



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

Date: September 14, 2011

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:04 AM

**Guests:** Cordell Beache, Tyco FP; John Noel, FlexHead

**Attendees:**

NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Roger Herin	Monarch FPD	Paul Mercurio	Clayton FD
John LaVenture	St. Louis FSA	Marc Ulses	Frontenac FD
Terry DeGuentz	West County FPD	Art Oestereich	Creve Coeur FPD
Ron Chac	Laclede Gas	Lisa Schneider	MO American Water
Mark Heberlein	MO Div of Fire Safety	Barry West	MO Div of Fire Safety
Dennis Woods	City of Creve Coeur	Sean Devereaux	Tech Electronics
Michael R. Mahler	Sprinkler Fitters 268	Kenneth P. Schneider	Sprinkler Fitters 268
Jerry Wessels	St. Louis City Bldg. Dept.	Mike Kisling	Creve Coeur FPD
Mike Henke	Potter Electric	Gerald Amborsecchia	West Overland FPD Retired
Wally Miller	St. Louis FSA	Steve Bierman	Steamatic of St. Louis
Greg Latka	Siemens Industry, Inc.	Gene Robertson	High Ridge FPD
Lloyd Montgomery	FMAM	Jeff Edwan	Ferguson FD
Dale Harbison	MO Div of Fire Safety	Jack Schenk	City of Clayton
Dan Meehan	City of Clayton	Leo Meyer	Kirkwood FD
Bill Fox	Shrewsbury FD	Anthony Lancia	AGC of St. Louis
Richard Voelker	St. Louis City Bldg. Dept.		

**Treasurer's Report:** Beginning Balance: \$12,156.09; ending balance: \$13,716.09 – approved by vote.

**Secretary's Report:**

**Minutes of Last 2 Meetings:** Approved by vote.

**New Members:**

1st Reading: (none)

2nd Reading: Adam Hausmann, Total Lock & Security – approved by vote.

**Membership Report:**

Regular	80
Associate	49
Honorary	1
Honorary Life	1
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	0
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>132</b>

**Communications:** (none)

**Committee Reports:**

**Fire Chiefs:** Paul Mercurio No quorum. Year books are in. County task force is being formed regarding the St. Louis County Fire Academy – task force will be comprised of St. Louis County, Fire jurisdictions and various politicians.

**Education Committee:** John LaVenture The ICC disaster response class is coming up (Sept. 27 & 28) – there are 26 registered at this time. October 17 & 18 there will be a seminar on commissioning sprinkler

systems and underground IT&M at Shrewsbury Civic Center. Paul Mercurio stated that the books for the disaster response class have been ordered, and that attendees should bring their NIMS 700 certificate. John LaVenture stated that we have no class scheduled for the October meeting; the November meeting will be at Laclede Gas; and the December meeting will be at Sprinkler Fitters 268 hall.

**State Fire Marshals ([www.mofiremarshals.org](http://www.mofiremarshals.org)):** Art Oestereich Lloyd Montgomery reported that there is a new website for FMAM – training opportunities, minutes, etc. will be posted – please visit the new website. Next meeting will be October 12 at 10:00 at the State Fire Marshal's office – with training on long term care facilities after the meeting. State Fire Marshal Randy Cole is asking for support to sustain the veto of SB118 – discussion ensued.

**MABFO:** Art Oestereich Seeking support from legislators, but suffered somewhat of a setback at a meeting with outstate legislators.

**MABOI ([www.maboi.com](http://www.maboi.com)):** Jerry Wessels The fall conference is coming up – 18 contact hours of training. Election of officers at the next meeting.

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

**Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc. ([www.jcfma.org](http://www.jcfma.org)):** Gene Robertson Jefferson County has passed the 2009 codes – some provisions in their adoption ordinance conflict with the fire districts' ordinances. Gene spelled out some of the differences – much discussion ensued.

**Laclede Gas ([www.lacledegas.com](http://www.lacledegas.com)):** Ron Chac Laclede Gas will host the November meeting at 4118 Shrewsbury, St. Louis, MO 63119, and will serve lunch after the meeting. The meeting will start at 10:00 AM – please let Ron know if you plan on attending so they can plan for the food. Suzanne Sitherwood has been named Laclede Gas president effective September 1, 2011, and its next chief executive officer effective February 1, 2012.

**Missouri American Water ([www.amwater.com/moaw](http://www.amwater.com/moaw)):** Lisa Schneider Lisa reminded the members that hydrants need to be signed off on when installed – discussion ensued regarding the timeline of calling for hydrants to be spotted, and the need for a little advanced notice. The special connections process is being revised in response to the discussion at previous MFMA meetings.

**St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance ([www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org](http://www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org)):** Wally Miller Side-by-side burns are scheduled for Kirkwood, Jefferson County, Maplewood, O'Fallon (MO) and others (see website). Orders for Sprinkler Man coloring books are being taken.

**AAGSL ([www.alarmstl.org](http://www.alarmstl.org)):** Sean Devereaux Next meeting will be Tuesday September 20 at 11:45 AM at the Genesis Banquet Center, 2165 Telegraph Rd. – see website for further details. The AAGSL annual golf tournament and expo will be in October – see website for details.

**Old Business:** (none)

**New Business:** Sean Devereaux offered the Paths of Communication class for the January meeting. Paul Mercurio reminded the membership that fire alarm contractors need to get permits for their work.

**Roundtable:** Bill Fox reminded the membership of the AAFG grant deadline; and that the yearbooks are in – available at the St. Louis County Fire Academy. Jerry Wessels reminded the membership that the ICC 2012 Codes area available via a free download to all governmental members. Mike Mahler stated that the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Burn Aid Golf Tournament is coming up – contact Wally Miller for details. It was approved by voted to sponsor a hole for \$500.

**Good of the Order:** Paul Mercurio showed the membership our new table cloth with the new logo. He also announced that we will be awarding 2 awards at the annual Chiefs award banquet – one to Jerry McQueen at Creve Coeur FPD, and the other to John LaVenture. The banquet will be October 16 at Kirkwood Community Center – Paul recommended that Fire Service members make your reservations through your Chief.

**Announcements:**

Next Meeting: **NOTE:** The next meeting will be **October 19, 2011** – this is the **THIRD WEDNESDAY** in October.

**Adjournment:** 10:14 AM

**Program/Presentation:** John Noel gave a very informative presentation on FlexHead sprinklers. There were 20 attendees at the presentation.

Respectfully Submitted:

Roger N. Herin, Secretary