



METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 10, 2013

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:05 AM

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Guests: None

Attendees:

NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Ken Schneider	Sprinkler Fitters 268	Anthony Lancia	AGC of St. Louis
Paul Mercurio	Clayton FD	Marc Ulses	Frontenac FD
J.P. Penet	Belleville FD	John Anderson	Webster Groves FD
Wally Miller	St. Louis FSA	Teresa Cross	Mehlville FPD
Steve Bierman	Steamatic of St. Louis	John LaVenture	St. Louis FSA
Barney Hagen	Weber Fire/MoFED	Mike Henke	Potter Electric
Dennis Woods	City of Creve Coeur	Jeff Johnson	Ladue FD
Dale Harbison	MoFM	Jerry Wessels	City of St. Louis
Flip Schwarz	Hackett Security	Bill Fox	Shrewsbury FD
Scott Mullens	Eureka FPD	Bobby Parish	MoFM
Tom Pinz	Cintas Fire Protection	Melodee Hinkle	EFP
Tom Sagehorn	Engineering Evaluations		

Treasurer's Report: Ending balance \$12,456.79. Approved by vote.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes for March: None.

New Members:

1st Reading: Dan Bruno, West Co. EMS & Fire
 Mark Morrison, O'Fallon FPD
 KayLee Ellison, O'Fallon FPD
 James Castello, O'Fallon FPD
 Jeffery Collier, Berleley FD

Motion to approve by Bill Fox. Second by Terry Cross. Approved by vote.

2nd Reading: Jared Agee, University City
 JP Penet, Belleville FD

Motion to approve by Bill Fox. Second by Dale Harbison. Approved by vote.

Membership Report: No change.

Communications: None

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: Paul Mercurio – No report

Education Committee: John LaVenture – We are planning some hands-on training at Sprinkler Fitters Union Local 268 for inspections of wet and dry system valves. The first session is scheduled for **May 15 at 1:00 PM**. The class will be from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM. The first class will be on commissioning a Wet System. This will be the **FIRST PART OF A SERIES** of Hands On classes. We will be following up with a

class on Dry pipe systems, Pre-Action Systems and a class on Inspections. We are wanting to bring in NFSA instructors in 2013. Please let us know of any classes you are looking for. If you have any ideas or suggestions for 2013 training, please let the officers know.

The schedule training for May will be on Fire Doors presented by Adam Hausmann.

Chief Fox mentioned that Special Programs was looking to provide a class on Excel and Power Point in late May and early June.

State Fire Marshals: The FMAM Conference will be at Tan-Tar-A July 29 – 31. Register Early ! Register Often ☺

State ICC Chapter (MABFO): The proposal for a State Code has been filed.

MABOI: Jerry Wessels – The MABOI Golf Tournament will be May 17 at Normandie Golf Course. A presentation on the Existing Building Code by Tim Ryan will be May 23 in St. Louis. A course on Legal Aspects will be August 27.

ICC: 2015 Code Development Hearings will be held in Dallas this month. 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. The ICC Final Action Hearings will be held in New Jersey in October. BE THERE !!!! Remember ! We have funding available to member code officials to help offset travel and conference expenses to the Code Hearings. You need to be involved in the code development process ! The Association approved up to \$250.00 to President Paul Mercurio to help with his expenses for his trip to the Code Development Hearings in Dallas.

Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc.: No report.

Laclede Gas: Ron Chac – No report.

Missouri American Water: No report.

St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance: Wally Miller – If you receive a notice that your NFSA Subscriber membership is due for renewal, please contact Wally Miller and he will make sure it is renewed for you.

AAGSL: Sean Deveraux – No report.

PSA's: Barney will keep trying to contact someone to help us in this endeavor.

Old Business: Discussion on 3rd Party ITM Management Programs. A Position Statement from a group of Fire Alarm, Fire Equipment and Fire Sprinkler contractors will be presented to the Fire Marshals at the May meeting.

New Business: Paul Mercurio reported that the Missouri Chiefs voted for an initiative to support Fire Sprinklers at their conference at Big Cedar Lodge earlier this year and created a Missouri Fire Sprinkler Coalition. Their next meeting will be in June.

Anthony Lancia reported on the St. Louis Area Regional Permitting Cooperative. Their goal is to try to improve the permitting process in the St. Louis area and thereby try to encourage businesses to come to St. Louis. This is a very difficult endeavor, but one that needs attention.

Roundtable: J.P. Penet asked if anyone has a procedure set up for permitting Solar System installations. Paul Mercurio mentioned that Ed Berkel had sent something out regarding permits for these systems and that he would forward it. If you have a system in place or have any special requirements, please share them with the group.

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Announcements: Firefighter's Day at the Capitol will be held April 23.
Barry West will be retiring in May despite numerous requests for him to remain ☺

**Next Meeting: 9:00 Wednesday May 8, 2013
Kirkwood Community Center**

Adjournment: 9:45

Program/Presentation: A short presentation on Flex Head Sprinklers was given by Neil Carlock of Victaulic. The Fire Service needs to be aware of the proper installation of the flexible pipe installations. Make sure they are using the same product submitted in the plans. The hose and bracket are listed together as an assembly, so make sure they are using the proper materials.

Thank you to Neil for the timely training session. You can contact Neil if you have any questions about any brand of Flex Head assemblies.

Respectfully Submitted:

John LaVenture, Vice-President