



# METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

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DATE: MARCH 13, 2013

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

**Guests:** None

**Attendees:** See attached meeting roster.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current balance is \$12,101.79. Approved by vote.

**Secretary's Report:**

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

**New Members:** Approved by vote.

1st Reading: Jared Agee, University City  
JP Penet, Belleville, IL FD

2nd Reading: Bernie Arends, IROL  
John Butler, Butler Durrell Security  
David Crismon, University City FD  
Adam Long, University City FD  
James Brust, Valley Park FPD

<b>Membership Report:</b>	Regular	82
	Associate	46
	Honorary	1
	Honorary Life	1
	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	5
	Total	137

**Communications:** • Received a solicitation for a donation to Burns Recovered Group - \$500 approved by vote.  
• Received a request for a donation to MABOI for their golf tournament – a \$200 hole sponsorship was approved by vote.

**Committee Reports:**

**Fire Chiefs:** Marc Ulses • Chiefs are evaluating accounting costs – we may be required to cover some costs. • Special programs were discussed. • The radio system upgrade is starting – it is in the testing phase. • Several pieces of legislation was discussed. • The NFFF donation was discussed – the Chiefs discussed matching our donation. • Dispatch consolidation was discussed.

**Education Committee:** John LaVenture The recent photovoltaic seminar was reported on – discussion ensued.

**State Fire Marshals ([www.mofiremarshals.org](http://www.mofiremarshals.org)):** Art Oestereich No report – Firefighter day at the capitol is Tuesday, April 23, 2013.

**MABFO:** Art Oestereich No report.

**MABOI ([www.maboi.com](http://www.maboi.com)):** Jerry Wessels A class on IEBC is coming up – check the website. Discussion ensued.

**ICC ([www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org)):** Paul Mercurio Code hearings have been announced – discussion ensued about residential code requirements et al.

**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 Fire extinguisher training will take place April 2, 2013.

**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 SLFSA was invited to Firefighter Day at the Capitol, but has a scheduling conflict – Wally thanked them for the invitation.

**AAGSL ([www.alarmstl.org](http://www.alarmstl.org)):** Sean Devereaux There will be a joint meeting between the 3<sup>rd</sup> party inspection reporting companies and the affected disciplines on March 27, 2013.

**Public Service Announcement:** The discussions with the professor at Webster University has broken off – Roger Herin will check with a company in Chesterfield to see if they can help.

**Old Business:** Discussion about third-party inspection reporting – we are waiting for contractor input after the March 27 meeting.

Qualification for Honorary Membership – After a brief discussion, Randy Cole and Tom Presnak were approved by vote as honorary members. It was also discussed to see if we can find any active charter members and bestow the same honor on them.

**New Business:** Mike Mahler brought up the apprentice competition and invited the membership to watch some of it after the meeting.

**Roundtable:** • Paul Mercurio asked how many of us have facilities using pressure reducing valves on standpipes. He stated that you cannot pump into the hose outlets should the FDC fail if there are PRVs on the system. Orifice type pressure restricters will let you pump into the hose outlets. He reminded us that highrises are required to have 2 FDCs. • It was reported that the Missouri Association of Fire Chiefs is going to support residential sprinklers. • Steve Gettemeier asked if we should develop classes for CEUs – much discussion ensued.

**Good of the Order:**

**Program/Presentation:** Apprentice Competition

**Announcements:**

Next Meeting: April 10, 2013

**Adjournment:** Time not noted.

Respectfully Submitted:

Roger Herin  
Secretary