



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

Date: July 13, 2011

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:05

Guests:

Attendees:

NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Roger Herin	Monarch FPD	John LaVenture	St. Louis FSA
Gene Robertson	High Ridge FPD	Dale Harbison	MO State FM
Barry West	MO State FM	Mark Heberlein	MO State FM
Jim Fritz	Afton FPD	Anthony Lancia	AGD of St. Louis
Lisa Schneider	MO America Water	Art Oestereich	Creve Coeur FPD
Marc Ulses	Frontenac FD	Jerry Wessels	City of St. Louis
Mike Henke	Potter Electric	Ken Schneider	Sprinkler Fitters 268
Wally Miller	St. Louis FSA	Jim Koenen	Twilight Fire
Sue Smith	Twilight Fire	Emily Godefroid	ABF Security
Ron Chac	Laclede Gas	Mark Harris	National Fire Suppression
Lorie Howell	Hackett Security	Russ Todd	City of Maplewood

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance: \$14,106.09; Ending Balance: \$12,156.09. Net loss on the sprinkler class was \$918.12. Approved by vote.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved by vote.

New Members:

1st Reading: Adam Hausmann, Total Lock & Security – President Paul Mercurio requested we hold this vote until the next meeting. In the mean time, we will contact Mr. Hausmann and ask him to attend the next meeting to introduce himself.

2nd Reading: None

Membership Report:

Regular	80
Associate	49
Honorary	1
Honorary Life	1
1 st Reading	1
2 nd Reading	0
Total	132

Program/Presentation: None

Communications: None

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: John LaVenture There was no quorum, however there was discussion about the academy, and about the Fire Summit Committee which will be dealing with DFS training issues – Chief Fritz is the Chairperson. Paul Mercurio talked about the Highlanders Fire Academy, which is offering education through SLCC.

Education Committee: John LaVenture Next month a representative from Lubrizol will do a presentation on CPVC pipe installation; in September, there will be a presentation on FlexHead installations. The

ICC Disaster Response class will be September 27 and 28. It will cost us about \$3,000, and will be at Shrewsbury. Discussion ensued.

State Fire Marshals (www.fmamonline.com): Roger Herin The conference will be in 2 weeks, and there is still time to register – check the website. Art Oestereich stated that we still need nominations for awards.

MABFO: Art Oestereich Waiting for next session to submit the bill and looking for a sponsor. Also, MABFO is looking for the opportunity to have a joint conference with multiple associations participating – they would like this to be a really big event.

MABOI (www.maboi.com): Jerry Wessels Jerry listed several seminars coming up – check the website. The newsletter is out. The by-laws have been updated.

ICC (www.iccsafe.org): Ed Berkel No report.

Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc. (www.jcfma.org): Lloyd Montgomery Gene Robertson stated that they are waiting for Jefferson County Council to adopt the 2009 I-Codes.

Laclede Gas (www.lacledegas.com): Ron Chac Not much going on. We will have the November meeting at Laclede Gas.

Missouri American Water (www.amwater.com/moaw): Lisa Schneider There was a question about new hydrant installations – generally, developers pay for the installation of new hydrants - discussion ensued. Denis Drozkowski had a question about fire flow requirements and how they came about – discussion ensued. A memo regarding the issue of partially closed valves (from last month) was distributed throughout MAWC offices.

St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance (www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org): Wally Miller There will be a seminar in October – details to follow.

AAGSL (www.alarmstl.org): Sean Devereaux Sean was unable to attend, but sent word to check the website for any updates and info.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Roundtable: Roger Herin asked which jurisdictions have fire safety trailers – West County, Metro West, High Ridge. Roger Herin asked about annual inspections – discussion ensued – self inspection programs result in approximately 10% returns; 1 hour should be expected as an average for each annual inspection. Jim Koenen expressed a need for a program on how to deal with emergencies, such as sudden weather (high wind, lightning, heavy rain, hail, etc.) at outdoor events – discussion ensued, and expanded to other emergencies such as shooters etc. Denis Drozkowski discussed discrepancies in sprinkler ITM reports.

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Announcements:

Next Meeting: August 10 – CPVC pipe installation class

Adjournment:

Respectfully Submitted:

Roger Herin, Secretary