



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

Date: January 11, 2012

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:08

**Guests:** None

**Attendees:**

NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Roger Herin	Monarch FPD	Jim Fritz	Aftton FPD
Dan Flynn	Negwer Life Safety	Steve Bierman	Steamatic of St. Louis
Barry West	MSFM	Paul Richard	Pattonville FPD
John Otte	Hazelwood FD	Mark Heberlein	MSFM
Dale Harbison	MSFM	Wayne Shirk	MSFM
Mark Kilby	MSFM	Brian Lathrum	MSFM
Eddie Barton	MSFM	Shane Bullock	MSFM
David Phipps	Metro West FPD	John LaVenture	St. Louis FSA
Anthony Lancia	AGC of St. Louis	Wally Miller	St. Louis FSA
Denis Drozkowski	Maryland Heights FPD	Scott Mullins	Eureka FPD
Jim Koenen	Twilight	Sue Smith	Twilight
Sean Devereaux	Tech Electronics	Dennis Woods	City of Creve Coeur
Lorie Howell	Hackett Security	Ken Schneider	Sprinkler Fitters 268
Lisa Schneider	MO America Water	Dan Dexter	Rock Hill FD
Will Penney	St. Louis County	Teresa Cross	Mehlville FPD
Mark Murphy	Fenton FPD	Ron Chac	Laclede Gas
Roger Morris	Monarch FPD	Paul Mercurio	Clayton FD
Bill Fox	Shrewsbury FD	Art Oestereich	Creve Coeur FPD
John Anderson	Webster Groves FD	Leo Meyer	Kirkwood FD
Mark Harris	National Fire Suppression		

**Treasurer's Report:** Roger Herin received the bank statement from Marc Ulses who was unable to attend. Beginning balance: \$11,005.94; Ending balance: 11,645.94. Approved by vote.

**Secretary's Report:**

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Not available – to be voted on next meeting.

**New Members:** Approved by vote.

1st Reading: Lisa Schneider, MO American Water  
 Don Miner, University City FD  
 Neil Carlock, Victaulic Corp.  
 Jim Sieberg, St. Louis County  
 Leo Schwartz, St. Louis County  
 Dan Waldemer, St. Louis County

2nd Reading: None.

**Membership Report:**

Regular	81
Associate	51
Honorary	1
Honorary Life	1
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	6
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	0
Total	140

**Communications:** None.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Fire Chiefs:** Paul Mercurio – St. Louis County is planning a bond issue for the Juvenile Center and Courts Building, both of which are in bad repair.

State code bill has been filed – HB 938.

HBA has cut off communications with FMAM.

**Education Committee:** John LaVenture – Next month we will have a program on Exit Point Technology.

In April we will have someone from Tegriss Fire to explain their services, which include web-based management of fire protection system inspection reports.

We are looking for ideas for other programs, and need one for March.

**State Fire Marshals ([www.mofiremarshals.org](http://www.mofiremarshals.org)):** Art Oestereich – State building code and HBA was discussed.

**MABFO:** Art Oestereich – The State code bill was submitted to Tim Meadows, and MABFO will get it back for review before it is presented for a vote. The committee worked together well.

**MABOI ([www.maboi.com](http://www.maboi.com)):** Jerry Wessels – Nothing to report – check the website for updates.

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

**Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc. ([www.jcfma.org](http://www.jcfma.org)):** Lloyd Montgomery – No report.

**Laclede Gas ([www.lacledegas.com](http://www.lacledegas.com)):** Ron Chac – No report.

**Missouri American Water ([www.amwater.com/moaw](http://www.amwater.com/moaw)):** Lisa Schneider – A survey went out from the engineering department.

**St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance ([www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org](http://www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org)):** Wally Miller – The Alliance is compiling a schedule.

**AAGSL ([www.alarmstl.org](http://www.alarmstl.org)):** Sean Devereaux – The next meeting will be January 17 at the Genesis Conference Center. They are working on getting classes at their meetings for CEUs.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Paul Mercurio discussed education as our primary function, and proposed that we do a public service announcement for the media; and that we work on bringing proposed topics for the next meeting. Much discussion ensued. Home fire safety subjects were discussed. Teresa Cross mentioned a website called everwell.com – we should check it out.

Mark Harris asked about sprinkler requirements in stores that sell upholstered furniture. Discussion ensued. The consensus was that we all need to look at that section.

**Roundtable:** Wally Miller announced that out of 12 Habitat for Humanity homes being built in the area, 3 will have residential sprinkler systems due to the buyers opting for them.

Bill Fox stated he has been getting questions about sprinkler retrofitting from a foreign company – there is somewhat of a language barrier.

Will Penney stated that St. Louis County will consolidate their residential section into the commercial sections on February 6, 2012. Also, the satellite offices will be open on various days of the week, but not all week. He also stated that St. Louis County is increasing permit fees.

**Good of the Order:**

**Announcements:**

Next Meeting: February 8, 2012

**Adjournment:**

**Program/Presentation:** Chris Wilhelm gave a very informative presentation on fire alarm communications.

Respectfully Submitted:

Roger Herin, Secretary