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METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 14, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:05 AM

Guests: Jim Knapp and Kris Daniel from UL

Attendees:

NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Roger Herin	Monarch FPD	Marc Ulses	Frontenac FD
Dave Nichols	Monarch FPD	John Otte	Hazelwood FD
John LaVenture	St. Louis FSA	Michael Mahler	Sprinkler Fitters 268
Anthony Lancia	AGC of St. Louis	Jerry Wessels	St. Louis City
Wally Miller	St. Louis FSA	Ken Schneider	Sprinkler Fitters 268
Steve Bierman	Steamatic of St. Louis	Mike Henke	Potter Electric
Jim Koenen	Twilight Fire	Sue Smith	Twilight Fire
Tony Simpson	St. Louis County	Teresa Cross	Mehlville FPD
Greg Latka	Siemens Industry	Dan Flynn	FireStoppers
Denis Drozkowski	Maryland Heights FPD	Terry DeGuentz	West Count EMS & Fire
Paul Mercurio	Clayton FD		

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance: $7,117.06; Ending Balance: $6,957.66

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved by vote.

New Members:

1st Reading: (none)

2nd 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

Membership Report:

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

Program/Presentation: None

Communications: None

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: John LaVenture – Awards ceremony was discussed – it will be Sunday, 18, 1:00 PM at Kirkwood Community Center. Roger Herin and Marc Ulses attended a meeting with the GSLFCA officers regarding finances of all organizations under the GSLFCA umbrella. Several members of the Chiefs questioned whether MFMA needs to be under the umbrella. The Chiefs will discuss it and vote on it. It may come to a MFMA vote in November.

Education Committee: Steve Gettemeier or John LaVenture – Dan Flynn brought up a firestopping class sponsored by Jefferson County Fire Marshals.

State Fire Marshals: Roger Herin – No report – their meeting is today also.

State ICC Chapter: Paul Richards – No report.

MABOI: Bryan Kopp – No Report.

ICC: Ed Berkel – Today is the deadline to register for the code hearings in Baltimore.

Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc.: Lloyd Montgomery – They will have training tomorrow (Oct. 15).

Laclede Gas: Ron Chac – No report.

Missouri American Water: Ben Von Harz – No report.

St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance: Wally Miller – There were two local sprinkler saves recently – one at Pattonville School District, and one at the Centre on Conway. Both were thought to have been arson.

AAGSL: MJ Vance – No report.

Code Review: Steve Gettemeier or John LaVenture – MABOI is up to reviewing the IRC.

BCRC: Roger Herin – The BCRC is up to Chapter 3 in the IRC. They want to know if any of the jurisdictions represented have any problems with wireless technology or combination smoke/CO detectors. None of the members present had such problems, and will recognize these technologies as long as they comply with NFPA72.

MCRC: Paul Mercurio – Paul stated that there was not much going on.

Old Business:

By-Laws: Roger Herin – To be voted on in November.

New Business: Paul Mercurio talked about a meeting with HBA, Missouri American Water and several regional fire authorities regarding water supplies for residential sprinkler systems. Paul handed out existing and proposed rules for the water supplies, which were discussed at length.

Paul then handed out samples of the Proposition E-911 information literature. Discussion ensued.

Paul then announced the new “Forms” section of the website, and encouraged everyone to submit forms that are used for code enforcement so we can ultimately come up with more uniform forms and code enforcement.

Roundtable: Tony Simpson initiated discussion regarding triage tents for H1N1 flue. Tony encouraged a uniformed approach to this if needed in different jurisdictions.

Anthony Lancia announced that the Permit Locator website is up and running, and encouraged anyone not participating to join.

Good of the Order: Dan Flynn stated that Shriner's Hospital security is still in need of hand-held radios – if your department has surplus radios, please donate them.

Announcements: The City of St. Louis is hosting a firestopping class November 10 at 2923 N. Broadway.

Next Meeting: **NOTE: The next meeting will be November 18, the THIRD Wednesday of November! Nominations will be open for Officers – Terry DeGuentz was "volunteered" to be the Nomination Committee Chair.**

Adjournment: (time not noted)

Respectfully Submitted:

Roger N. Herin, Secretary