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METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 14, 2012

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:00 AM



**NOTE: DECEMBER MEETING AT SPRINKLER FITTERS UNION LOCAL 268
DECEMBER 12, 2012 AT 10:00**



Guests: Bob Eaton, Melinda Kershaw – Day & Night Solar

Attendees:

NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Mike Mahler	Sprinkler Fitters 268	Anthony Lancia	AGC of St. Louis
Paul Mercurio	Clayton FD	Marc Ulses	Frontenac FD
Leo Meyer	Kirkwood FD	Art Oestereich	Creve Coeur FPD
Wally Miller	St. Louis FSA	Teresa Cross	Mehlville FPD
Steve Berman	Steamatic of St. Louis	John LaVenture	St. Louis FSA
Brian Hart	Steamatic of St. Louis	Jim Konen	TFI
Jim Brust	Valley Park FPD	Jeff Johnson	Ladue FD
Dale Harbison	MoFM	Jerry Wessels	City of St. Louis
Mark Menning	Crestwood FD	Bill Fox	Shrewsbury FD
Jeff Edwan	Ferguson FD	Dan Waldemer	St. L. Co. PW
Tom Pinz	Cintas Fire Protection	Melodee Hinkle	EFP
Chris Gaut	NFSA	Lisa Schneider	Mo Am Water
John Bennett	Guarantee Electrical	Skip Shank	Aschinger Electric

Treasurer's Report: Ending balance \$12,788.79. Motion to approve by Jeff Edwan. Seconded by Dale Harbison, and approved by vote.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes for August, September and October: Motion to approve by Jeff Edwan. Seconded by Jerry Wessels, and approved by vote.

New Members:

1st Reading: None
2nd Reading: None

Membership Report: No change.

Communications: None

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: Bill Fox – The Fire Chiefs discussed the new radio communications system. There was a short presentation on Tinnitus and treatment for firefighters.

Education Committee: John LaVenture – We are planning to bring in NFSA instructors in 2013. Please let us know of any classes you are looking for. We are also planning some hands-on training at Sprinkler Fitters Union Local 268 for inspections of wet and dry system valves. We are also looking to do a seminar on Photovoltaics and on Communication systems in buildings. If you have any ideas or suggestions for 2012 training, please let the officers know.

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Did you notice ?



DECEMBER 12, 2012 AT 10:00 AM

State Fire Marshals: Meeting held Nov. 14, 2012 (today).

State ICC Chapter (MABFO): No report.

MABOI: Jerry Wessels – The MABOI Fall Conference was successful. Turnout was low.
Dec. 5, 2012 Code Enforcement Seminar at St. Louis Bldg. Dept. on North Broadway.
Jan. 9, 2013 Seminar on NEC and photovoltaics at University City.

ICC: 2015 Final Action Code Hearings will be held during Fire Prevention Week. We need to make sure the sprinkler requirement remains in the IRC. There will be a push by the NAHB to get it removed due to the number of states where the homebuilders have taken it out of the code. We need to make sure we are well represented at the Code Hearings.

Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc.: No report. December Meeting and Holiday Party will be Dec. 13 at High Ridge FPD.

Laclede Gas: Ron Chac – No report.

Missouri American Water: Lisa Schneider – Painting and maintenance being performed. Contact Lisa if you are experiencing any issues with water pressure.

St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance: Wally Miller – The Side-By-Side Burn Demonstrations are completed for the year. Discussion on TEGRIS Third Party ITM management. We will try to get the TEGRIS representative back to answer any questions you may have.

AAGSL: Sean Deveraux – No report.

PSA's: Barney has been working with Webster University to help us develop a program.

Old Business: The Nomination Committee of Ed Berkel and Denis Drozkowski will present the nominees at the December meeting of the Metropolitan Fire Marshals Association.

New Business: None

Roundtable: Discussion on hand-held Fire Inspection systems. Paul Mercurio stated there would be presentations from 5 vendors at the Clayton City Hall on November 20, 2012. Terry Cross brought in a used Sky Lantern that caused a grass fire. Jim Koenen mentioned there is no way to determine how far a sky lantern can travel or where it would land. Many areas are adopting ordinances to prohibit the use or release of sky lanterns.

Good of the Order: None

Announcements: Election of Officers will be held at the December Meeting. Let's have a good turnout at the December Meeting at Sprinkler Fitters Union Local 268 to show that we appreciate their support !



Next Meeting: 10:00 Wednesday December 12, 2012
Sprinkler Fitters Union Local 268
1544 South 3rd Street
St. Louis, MO 63104



Motion to adjourn by **Jeff Edwan**.
Seconded, and approved by vote.

Adjournment: 9:55

Program/Presentation: A short presentation on Photovoltaic basics was given by Bob Eaton and Melinda Kershaw of Day & Night Solar. The Fire Service needs to be aware of the dangers involved with these systems. Inspections of new installations and training for First Responders is paramount. It was mentioned that with the FPD's being taken out of residential inspections, First Responders may not even be aware the systems were installed, much less know if the installation was done properly.

Respectfully Submitted:

John LaVenture, Vice-President