



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

Date: July 14, 2010

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:00 AM

Guests: (none)

Attendees:

NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Roger Herin	Monarch FPD	Jim Fritz	Afton FPD
Mark Heberlein	MO State FM	Ken Schneider	Sprinkler Fitters 268
Barry West	MO State FM	Tony Simpson	St. Louis County
Sue Smith	TFI	Jim Koenen	TFI
Steve Bierman	Steamatic of St. Louis	Dave Nichols	Monarch FPD
Dan Flynn	Negwer Life Safety	Teresa Cross	Mehlville FPD
Greg Latka	Siemens	Mary Jo Vance	Centerpoint Technologies
Marc Ulses	Frontenac FD	Paul Mercurio	Clayton FD
Russ Todd	Maplewood FD	Anthony Lancia	AGC of St. Louis
Michael R. Mahler	Sprinkler Fitters 268	Bryan Kopp	City of Des Peres
Ron Chac	Laclede Gas	Denis Drozkowski	Maryland Heights FPD
Bill Fox	Shrewsbury FD	John LaVenture	St. Louis FSA

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance: \$13,064.77; Ending Balance: \$13,353.19. Approved by vote.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved by vote.

New Members: (none)

Membership Report:

Regular	81
Associate	49
Honorary	1
Honorary Life	1
1 st Reading	0
2 nd Reading	0
Total	132

Program/Presentation: (none)

Communications: (none)

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: John LaVenture – Not a whole lot to report. Discussed the awards ceremony. Financial reporting discussion.

Education Committee: John LaVenture – no report

State Fire Marshals: Roger Herin – There was a request for a donation to help fund the hospitality room at the FMAM conference – MJ stated it is already paid for. Discussion ensued that we have always donated to the conference. Upon a motion, second and vote, it was approved to provide a \$500.00 donation to help defray the cost of the conference.

MABFO: Art Oesteriech - no report.

MABOI: Brian Kopp – The education schedule was handed out (go to www.maboi.com for more details). Costs for the programs have been lowered. MABOI is co-hosting the 13D seminar July 30.

ICC: Ed Berkel – no report

Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc.: Lloyd Montgomery – no report – their meeting is tomorrow.

Laclede Gas: Ron Chac – Laclede is looking into on-line training for natural gas emergencies. Stay tuned for further.

Missouri American Water: Ben Von Harz – no report

St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance: John LaVenture – Announced burn demos in Washington, MO on August 2, at the Firefighter rally on September 11, and several others. There will be a meeting next week to discuss the costs of 13D systems. Visit stlfsa.org for more info.

AAGSL: MJ Vance – A new manager has been hired at Centerpoint Technologies. MJ gave a brief rundown on donations for the FMAM conference.

Old Business: 13D seminar: Need policy makers to attend - fee will be waived for them. Much discussion ensued.

New Business: St. Louis County is delaying the residential sprinkler requirement for another 3 years. We need a strategy to educate the public and home buyers. Possibly partner with other organizations – Chiefs and (firefighter) labor unions. Much discussion ensued – some lively.

PyroTech is hosting a Buckeye Fire Suppression seminar.

Roundtable: Legislation is being filed to prohibit mandatory residential sprinkler requirements on a state level. This is a violation of the agreement signed by the Fire Service Alliance and the Home Builder's Association.

We need to get credible bids for residential 13D sprinkler systems from reputable sprinkler contractors.

Good of the Order: There was notable coverage in the Webster Groves/Kirkwood Times about sprinklers – 3 good articles.

Announcements: The September meeting will be at Steamatic of St. Louis, where they will present a program for the membership. Details to follow.

Next Meeting: August 11 – 9:00 AM at Kirkwood Community Center.

Adjournment: Time not noted.

Respectfully Submitted:

Roger N. Herin
Secretary