



## METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

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DATE: APRIL 11, 2012

Call Meeting to order: 9:00 AM

**Guests:** None

**Attendees:**

NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Roger Herin	Monarch FPF	Marc Ulses	Frontenac FD	Art Oestereich	Creve Coeur FPD
Denis Drozkowski	Maryland Hts. FPD	Dale Harbison	MO State Fire Marshal	Barry West	MO State Fire Marshal
Bill Penney	City of Eureka	Jim Koenen	Twilight Fire	Sue Smith	Twilight Fire
Teresa Cross	Mehlville FPD	Gary Zieroff	Weber Fire	Barney Hagen	Weber Fire
Ken Schneider	Sprinkler Fitters 268	Tom Pinz	Cintas Fire Protection	Mark Harris	National Fire Suppression
Wally Miller	St. Louis FSA	Michael Mahler	Sprinkler Fitters 268	Dennis Woods	City of Creve Coeur
John Schotz	Ahern Fire Sprinkler	Chris Lindner	Saline Valley FPD	Lorie Howell	Hackett Security
Steve Bierman	Steamatic of St. Louis	Tony Simpson	St. Louis County	Tom Presnak	UL
Mark Murphy	Fenton FPD	Scott Mullins	Eureka FPD	Leo Meyer	Kirkwood FD
Steve Gettemeier	Florissant Valley FPD				

**Treasurer's Report:** \$13,559.94 was transferred to our account with the Chiefs – no statement has been received as yet. It is believed we have a current balance of \$12,684.94. The donations approved at last meeting was made to Burns Recovered Support Group and MABOI Golf Tournament – the MABOI donation has not been confirmed as yet. The online banking is not yet available. The debit card has not been issued yet. Paul Mercurio stressed that we need the online banking. Treasurer's report approved by vote.

**Secretary's Report:**

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

**New Members:**

1st Reading: None

2nd Reading: None

**Membership Report:**

Regular	79
Associate	47
Honorary	1
Honorary Life	1
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	0
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	0
Total	128

**Communications:** None

**Program/Presentation:** Leroy McNulty (Fire Marshal of Lynnwood, WA Retired) gave a great presentation on the Tegriss inspection management system. The purpose of the program is to assist the Fire Marshals with inspecting, testing and maintenance (ITM) of fire protection systems. Tegriss will populate and maintain a database for easy access to fire protection system ITM information. There is no cost to the AHJ, but a minimal cost to the system owners. Visit [www.tegrissinc.com](http://www.tegrissinc.com) for more information, or contact Leroy McNulty at 888-880-2467 ext. 709.

**Committee Reports:**

**Fire Chiefs:** Paul Mercurio Marc Ulses attended in Paul Mercurio's absence. Bill Fox explained finance issues. Marc Ulses also reported that at the elections, Tom Vineyard was elected President and Dave Frazier was elected Secretary. There was discussion regarding HB 1397 and HB 2101. There was also discussion regarding the Fire Academy – tuition is going up to \$4,000.

**Education Committee:** John LaVenture John discussed the Tyco Trailer demonstration scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2012. Also, next month at our regular meeting we will have a program regarding large opening protection. The program in June will be a follow-up from the previous program about fire alarm communication presented by Tech Electronics.

**Fire Marshals Assoc. of MO ([www.mofiremarshals.org](http://www.mofiremarshals.org)):** Art Oestereich The next meeting will be at the State Fire Marshal's office April 17, 2012 after the Firefighter Day at the Capital. Everyone is encouraged to attend both. If you wish to attend the Firefighter Day at the Capital, meet in the rotunda at 9:30 AM; if you wish to attend the FMAM meeting, meet at the State Fire Marshal's office at 1:30 PM. Check the website for details.

**MABFO:** Art Oestereich Had a meeting a couple of weeks ago. The bill has been submitted, and is out of committee with some changes – we have not seen the changes yet. The bill is HB 1809, and establishes a State Building Code.

**MABOI ([www.maboi.com](http://www.maboi.com)):** Jerry Wessels The golf tournament will be May 18, 2012 – see the website for details. Elections will be held in September. The nomination committee is looking for candidates – see Jerry or the website if you're interested.

**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 The code adoptions have been agreed to by all.

**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 No report.

**St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance ([www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org](http://www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org)):** Wally Miller Formulating side-by-side burn schedule.

**AAGSL ([www.alarmstl.org](http://www.alarmstl.org)):** Sean Devereaux No report.

**Public Service Announcement:** In progress. John LaVenture, Steve Bierman and Roger Herin have been communicating via e-mail, but nothing solid has been determined as yet. Please submit any ideas to any of the three.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Paul Mercurio discussed the disappointing attendance at the program last month – most members left after the meeting portion. We are looking for suggestions to change our process (this month we put the program at the beginning of the meeting). The following suggestions were discussed: limit the time of the programs; schedule them before the meetings; schedule the programs in the afternoon; base the time on the length of the program and let the membership know ahead of time what the length is. Discussion ensued. It was agreed on by consensus that next month, we will have the presentation at 9:00 AM and the meeting will start at 10:00 AM. We will try this for a few months. More discussion ensued. It was agreed that we need to reach out to all Fire Marshals in the region to garner support of our causes and effect better training.

Paul discussed the push to get sprinklers in dorms.

Paul also brought up a letter he received from Intertek regarding fire alarm documentation. Other jurisdictions have received similar letters. Discussion ensued regarding Intertek, UL and FM fire alarm documentation.

Barry West discussed HB 1458, which is a good bill for the State Fire Marshal's office which establishes fees for recertification testing. Barry expressed his and State Fire Marshal Randy Cole's hope that our members would mention this bill to their respective representatives for support.

Barry also discussed HB 8, which is next year's budget – it also needs our support.

Barry reminded us of the memorial service to be held May 20, 2012 at the Firefighter Memorial located at Kingdom City.

Barry also announced that State Fire Inspector Wayne Shirk will be retiring soon, which will create an employment opening. The members present wished Wayne a happy retirement.

Paul Mercurio brought up and discussed HB 1397, HB 2101 and an intercepted e-mail from the HBA. Much discussion ensued. It was agreed that this message needs to go out to the entire region to make all fire code officials aware.

**Roundtable:** Roger Herin discussed the issue of combination (PEX) sprinkler systems versus stand-alone systems. He stated that other parts of the country have been successful with residential sprinklers because the combination systems are widely used in those areas, and maybe we should look for contractors who use this technology to get the ball rolling here in our region. Roger also stated he wished that the members representing the sprinkler industry had not left so they could contribute to the discussion.

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**Announcements:**

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be May 9, 2012 at Kirkwood Community Center. Program will start at 9:00 AM; Meeting will start at 10:00 AM

**Adjournment:**

Respectfully Submitted:

Roger Herin  
Secretary