



METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 9, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 10:00 A.M.

Guests: (None)

Attendees:

NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Roger Herin	Monarch FPD	John LaVenture	St. Louis FSA
Paul Mercurio	Clayton FD	Lloyd Montgomery	Rock Comm. FPD
Gene Robertson	High Ridge FPD	Dennis Woods	City of Creve Coeur
Russ Todd	City of Maplewood	Steve Bierman	Steamatic of St. Louis
Leo Meyer	Kirkwood FD	Terry DeGuentz	West Co. FPD
Dave Nichols	Monarch FPD	Jim Koenen	Twilight Fire
Sue Smith	Twilight Fire	Jerry McQueen	Creve Coeur FPD
Art Oestereich	Creve Coeur FPD	Chuck Farr	MO State Fire Marshal
Barry West	MO State Fire Marshal	Tony Simpson	St. Louis County
Bill Fox	Shrewsbury FD	Teresa Cross	Mehlville FPD
Terry Mueller	Boyer Fire Protection	Chris Gaut	NFSA
Wally Miller	St. Louis FSA	Marc Ulises	Frontenac FD
Steve Gettemeier	Florissant Valley FPD	David Phipps	Metro West FPD
Ed Berkel	Mehlville FPD	Anthony Lancia	AGC of St. Louis
Dan Flynn	Firestoppers	Ron Chac	Laclede Gas
John Bennett	Guarantee Electric		

Treasurer's Report: August beginning balance: \$8,042.06; August ending balance: \$7117.06. Approved by vote.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved by vote.

Membership Report:

Regular:	76
Associate:	37
Honorary:	1
Honorary Life:	1
1 st Reading:	4
2 nd Reading:	0
Total:	119

New Members: Approved by vote.

1st Reading: Dave Pruitt, Const. Mgr. Missouri American Water
 John Schotz, Vice Pres. Ahern Fire Protection
 Richard Boyer, President Boyer Fire Protection
 Terry Mueller, Service Sales Rep. Boyer Fire Protection

2nd Reading: (none)

Communications: There were two (2) submittals for the Awards Committee.

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: John LaVenture – There was discussion regarding Central County dispatching; radio system; traffic signals and cisd.

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

State Fire Marshals: Roger Herin – The annual conference was held August 3-5 – the minutes are posted on the website (fmamonline.com). The President's Award was given to Chris Gaut. The Ed Vinyard Award was given to Lloyd Montgomery.

State ICC Chapter: Paul Richards – No report.

MABOI: Bryan Kopp – The annual officers election will be tomorrow (Sept. 10, 2009) at the fire suppression systems seminar. The annual conference will be October 8-11, 2009 at Tan-Tar-A.

ICC: Ed Berkel – The annual business meeting and code hearings are coming up starting next month. Ed went over the process. Attendance in Baltimore is important. There was much discussion regarding the process, and the importance of attending and voting. It was approved by vote to fund travel and lodging expenses for two (2) members; and subsequently amended to fund up to \$3,000 for members travel and lodging.

Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc.: Lloyd Montgomery – There will be a firestopping class October 15 at Rock Community House 5 at 8:30 A.M. along with the regular meeting. Lloyd also reported that Rock Community is looking at adopting only the IFC, and enforcing all other codes as referenced by the IFC. Gene Robertson announced that High Ridge FPD has reduced their permit fees 50% until December 31, 2010 in an effort to stimulate growth.

Laclede Gas: Ron Chac – No report.

Missouri American Water: Ben Von Harz – No report. Lloyd Montgomery stated he has found that different water purveyors have different requirements for residential sprinkler supply. Chris Gaut is questioning whether Missouri American Water can require two meters. Much discussion ensued.

St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance: Wally Miller – Wally went over the schedule of side-by-side burns (see their website). He also stated that they are working on having one at the St. Louis HBA headquarters.

AAGSL: MJ Vance – No report.

Code Review: Steve Gettemeier or John LaVenture – They are done with the IBC and working on the IRC.

BCRC: Roger Herin – Roger stated that the BCRC is done with the IBC and IEBC, and is now working on the IRC. He distributed copies of two code change proposals – one dealing with common separation walls for townhouses; the other dealing with protection of lightweight construction. Both code change proposals were approved by vote to be sponsored by MFMA.

MCRC: Paul Mercurio – Paul stated that our mechanical code change proposal has not been reviewed yet.

Old Business:

By-Laws: Roger Herin – The proposed changes were discussed and distributed, and will be voted on at the next meeting.

New Business: It was reported that the ICC is coming up with residential sprinkler exam courses. Chris Gaut stated that NFSA does not support this program.

Roundtable: The NFSA monthly report was discussed. There was discussion regarding NFPA 13D sprinkler designer qualifications. A letter from MFMA to the State Board in support of proposed rule changes was approved by vote.

Good of the Order: Due to difficulties with the Secretary's e-mail system, it is recommended that all members sign up for the list-server to receive MFMA e-mails. Details on how to sign up will be sent to the membership.

Announcements: Rooms are now available at Tan-Tar-A for the 2010 FMAM conference. This will be the 25th anniversary conference.

Next Meeting: October 14, 2009, 9:00 A.M. at Kirkwood Community Center

Program/Presentation: Ron Chac introduced the staff from Laclede gas and explained their jobs. Lunch was then provided.

Adjournment: (time not noted)

Respectfully Submitted:

Roger N. Herin
Secretary