



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

Date: November 9, 2011

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 10:02 AM

**Guests:**

**Attendees:**

NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Paul Mercurio	Clayton FD	John LaVenture	St. Louis FSA
Marc Ulses	Frontenac FD	Roger Herin	Monarch FPD
Gene Robertson	High Ridge FPD	Mark Heberlein	MO Div of Fire Safety
Anthony Lancia	AGC of St. Louis	Barry West	MO Div of Fire Safety
Paul Richard	Pattonville FPD	Laurie Taylor	Pattonville FPD
Greg Latka	Siemens Industry	Jerry Wessels	City of St. Louis
Scott Mullins	Eureka FPD	Mark Murphy	Fenton FPD
Dennis Woods	City of Creve Coeur	Michael Mahler	Sprinkler Fitters 268
Rich Fasching	FireTech	Lisa Schneider	MO American Water
Dan Meehan	City of Clayton	Lorie Howell	Hackett Security
Flip Schwarz	Hackett Security	Chris Zumwalt	Hackett Security
Steve Bierman	Steamatic of St. Louis	Jeff Edwan	Ferguson FD
Tom Pinz	Cintas Fire	Jason McIntosh	Creve Coeur FPD
Art Oestereich	Creve Coeur FPD	Mike Kising	Creve Coeur FPD
Richard Voelker	City of St. Louis	Ron Chac	Laclede Gas
Jim Fritz	Affton FPD	Bill Fox	Shrewsbury FD

**Treasurer's Report:** Beginning balance: 13,220.81; Ending balance: 12,217.04 – approved by vote.

**Secretary's Report:**

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

**New Members:**

1st Reading: None

2nd Reading: Laurie Taylor, Pattonville FPD

**Membership Report:** Not available.

**Communications:** Paul Mercurio discussed a notice from AFAA regarding the NFPA Fire Prevention Research Foundation

**Committee Reports:**

**Fire Chiefs:** Paul Mercurio, Jim Fritz and Bill Fox reported on the last meeting. The following items were discussed: Fire summit update, communications, Fire Academy issues, tuition increase.

**Education Committee:** John LaVenture At the January meeting we will have a class on fire alarm paths of communication. Please send us ideas for training for next year.

**State Fire Marshals (www.fmamonline.com):** Art Oestereich There hasn't been a meeting since our last meeting. The next meeting will be December 14, 2011 at Mid County FPD at Lake of the Ozarks. See the website for details.

**MABFO:** Art Oestereich MABFO will have a meeting next week.

**MABOI (www.maboi.com):** Jerry Wessels The fall conference was a success. New officers were elected – President: Jeff Wapplehorst; Vice President: Ed Ware; Secretary: Brian Kopp; Treasurer: Bart Alspaugh. See the website for further. Also, Dennis Woods commented on several classes being sponsored by MACE/SLACE.

**ICC (www.iccsafe.org):** Ed Berkel No report. Roger Herin commented that ICC members can get a free download of the 2012 I-Codes – see the website.

**Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc. (www.jcfma.org):** Gene Robertson Terry Mueller is the new President; Gene Roberston is the new Vice President. Next meeting is December 15, 2011 at High Ridge.

**Laclede Gas (www.lacledegas.com):** Ron Chac Ron welcomed the membership to Laclede Gas. Paul Mercurio thanked Ron and Laclede Gas for hosting the meeting. Ron reported that copper theft continues to be a problem – discussion ensued.

**Missouri American Water (www.amwater.com/moaw):** Lisa Schneider No report.

**St. Louis Fire Sprinkler Alliance (www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org):** John LaVenture John stated that the Alliance would like to know what departments/districts have “safe houses”. The Alliance is looking to do a pamphlet. The Alliance has been contacted by some contractors regarding FDC requirements – stand-alone vs on buildings – discussion ensued.

**AAGSL (www.alarmstl.org):** Sean Devereaux No report. Roger Herin passed around a notice for the next AAGSL meeting.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Fire door requirements were discussed.

**Roundtable:** Tony Simpson discussed the changes at St. Louis County Public Works code enforcement division. Several Inspectors are being laid off; the residential section is being disbanded – commercial divisions will be doing residential inspections as separate disciplines. Emergency Management is dealing with drug houses, and needs help in dealing with the chemicals found in them – discussion ensued regarding who to call and when to call them.

Jeff Edwan thanked the membership for their responses to questions posted on the list server.

Anthony Lancia updated us on changes at Permit Locator. Check your information to make sure it is accurate – [www.permitlocator.com](http://www.permitlocator.com).

**Good of the Order:** Time to think about membership renewal!

**Announcements:** John LaVenture and Jerry McQueen were presented with the MFMA Educator of the Year Awards at the Chiefs banquet.

Next Meeting: December 14, 2011, 10:00 AM at Sprinkler Fitters 268 Hall – 1544 South 3<sup>rd</sup> St., St. Louis, MO 63104 – Election of Officers (Nomination Committee is Jeff Edwan, Denis Drozkowski and Wally Miller). Also, lunch will be served after the meeting.

**Adjournment:** Time not noted.

**Program/Presentation:** Ron Chac introduced various Laclede employees who told us of their roles and duties. A delicious lunch was served.

Respectfully Submitted:

Roger N. Herin  
Secretary