



# METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2012

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Call Meeting to order: 9:00 A.M.

**Guests:** Brian Hart, Steamatic of St. Louis

**Attendees:**

NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Roger Herin	Monarch FPD	Leo Meyer	Kirkwood FD	Teresa Cross	Mehlville FPD
Anthony Lancia	AGC of St. Louis	Brian Hart	Steamatic of St. Louis	Steve Bierman	Steamatic of St. Louis
Barney Hagan	Weber Fire & Safety	John J. Anderson	Webster Groves FD	Bill Fox	Shrewsbury FD
Ed Berkel	Mehlville FPD	Denis Drozkowski	Maryland Heights FPD	Marc Ulses	Frontenac FD
John LaVenture	St. Louis FSA	Paul Mercurio	Clayton FD	Jeff Edwan	Ferguson FD
Ken Schneider	Sprinkler Fitters 268	Melodee Hinkle	Engineered Fire Prot.	Tony Simpson	St. Louis County
Wally Miller	St. Louis FSA	Mark Harris	National Fire Protection	Mike Henke	Potter Electric

**NOTE:** There was not a quorum, so no votes could be taken.

**Program/Presentation:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Remaining Balance: \$12,848.79 – to be voted on next meeting.

**Secretary's Report:**

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Minutes from August and September were sent out – to be voted on next meeting.

**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:** Thank you letter from Burns Support Group and picture of the most recent camp attendees (see attached).

**Committee Reports:**

**Fire Chiefs:** Paul Mercurio The Chiefs' award banquet will be October 21. Mike Thieman will be the recipient of the MFMA Fire Educator of the Year award. Paul also stated that he had informed the Chiefs about our recently revised meeting structure.

**Education Committee:** John LaVenture Nothing to report this month – if you have ideas for training topics, please submit them to John.

**State Fire Marshals ([www.mofiremarshals.org](http://www.mofiremarshals.org)):** Art Oestereich No report.

**MABFO:** Art Oestereich No report.

**MABOI ([www.maboi.com](http://www.maboi.com)):** Jerry Wessels No report.

**ICC ([www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org)):** Ed Berkel The CEO has left for other opportunities. The final action hearings and annual meeting will be October 21 through 28. This will be the Group A Codes.

**Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc. ([www.jcfma.org](http://www.jcfma.org)):** Gene Robertson 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 No report. Bill Fox informed those in attendance that they have discovered some kind of transmitter inside fire hydrants.

**St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance ([www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org](http://www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org)):** Wally Miller There will be a side-by-side burn demonstration in Lemay on Saturday, October 13.

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

**Public Service Announcement:** No report.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** • President Mercurio reported that last week the ICC Evaluation Services hearings were held in St. Louis. The hearings focused on protecting openings with sprinklers – should this be removed or retained. It was voted to be retained. • There was discussion regarding the current national ionization vs photoelectric smoke alarm controversy. • Ed Berkel and Denis Drozkowski were appointed as the nominating committee for the elections in December.

**Roundtable:** • Melodee Hinkle questioned the group regarding sprinkler system ITM, particularly the 5-year interior inspection requirement, and how it is enforced. Discussion ensued. • Mike Henke has an acquaintance who inquired about purchasing a 1700 square foot home in New Town in St. Charles from Whittaker Homes, and was not given the option of a home sprinkler system. When the purchaser asked about a home sprinkler system, they were told they would be required to purchase a \$2 million insurance policy with Whittaker as the beneficiary, and that the sprinkler system would cost \$20,000.00. • Tony Simpson stated that the City of Fenton is having a hearing on adoption of the Fire Code, with consideration of protection of engineered wood floors. The HBA will be there, and Rich Walke from UL will also be there to testify. Discussion ensued. • President Mercurio brought up the subject of flash hazard analysis, and how fire pump switches are a problem.

**Good of the Order:** UL has a very good video regarding photovoltaic safety for firefighters.

**Announcements:** • NFSA is sponsoring a class for architects about sprinkler systems and green buildings. • The December meeting will be at Sprinkler Fitters 268 Training Center, 1544 South 3<sup>rd</sup> St., St. Louis, MO 63104, and will start at 10:00 – lunch will be served.

**Adjournment:** 9:33 A.M.

**Supplemental:** The November 14, 2012 meeting will be at Kirkwood Community Center, and will be starting at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Roger Herin  
Secretary