



METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: AUGUST 14, 2013

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Call Meeting to order: 9:00 AM

Guests: None

Attendees: See attached meeting roster.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$11650.86. Marc Ulses reported on a discrepancy in the account as a result of an accounting error by the Chiefs' accounting software. It has been resolved. Approved by vote.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved by vote.

Membership Report: See attached membership report.

New Members:

1st Reading: Jack Schenck, City of Kirkwood – approved by vote.

2nd Reading: (none)

Communications: None

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: Paul Mercurio Marc attended the meeting and reported the following topics were discussed: Fireground safety initiative – full participation is encouraged; radio deployment; Missouri Fire Chiefs sprinkler initiative; fire engine rally; stair climb; firefighters ball.

Education Committee: John LaVenture John discussed a sprinkler plan review and ITM conference September 25 & 26 at Sprinkler Fitters 268 Training Center. We may have a presentation by State Farm at our October meeting. A fire alarm seminar is being planned for October 18 with Art Black as the presenter.

Fire Marshals Assoc of MO (www.mofiremarshals.org): Art Oestereich Roger Herin reported that the conference was a great success with over 120 in attendance – there was a Vision 2020 Community Risk Reduction seminar on Sunday; SimplexGrinnell presented the main program for the conference; there was also a school intruder panel discussion the last day – discussion ensued.

MABFO: Art Oestereich No report.

MABOI (www.maboi.com): Jerry Wessels No report.

ICC (www.iccsafe.org): Ed Berkel Paul Mercurio reported that the Chapter reports have been submitted.

Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc. (www.jcfma.org): Gene Robertson No report, however, the subject of photovoltaic requirements came up and there was much discussion.

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Laclede Gas (www.lacledegas.com): Ron Chac Laclede Gas is purchasing MGE – there are lots of changes coming. Extinguisher training coming in October.

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

St. Louis Fire Sprinkler Alliance (www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org): Wally Miller No report, however, there was discussion regarding a Habitat for Humanity home dedication in Columbia, MO in which a sprinkler system was donated.

Alarm Assoc. of Greater St. Louis (www.alarmstl.org): Sean Devereaux Annual golf tournament and expo is scheduled for October 8 & 9 – more info to come. Next meeting is August 20.

Public Service Announcement: The focus will be on kitchen safety / cooking – suggestions included a Hell's Kitchen theme, and Mrs. Doubtfire scene theme – everyone is encouraged to come up with ideas.

Old Business: Paul Mercurio discussed the Missouri Fire Sprinkler Coalition passed around the proposed membership agreement – discussion ensued. Award nominations for the Chiefs' awards banquet were due July 31, but no one has been nominated as yet – the banquet is October 20 – contact Denis Drozkowski if you want to nominate someone.

New Business: None

Roundtable: Anthony Lancia invited Paul Mercurio to represent MFMA at a meeting regarding e-permitting. Paul Richard brought up discussion regarding submittal of ITM reports – much discussion ensued.

Good of the Order: Bill Fox reported that a good time was had by all at the recent burn camp; and that September 21st will be the celebration of Shrewsbury's 100th anniversary and there will be a festival. Paul Mercurio reported that Barney Hagen has had a recurrence, and has stated that he will not be taking any more treatments – we all wish Barney the best, and will keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers. John Otte reported that he will be retiring January 17.

Program/Presentation: None

Announcements:

Next Meeting: September 11, 2013

Adjournment: (time not noted)