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## METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 12, 2010

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:00 AM

**Guests:** None

**Attendees:**

NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Roger Herin	Monarch FPD	Paul Mercurio	Clayton FD
Marc Ulses	Kirkwood FD	John LaVenture	St. Louis FSA
Dave Nichols	Monarch FPD	Leo Meyer	Kirkwood FD
Teresa Cross	Mehlville FPD	Barry West	MO State FM
Charlie Braband	Robertson FPD	Steve Bierman	Steamatic of St. Louis
Barney Hagan	MOFED/Weber	Tom Presnak	UL
Bryan Kopp	City of Des Peres	Russ Todd	City of Maplewood
Ken Schneider	Sprinkler Fitters 268	Wally Miller	St. Louis FSA
Anthony Lancia	AGC of St. Louis	Ron Chac	Laclede Gas
Steve Gettemeier	Florissant Valley FPD	Jim Koenen	TFI
Sue Smith	TFI	Dan Flynn	Negwer
Theodis Brown	Castlepoint FPA	Mike Henke	Potter Electric
Tony Simpson	St. Louis County	Greg Latka	Siemens Industry
Jeff Edwan	Ferguson FD	Terry DeGuentz	West County FPD

**Treasurer's Report:** As of 3/31/10 we had a balance of \$2,799.97; as of 4/30 we had a balance of \$13,624.97. The 13D sprinkler conference yielded approximately \$5,000. Travel expenses for the Code hearings in Dallas are coming out of this. Approved by vote.

**Secretary's Report:**

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Approved by vote.

**New Members:** All approved by vote.

**1st Reading:** Robert J. Poteet III, City of St. John  
Chris Ferrell, Fire Safety, Inc.  
Dave Bruns, Fire Safety, Inc.

**2nd Reading:** James Castello, O'Fallon Fire Prot. Dist.  
Kay Lee Ellison, O'Fallon Fire Prot. Dist.  
Mark Morrison, O'Fallon Fire Prot. Dist.  
James McIntosh, Creve Coeur Fire Prot. Dist.  
Skip Shank, Aschinger Electric  
Sarah Coziahr, 1 800 Fast Help  
Michael Jenne, 1 800 Fast Help  
Ronnie Jones, 1 800 Fast Help

**Membership Report:**

Regular	76
Associate	43
Honorary	1
Honorary Life	1
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	3

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 8  
Total 121 + 11 Pending (see above)

**Program/Presentation:** None. We hope to have a clean agent systems program soon. We are open for suggestions for programs / presentations. Steve Gettemeier suggested Simplex Grinnell doing a program on fire alarm systems.

**Communications:** Overland Police Dept. sent a letter and flyer for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Overland Police Community Relations Golf Tournament on July 16 at Normandie Golf Club – for information call Officer Gordy Thomas or Kim Aiello at 314-428-1221.

**Committee Reports:**

**Fire Chiefs:** John LaVenture – New officers are : President Mark Thorpe; Vice President Jim Fritz; Secretary Tom Vinyard. There was a poor turnout for the Fallen Firefighter Memorial service.

**Education Committee:** John LaVenture – The 13D conference was a great success with 140 in attendance. Survey response was good. Possible follow-up later this year. There was a motion and second to give Jefferson County Fire Marshals Association \$500 from the 13D conference proceeds for their co-sponsorship – approved by vote.

**State Fire Marshals:** Roger Herin – The conference is coming in August. We need contact information for retired members. Steve Gettemeier stated that most of the legislation of interest was stalled.

**MABFO:** Art Oestereich – There is some movement on Statewide Codes.

**MABOI:** Bryan Kopp – Mabo Golf Tournament is coming up; and there are several good training opportunities coming also – go to maboi.com for details.

**ICC:** Ed Berkel – Ed wasn't present, but discussion occurred about the final action hearings next week in Dallas. MFMA is sending three members. Members were encouraged to participate and be more active in the code development process.

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

**Laclede Gas:** Ron Chac – Laclede has more fire extinguisher classed coming up. Ron also gave a brief report on the recent fire at the Laclede Gas building.

**Missouri American Water:** Ben Von Harz – No report.

**St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance:** Wally Miller – Wally reported on several sprinkler saves. Also, the FSA will be doing a side-by-side burn at Tan-Tar-A for the Fire District Board Association.

**AAGSL:** MJ Vance – No report.

**Code Review:** Steve Gettemeier or John LaVenture – All done.

**BCRC:** Roger Herin – The sunset date for the sprinkler legislation was brought back to the BCRC – we were successful at getting the BCRC to recommend the sunset date being placed in the IRC adoption ordinance. There was much discussion on our progress with that effort. The Building Commission meeting was this date – all were encouraged to attend.

**MCRC:** Paul Mercurio – All done.

**Old Business:** Barney Hagan stated that the licensing legislation for fire protection contractors has been intentionally delayed until next year.

**New Business:** We need a photo for the upcoming yearbook.

**Roundtable:** It was brought up that during a re-model of a restaurant, approximately 100 gallons of used cooking oil was found being stored in the attic without the AHJ's knowledge.

**Good of the Order:** Kudos to Bryan Kopp for his input at the BCRC meeting.

Tony Simpson stated that St. Louis County only covers certain municipalities; and those not covered by St. Louis County may not have qualified people doing plan review and inspections. Tony stated that there may be an expose in the press in the near future regarding the unqualified code enforcement personnel.

Bryan Kopp volunteered to serve on the education committee – a joint (MABOI/MFMA) 13D sprinkler class was suggested.

Jim Koenen stated the Municipal League is working on a boat race to benefit Backstoppers – details to follow.

Anthony Lancia stated that a board-up presentation by Woodard may be given soon.

Wally Miller welcomed members to check out the pictures posted on the St. Louis FSA website.

Tom Presnak stated that more and more fire alarm systems are becoming certificated.

**Announcements:** Barney Hagan announced that MOFED is sponsoring a program on fire extinguishers at Creve Coeur Community Center on June 22.

Next Meeting: June 9, 2010 9:00 AM at Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S, Geyer, Kirkwood,  
MO 63122

**Adjournment:** Before adjournment, a group photo was taken for the upcoming yearbook.

Respectfully Submitted:

Roger N. Herin  
Secretary