



METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

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DATE: MARCH 14, 2012

Call Meeting to order: 9:00 AM

Guests: Dane Brockmiller

Attendees:

NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Roger Herin	Monarch FPD	Paul Mercurio	Clayton FD	John LaVenture	St. Louis FSA
Marc Ulses	Frontenac FD	Neal Brockmiller	Monarch FPD	Bill Fox	Shrewsbury FD
Leo Schwartz	St. Louis County	Bill Penney	City of Eureka	Tony Simpson	St. Louis County
Michael Mahler	Sprinkler Fitters 268	Barry West	MO State Fire Marshal	Jim Koenen	Twilight Fire
Sue Smith	Twilight Fire	Teresa Cross	Mehlville FPD	Barney Hagen	Weber Fire & Safety
Gary Zieroff	Weber Fire & Safety	Wally Miller	St. Louis FSA	Denis Drozkowski	Maryland Heights FPD
Charlie Braband	Robertson FPD	Steve Gettemeier	Florissant Valley FPD	Ed Berkel	Mehlville FPD
John Anderson	Webster Groves FD	Steve Bierman	Steamatic of St. Louis	Sean Devereaux	Tech Electronics
Lisa Schneider	MO American Water	Jerry Wessels	City of St. Louis	Ron Chac	Laclede Gas
Vince Zagari	Zagari Engineering				

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance: 12,695.94; Ending Balance: 13,234.94 Approved by vote.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved by vote.

New Members:

1st Reading: None

2nd Reading: John Johnson, Ladue FD – approved by vote.

Membership Report:

Regular	78
Associate	48
Honorary	1
Honorary Life	1
1 st Reading	0
2 nd Reading	1
Total	129

Communications: Burns Recovered Support Group request for donation – after discussion, \$750.00 was approved by vote.

MABOI request for donation for golf tournament – after discussion, \$200.00 was approved by vote.

A petition for requiring sprinklers in off-campus housing was discussed. This is for Florida. Discussion ensued.

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: Paul Mercurio Elections are pending. There was a report on the 911 system.

Education Committee: John LaVenture There will be a presentation by Tegriss next month. Fire alarm testing in May. Large opening fire protection in June. A joint training session on photovoltaic solar panels is being planned with Jefferson County Fire Marshals.

State Fire Marshals (www.mofiremarshals.org): Steve Gettemeier Conference is coming up – July 29 through August 1st. Make your reservations now. See website for details.

MABFO: Art Oestereich No report.

MABOI (www.maboi.com): Jerry Wessels Jerry talked about the golf tournament – see the website for details.

ICC (www.iccsafe.org): Ed Berkel Group “A” Code hearings are coming up. Everyone is encouraged to go and participate, as several important fire-related issues will be voted on.

Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc. (www.jcfma.org): Gene Robertson No report.

Laclede Gas (www.lacledegas.com): Ron Chac Fire extinguisher training is ongoing.

Missouri American Water (www.amwater.com/moaw): Lisa Schneider MOAW is investing \$55 million in system upgrades starting this year. There will be a lot of water mains replaced.

St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance (www.stlouisfsa.org): Wally Miller There will be a side-by-side burn at Fenton on June 2nd.

AAGSL (www.alarmstl.org): Sean Devereaux Next meeting will be Tuesday March 20, which will be a lunch meeting with CEU training. See the website for all future meetings.

Public Service Announcement: It was discussed that we could use help from the PIO group, and that we really could use some professional help with this. Discussion ensued. John LaVenture, Roger Herin and Sean Devereaux will work as a committee on this, but input from everyone is expected.

Old Business: Paul Mercurio brought up the subject of the finances. The Chiefs are asking that all subcommittees merge their bank accounts with them. All transactions will go through the Fire Academy. All accounting, reconciliations, etc. will be handled by the Fire Academy. After much discussion, it was approved by a vote to do so.

New Business: Firefighter day at the Capitol will be April 17. Everyone is encouraged to go.

May 4 is the St. Louis County memorial day. The fire service is encouraged to attend, as the past few years fire service attendance has dwindled.

Mike Mahler stated that they are having apprentice competition, and everyone is invited to come watch. Mike also stated that there seems to be an increase in “new” sprinkler contractors that may be watching. Discussion ensued.

Tony Simpson stated that St. Louis County will be sending out mutual assistance agreements to fire agencies in order to comply with FEMA.

Roundtable: Ed Berkel stated that his personal Facebook profile had been researched by an attorney involved in a case Ed testified in. Ed suggested we all keep this in mind as we use any social media.

Good of the Order: Bill Fox stated that the sprinkler contractors working at Kendrick Seminary are doing a great job.

Announcements: Jim Koenen announced that he will be doing fireworks classes for firefighters April 10, 12 and 13 beginning at 9:00 AM at the Brentwood Rec Center; and will have a live shoot April 21 in Valley Park at Johnny Mack – be there at 4:30 PM. Also, on May 17, the Jefferson County Fire Marshals will have a BBQ and fireworks shoot – contact Jim for further details.

Next Meeting: April 11, 2012

Adjournment: 10:30

Program/Presentation: Dane Brockmiller gave a very informative presentation regarding emergency responder radio coverage requirements.

Respectfully Submitted:

Roger Herin
Secretary