



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

Date: August 10, 2011

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:08 AM

Guests: Jim Brust from Valley Park FPD

Attendees:

NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Roger Herin	Monarch FPD	Jim Fritz	Afton FPD
David Schmiderer	Maryland Heights FPD	Paul Richard	Pattonville FPD
Mark Heberlein	MO Division of Fire Safety	Chris Lindner	Saline Valley FPD
Adam Hausmann	Total Lock	Dennis Woods	City of Creve Coeur
Tom Sagehorn	Engineering Evaluation	Randy Cole	MO Division of Fire Safety
Barry West	MO Division of Fire Safety	Dale Harbison	MO Division of Fire Safety
Wayne Shirk	MO Division of Fire Safety	Charles Farr	MO Division of Fire Safety
Lorie Howell	Hackett Security	Mark Harris	National Fire Suppression
Brian Leuthauser	Valley Park FPD	Jim Koenen	Twilight Fire
Dan Flynn	Negwer Life Safety	Sue Smith	Twilight Fire
Greg Latka	Siemens Industry	Steve Bierman	Steamatic of St. Louis
Ron Chac	Laclede Gas	Anthony Lancia	AGC of St. Louis
Jerry Wessels	City of St. Louis	Teresa Cross	Mehlville FPD
Sean Quinn	Des Peres	Eric Hall	Des Peres
Wally Miller	St. Louis FSA	Cordell Beach	Tyco Fire Products
Gene Robertson	High Ridge FPD	Bryan Kopp	City of Des Peres
John Pritchard	Blazemaster	Emily Godefroid	ABF Security
Marc Ulses	Frontenac FD	John LaVenture	St. Louis FSA
Paul Mercurio	Clayton FD		

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance: \$12,156.09; Ending Balance: \$12,156.09 – approved by vote.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of Last Meeting: Held until next meeting – not distributed to membership.

New Members:

1st Reading: Adam Hauserman, Total Lock & Security – approved by vote.

2nd Reading: (none)

Membership Report:

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

Communications: (none)

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: John LaVenture No quorum. Update on emergency communication system to be done January 2014.

Education Committee: John LaVenture Discussed upcoming ICC disaster response class. Next meeting there will be a class on Flex Head sprinklers. There will be an Underground class in Shrewsbury October 18 - 19.

State Fire Marshals (www.fmamonline.com): Art Oestereich Roger Herin reported that the conference was a great success with approx. 85 attending. The membership voted to raise dues - for the first time since the Association was organized – to \$30/year. Conference registrations will still include membership dues for the ensuing year. Lloyd Montgomery was elected President; Art Oestereich was elected Region C Director. The Board has signed a contract with Jason Webb to act in a new position – Executive Director – which will run the day-to-day operations of the Association, which includes many functions and activities.

MABFO: Art Oestereich Jerry Wessels reported that meetings are scheduled, and that they are gaining steam.

MABOI (www.maboi.com): Bryan Kopp The fall conference is coming – there will be 18 training hours – see website for details and registration.

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

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

Laclede Gas (www.lacledegas.com): Ron Chac Laclede gas will host our November meeting with lunch served. Copper theft continues to be a problem, with thieves disconnecting gas lines. Firefighters are warned to approach carefully. Discussion ensued.

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

St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance (www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org): Wally Miller Wally reported on the side-by-side burn at the Monarch Fire Safety Fair – very successful, and 4 people expressed interest in retro-fitting their homes.

AAGSL (www.alarmstl.org): Sean Devereaux No report.

Old Business:

New Business: Missouri State Fire Marshal Randy Cole spoke about the veto of SB 118, which would have added 2 years to the requirement for long-term care facilities to install sprinkler systems. Governor Nixon has stated that he doesn't believe it should be extended. While there may be a need to reach out to our legislators regarding this issue, we should wait to see if there is a veto override attempt first. If there is an override attempt, we should contact our legislators and encourage them to NOT support the override. A list of talking points was distributed.

Roundtable: Roger Herin reported on the Monarch Fire Safety Fair that occurred on August 6, 2011. Attendance was very good, and many other agencies participated to make it a great success. Roger thanked all that participated for helping to make it a success.

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Announcements: Next Meeting: September 14, 2011

Adjournment:

Program/Presentation: John Pritchard presented Lubrizol training for fire and building officials. 26 members stayed for the presentation.

Respectfully Submitted:

Roger Herin, Secretary