



# METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

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DATE: JANUARY 9, 2013

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

**Guests:** Shawn Menke, Marmic

**Attendees:** See attached roster.

**Treasurer's Report:** December ending balance: \$12,533.94 There were no expenses in December. Approved by vote.

**Secretary's Report:**

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** December meeting minutes were approved by vote.

**Membership Report:**

Regular	79
Associate	47
Honorary	1
Honorary Life	1
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	3
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	0
Total	131

**New Members:**

1st Reading: Robert Coady, City of Kirkwood  
Matt Stoll, City of Kirkwood  
Phil Smith, City of Kirkwood

2nd Reading: (None)

**Communications:** Paul Mercurio brought up a solicitation from the National Fallen Firefighter's Association, which is an invitation to help with the 2014 conference. There are various levels of participation. A motion was made and seconded to participate at the \$500 level. Much discussion ensued. The motion and second was amended to participate at the \$2500 level, and it was approved by vote.

**Committee Reports:**

**Fire Chiefs:** Paul Mercurio • The Chiefs received an invoice for accounting services in the amount of \$1200 – it is yet to be determined if we will be billed for a portion of that. • The radio system was also discussed.

**Education Committee:** John LaVenture • On February 27 there will be a program on photovoltaic systems in Collinsville, IL. The program will be two sessions – morning about code requirements, and afternoon about responder issues. • There will be hands-on training for sprinkler ITM at Sprinkler Fitter's Local 268 training facility – details to follow. • Tom Presnak stated that UL and the Alarm Association will provide a program about fire alarm system documentation on February 12 – details to follow.

**Fire Marshals Assoc of MO ([www.mofiremarshals.org](http://www.mofiremarshals.org)):** Art Oestereich Conference planning is ongoing.

**MABFO:** Art Oestereich The committee received a suggestion to include NFPA building and life safety codes as part of the state codes. The suggestion was not accepted. They are looking for a sponsor for the bill.

**MABOI (www.maboi.com):** Jerry Wessels MABOI is working on the training calendar – check the website for updates. The annual golf tournament will be May 17.

**ICC (www.iccsafe.org):** Ed Berkel • The code change deadline has passed. Changes will be posted on the website at the end of March. • The membership was encouraged to participate in the code development process by attending the code hearings. MFMA can provide assistance with travel and lodging for members.

**Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc. (www.jcfma.org):** • Gene Robertson On December 26, 2012, an intergovernmental agreement was signed by Jefferson County and fire districts. The agreement provides for fire districts to perform inspections on new residential construction, on an advisory basis, for Jefferson County. Discussion ensued. Contact any of our Jefferson County members for details. • JCFMA meetings are the second Thursday of each month.

**Laclede Gas (www.lacledegas.com):** Ron Chac Laclede Gas has purchased two additional gas companies – Missouri Gas Energy in the Kansas City area, and New England Gas Company in Massachusetts.

**Missouri American Water (www.amwater.com/moaw):** Lisa Schneider No report.

**St. Louis Fire Sprinkler Alliance (www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org):** Wally Miller Training for the year is being scheduled.

**Alarm Assoc. of Greater St. Louis (www.alarmstl.org):** Sean Devereaux Sean reiterated the information regarding the fire alarm system documentation program.

**Public Service Announcement:** Paul stated that we are still working with Barney Hagen and Webster University.

**Old Business:** The previous question of UUFX enforcement was brought up for further discussion. The question was, at what point is it advisable to require a system to be documented – replacement of the entire system, panel only, notification or initiation devices, etc.? Tom Presnak stated that UL will certificate portions of systems, or whole systems with deviations approved by the AHJ including existing wiring and devices, lack of as-built drawings and others. Discussion ensued.

**New Business:** None

**Roundtable:** Barry West reported that the firefighter memorial candle-light ceremony will be May 18, and the memorial service will be May 19. Firefighter Day at the Capitol will be April 23. The following legislation was filed: [HB 28-Sponsor Lichtenegger, Donna](#): Authorizes any county commission, municipality, or fire protection district to adopt an order or ordinance, including a burn ban order, regarding its emergency management functions as they relate to a natural or man-made disaster; HB 45: Authorizes the county commission in any county to adopt specified building codes and establish a building commission and exempts a structure used solely for specified agricultural purposes from building code regulations.

**Good of the Order:** Nothing.

**Announcements:**

Next Meeting: February 13, 2013

**Program/Presentation:** Third Party Inspection Management – presentations by Tegriss, IROL, Brycer and Building Reports.

Respectfully Submitted:

Roger Herin  
Secretary