsbury, MO.**

**Adjournment:** 11:30am

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marc Uises, Treasurer