

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

Date: November 18, 2009

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

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Guests: Rich Walke and Doug Yoder from UL

Attendees:

| NAME | REPRESENTING | NAME | REPRESENTING |
|----------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Paul Mercurio | Clayton FD | Roger Herin | Monarch FPD |
| Rick Oster | Butler Durrell Security | Sue Smith | Twilight Fire |
| Jim Koenen | Twilight Fire | Neal Brockmiller | Monarch FPD |
| Roger Morris | Monarch FPD | Dennis Woods | City of Creve Coeur |
| Dave Nichols | Monarch FPD | Denis Drozkowski | Maryland Heights FPD |
| Anthony Lancia | AGC of St. Louis | Marc Ulses | Frontenac FD |
| Dave Pruitt | MAWC | Steve Bierman | Steamatic of St. Louis |
| Tony Simpson | St. Louis County | Steve Gettemeier | Florissant Valley FPD |
| Lou Hecht | Fenton FPD | Terry DeGuentz | West County FPD |
| Chris Gaut | NFSA | John LaVenture | St. Louis FSA |
| Teresa Cross | Mehlville FPD | David Phipps | Metro West FPD |
| Jerry Wessels | City of St. Louis | Richard Voelker | City of St. Louis |
| Tom Pinz | Cintas Fire Protection | Art Oestereich | Creve Coeur FPD |

Program/Presentation: Rich Walke gave a presentation on UL field inspections, field evaluations, engineering judgments, smoke detectors, CO detectors and combination smoke/CO detectors.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance: \$6,957.66; Ending Balance: \$6,571.46

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved by vote.

New Members:

1st Reading: None

2nd Reading: None

Membership Report:

As of November 13, 2009: Regular: 76

Associate: 41 Honorary: Honorary Life 1 1 1st Reading: 2nd Reading: 0 0 TOTAL: 119

Communications: None

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: John LaVenture – The following was discussed: E911 vote, haz-mat team usage and availability, association survey (due Friday), yearbook. Questions came up about the "umbrella" issue, and much discussion ensued – we will wait to hear from the Chiefs.

Education Committee: Steve Gettemeier or John LaVenture – Tom Pinz has offered to do a class on emergency lighting possibly in February – CEUs will be available. Discussion ensued regarding expanding this to other topics and making it a whole day of training.

State Fire Marshals: Roger Herin – Conference is being worked on – hotel reservations are available.

State ICC Chapter: Paul Richards - No report.

MABOI: Bryan Kopp – Jerry Wessels reported that the November 10 seminar was very successful.

ICC: Ed Berkel – Paul Mercurio reported that we ended up only sponsoring one person to go to Baltimore. The code hearings were discussed.

Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc.: Lloyd Montgomery – No report – Meeting tomorrow (November 19) at Antonia House 2.

Laclede Gas: Ron Chac - No report.

Missouri American Water: Dave Pruitt – Dave went over the new tariff proposal. He stated that the proposal was intentionally vague, and that one intent is to have a single tap, meter and service for domestic and 13D sprinkler systems using a domestic meter. Much discussion ensued.

St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance: John LaVenture – John reported on a presentation at ABF including HBA and fire service. The HBA will have a meeting at Sprinkler Fitters 268 hall on December 8. There will be a side-by-side burn demonstration. Chris Gaut reported that 5 sprinkler contractors have joined the HBA. The "sign-off" sheet required to be signed by home buyers presented with the sprinkler option was discussed at length.

AAGSL: MJ Vance - No report.

Code Review: Steve Gettemeier or John LaVenture – They are still on the IRC.

BCRC: Roger Herin – The lightweight construction issue was discussed – we will be meeting with the HBA regarding this issue. The sprinkler option "sunset" clause was discussed – some members are concerned that there is no "sunset" clause in the proposed County code change.

MCRC: Paul Mercurio - No report.

Old Business:

By-Laws: Roger Herin – Motion and second to adopt the by-laws changes with minor editorial changes – discussion ensued – approved by unanimous vote.

New Business: Paul Mercurio mentioned a fire alarm certification forum attended by many of our members at TechElectronics. An "Owner's Declaration" form used by Fenton FPD was displayed, and Paul suggested that any member jurisdiction use it as a template for this purpose – it will be on our website in the "Forms" section.

Roundtable: Tony Simpson brought up the subject of triage tents that may be used at area hospitals for the H1N1 epidemic, and encouraged consistent area-wide standards for the tents. He also stated that permits are required for the tents.

Roger Herin suggested we look at providing education for residential builders regarding residential sprinkler systems. Discussion ensued, and included training for construction superintendants as well as realtors. Lou Hecht has a 13D residential sprinkler system on permanent loan that can be used for demonstrations and training.

Good of the Order: Chris Gaut stated that the Home Show will be in March, and there will be sprinkler displays there.

John LaVenture stated that the St. Louis Fire Sprinkler Alliance will have mock-up 13D sprinkler risers available for a limited number of jurisdictions – contact John for details.

Paul Mercurio reported on the awards ceremony and congratulated the recipients – Lou Hecht and Ken Domash.

Announcements:

Next Meeting: 10:00 A.M. December 9, 2009 at Sprinkler Fitters Local 268 Training Center

1519 North Broadway, St. Louis, MO 63102

Adjournment: Approx. 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Roger N. Herin, Secretary