



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

Date: March 9, 2011

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:08 A.M.

**Guests:** Don Rotty, Accurate Fire Protection

**Attendees:**

NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Roger Herin	Monarch FPD	John LaVenture	St. Louis FSA
Marc Ulses	Frontenac FD	Dale Harbison	MO Dept. of Fire Safety
John Otte	Hazelwood FD	Denis Drozkowski	Maryland Heights FPD
Dave Nichols	Monarch FPD	Jim Fritz	Affton FPD
MJ Vance	Centerpoint Technologies	Mike Henke	Potter Electric
Scott VanDover	Woodard Restoration	Jerry Wessels	City of St. Louis
Skip Shank	Aschinger Electric	Chris Gaut	NFSA
Dennis Woods	City of Creve Coeur	Anthony Lancia	AGC of St. Louis
Steve Bierman	Steamatic of St. Louis	Greg Latka	Siemens
John Lignoul	Interface	Wally Miller	St. Louis FSA
Michael Mahler	Sprinkler Fitters 268	Paul Mercurio	Clayton FD
Tony Simpson	St. Louis County	Bruce Hiller	MO American Water
Barney Hagen	Weber Fire & Safety & MOFED		

**Treasurer's Report:** Beginning Balance: \$13,833.74; Ending Balance: \$13,969.21 Approved by vote.

**Secretary's Report:** Approved by vote.

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

**New Members:**

1st Reading: (none)

2nd Reading: (none)

**Membership Report:**

Regular	83
Associate	54
Honorary	1
Honorary Life	1
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	0
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	0
Total	139

**Program/Presentation:** After meeting adjournment, Barney Hagen presented an excellent and informative program on fire extinguishers and kitchen hood system servicing. The program lasted about an hour.

**Communications:** The Burns Recovery Support Group sent in a request for a donation. The petition in support of funding for the State Fire Marshal's Office was discussed again.

**Committee Reports:**

**Fire Chiefs:** John LaVenture Discussed: HB46 and SB108; Emergency beacon program; St. Louis County memorial service May 6; Backstoppers are having a "Hats Off" fundraiser; 2011 Metro St. Louis Start! Heart Walk; Academy training tower replacement and radio frequencies.

**Education Committee:** John LaVenture Proposed May 3 & 4 seminar featuring seismic requirements and inspection, testing and maintenance of underground fire mains – possibly have SFPE help. Wally also suggested Mike from Code Consultants to do a class on code changes.

**State Fire Marshals ([www.fmamonline.com](http://www.fmamonline.com)):** Roger Herin No report.

**MABFO:** Art Oestereich Jerry Wessels reported in Art's absence: Finalizing the proposed State Codes bill; working on how to fund the positions created by the bill; looking for a bill sponsor. Discussion ensued.

**MABOI ([www.maboi.com](http://www.maboi.com)):** Jerry Wessels There are several educational opportunities listed on the website. The fall conference is being put together – it will be October 6-9.

**ICC ([www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org)):** Ed Berkel No report.

**Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc. ([www.jcfma.org](http://www.jcfma.org)):** Lloyd Montgomery No report.

**Laclede Gas ([www.lacledegas.com](http://www.lacledegas.com)):** Ron Chac No report.

**Missouri American Water ([www.amwater.com/moaw](http://www.amwater.com/moaw)):** Dave Pruitt It was reported that they are getting back on track with new hydrant installations.

**St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance ([www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org](http://www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org)):** Wally Miller There was good participation at the Home Show. John LaVenture reported on a retro-fit of a 900± existing home: \$3,200.00, 16 hours, existing ¾" supply. It was also reported that the Habitat for Humanity homes were done for \$1.44 per square foot, using copper pipe in the basements.

**AAGSL ([www.alarmstl.org](http://www.alarmstl.org)):** MJ Vance The local Alarm Association meeting will be next Tuesday – see MJ for details. July 15-17 the Electronic Security Association will have a golf/expo/training – the training will be for alarm technician.

**Old Business:** The ICC damaged building assessment class was discussed.

**New Business:** Dave Nichols was presented with a plaque commemorating his membership and service, as he is retiring March 31, at which time Roger Herin will be promoted to Fire Marshal. Mike Mahler brought up the Burns Recovered Support Group – a \$750.00 donation was approved by vote. Paul Mercurio needs to know how many MFMA members are also ICC members – this is to report to ICC for Chapter status. Chiefs are wanting all entities under their umbrella to bank at the same bank. April 19 is Firefighter Day at the Capitol – we need a contingency to go – contact Paul Mercurio if you want to participate. May 6 is the St. Louis County Firefighter/Police Memorial Service – we need fire service personnel to show up for this.

**Roundtable:** Residential sprinklers was brought up – discussion was had regarding code benefits and incentives – also discussed was obstacles and problems with educating the public – much discussion ensued.

**Good of the Order:**

**Announcements:** Anthony Lancia announced that Permit Finder website is now free; a LinkedIn account has been established for sharing info. Twilight Fire & Illusions will present a fireworks training class that includes a fireworks display – the class begins at 8:30 A.M. on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at Valley Park City Hall – go to [www.twilight-fire.com/training](http://www.twilight-fire.com/training) for details, costs and registration form.

Next Meeting: April 13, 2011

**Adjournment:** Time not noted.

Respectfully Submitted:

Roger Herin, Secretary