



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

Date: April 13, 2011

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:00 AM

Guests: Sean Devereaux, Tech Electronics

Attendees:

NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Roger Herin	Monarch FPD	Ed Berkel	Mehlville FPD
Art Oestereich	Creve Coeur FPD	Dan Flynn	Negwer Life Safety
Anthony Lancia	AGC of St. Louis	Russ Todd	City of Maplewood
Bill Fox	Shrewsbury FD	Teresa Cross	Mehlville FPD
Skip Shank	Aschinger Elect.	Dale Harbison	MO Dept. of Fire Safety
Denis Drozkowski	Maryland Heights FPD	Mary Jo Vance	Centerpoint Technologies
Greg Latka	Siemens	Steve Bierman	Steamatic of St. Louis
Jerry Wessels	City of St. Louis	Randy Ulrich	City of St. Louis
Mark Harris	National Fire Suppression	Wally Miller	St. Louis FSA
Barney Hagen	MOFED/Weber Fire Safety	Lorie Howell	Hackett Security
Bob Williams	Hackett Security	Anny Liedman	Potter Electric
Jim Koenen	TFI	Sue Smith	TFI
Paul Richard	Pattonville FPD	Tom Presnak	UL
Mike Henke	Potter Electric	Flip Schwarz	Hackett Security
Leo Meyer	Kirkwood FD	Paul Mercurio	Clayton FD
John LaVenture	St. Louis FSA		

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance: \$13,969.21; Ending Balance: \$13,269.21 Approved by vote.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved by vote.

New Members:

1st Reading: Emily Godefroid, ABF Security – Approved by vote.

2nd Reading: (none)

Membership Report:

Regular	83
Associate	54
Honorary	1
Honorary Life	1
1 st Reading	1
2 nd Reading	0
Total	139

NOTE: There are 29 members who we have no renewal from for this year, 9 of which we have no renewal from since 2009. We will send a notice out on the list-server.

Program/Presentation: (at end of Meeting) Mike Henke presented a very informative program on dedicated function fire alarm systems, including good hand-out materials. Fire Inspector CEUs will be awarded from the MO Dept. of Fire Safety for those who stayed for the presentation.

Communications: (none)

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: Paul Mercurio reported that there was not a quorum for the meeting. However, there was discussion regarding **Helicopter Emergency Lifeline Project, Inc. (HELP)**, which is a non-profit humanitarian organization utilizing the unique capabilities of the helicopter in facilitating rapid response and the saving of lives. HELP provides emergency assistance to Local, State and Federal emergency agencies and first responders during times of natural or man-made disasters. Check out their website at www.helihelp.org.

Education Committee (www.mfmaonline.com): John LaVenture The Metropolitan Fire Marshals Association in cooperation with the Society of Fire Protection Engineers is pleased to announce [online pre-registration](#) is now open for the Seismic Intermediate & Advanced on May 3, 2011 and Inspection, Testing, & Maintenance for the Authority Having Jurisdiction on May 4, 2011. The seminars will be held at the [Sprinkler Fitters Local 268 Hall, 1544 South 3rd Street, St. Louis, MO 63104](#).

This seminar is ideal for:

- Building Officials
- Plan Reviewers and Examiners
- Building Inspectors
- Fire Marshals
- Fire Inspectors
- Fire Officials
- Engineers
- Contractors

The registration fee is \$40.00 per day. Lunch and workbooks are included. A registration form is [available for download \(PDF\)](#) with additional information. [Pre-registration](#) is encouraged to reserve your seat!

State Fire Marshals (www.fmamonline.com): Roger Herin Hotel reservations are open for the annual conference which will be July 25-27 at Tan-Tar-A. We hope to have a registration flier available soon. Firefighter Day at the Capitol is Tuesday April 19 – please attend.

MABFO: Art Oestereich HB 938 has been introduced. It is the State Code bill.

MABOI (www.maboi.com): Jerry Wessels MABOI's 5th Annual Golf Tournament - Friday, May 20th at Normandie Golf Course - \$55 per person / \$220 per team. Includes FREE beer, Gatorade, soda, water, bbq pork steaks, hamburgers, and sides. Tee: 12:30pm. RSVP DEADLINE May 14, 2011. Contact [Greg Tate](#) for additional information at 636-949-3595. Check the website. It was approved by vote to sponsor a hole for \$200.00.

ICC (www.iccsafe.org): Ed Berkel The next round of code hearings will be for the Green Code and Pool & Spa Standards – see the website for details. There was discussion regarding fire-related concerns with the Green Code.

Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc. (www.jcfma.org): Lloyd Montgomery (no report)

Laclede Gas (www.lacledegas.com): Ron Chac (no report)

Missouri American Water (www.amwater.com/moaw): Dave Pruitt (no report)

St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance (www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org): Wally Miller A side-by-side burn was done at High Ridge recently; A side-by-side burn will be done at Firefighter Day at the Capitol; Jason Webb will be getting an award for his efforts for residential sprinklers. John LaVenture had several pieces of literature to hand out.

AAGSL (www.alarmstl.org): MJ Vance MJ is soliciting vendors for the FMAM conference expo. She also invited all to the AAGSL meetings – check the website for details. Recently the St. Clair County

Sheriff's Department in Illinois has implemented a non response policy for burglary signal dispatches due to fiscal budget constraints. The county will only take a call and respond if the signal is from a panic or hold-up, or if they are informed that there is actual criminal activity occurring at the time the call is placed with them.

Old Business: We need to know which of our members are ICC members – this is needed for our annual ICC report to maintain our chapter status. Please e-mail Roger Herin at herin.r@monarchfpd.org to let him know if you are an ICC member.

New Business: (none)

Roundtable: Roger Herin reported that some of the building inspectors from another jurisdiction were misinterpreting the CO detector requirements of the 2009 IRC. In some instances, they were requiring hard-wired combination smoke/CO detectors throughout homes, and in particular requiring them in the furnace/mechanical rooms in the immediate vicinity of furnaces. It is believed that those Inspectors have been informed of, and are now enforcing the proper requirements of the 2009 IRC. All members are encouraged to watch for this problem in your jurisdictions to help mitigate false alarm calls.

Mark Harris asked what jurisdictions require ITM reports to be submitted to your office. The concern is that some building owners/managers feel that ITM contractors are submitting the reports to generate work. Discussion ensued. Paul Mercurio reported that Clayton FD has a list of building records requirements, and that certain target hazards are required to maintain a log book on site that includes all fire protection system ITM records.

Tom Presnak reported that fire alarm certification requirements are focusing more on response, signal disposition, runner service, etc.

Denis Drozkowski brought up that many times the technician that reports on a job site for the acceptance testing is not the technician that did the installation, and many times her or she states that it is the first time they have seen the system. Discussion ensued.

Paul Mercurio asked about the safety factor used for flow testing for sprinkler system design – 10%, 20% or what. Discussion ensued, including a brief rundown by the Associations unofficial historian, Ed Berkel, on the study done years ago by an ad-hoc committee that included members of this association and the water company. That study resulted in a recommendation of a safety factor using a parallel curve based on a 20% reduction of the static pressure.

Good of the Order: There was some discussion regarding residential sprinklers and associated legislation. Russ Todd thanked the membership for their help answering his recent question on the list-server.

Announcements: Dale Harbison announced an employment opportunity with the MO Division of Fire Safety for Public Safety Manager (Deputy Chief) - Inspections. Check their website at www.dfs.dps.mo.gov for details.

Next Meeting: May 11, 2011 at Kirkwood Community Center

Adjournment: (time not noted)

Respectfully Submitted:

Roger N. Herin, Secretary