



METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION Meeting Minutes

DATE: JANUARY 14, 2014

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Call Meeting to order: 9:07

Guests: Joe Kovac

Treasurer's Report: Account total 9,288.23. Expenses last month included our contribution to the Ferguson Command Post meals and MFMA supplies and meeting incidentals for the year.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of Last Meeting: E-mailed to members. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes and accept as written: Scott Determann, Second by Steve Gettemeier. Passed.

Membership Report: 134 Members

New Members:

1st Reading: **Joe Kovac**-St. Louis Building Department, **Rich Pallarito**-Eureka FPD

2nd Reading: **Paul Garlock**-Maryland Heights Building Commissioner

Communications: Thank you card, from Sue Smith in regards to the passing of our friend Jim Koenen.

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: Ron Chac attended the fire chiefs meeting and said that the academy is considering doing away with the lottery and going with a point system based upon the applicant's amount of training and experience, as well as military service.

Education Committee: John LaVenture Tech Electronics will be conducting the training today and if there are any suggestions for future training, please contact John. Another fire alarm seminar is planned for the future. Also, the next meeting will be held at Laclede Gas.

Fire Marshals Assoc of MO (www.mofiremarshals.org): Art Oestereich The Mega Conference is set for July 27-29 at Tan-Tar-A 300-350 attendees expected. This is also a fundraiser for the ICC conference. All members are encouraged to attend. Hotel registrations are now available. Gene Robertson is now the President of the FMAM. Randy Fogle of Branson FD is Vice President. Mega conference planning meeting is January 16 at DFS.

MABFO: Art Oestereich- No report.

MABOI (www.maboi.com): Joe Kovac reported that the MABOI officers have had some employment changes. Brian Kopp is now at University City and Jared is at O'Fallon. Des Peres is not yet filled.

ICC (www.iccsafe.org): Ed Berkel- Deadline for code change proposals is today. All members need to get registered for voting on the CDP access. Register as many people as you are allowed.

Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc. (www.jcfma.org): Gene Robertson- Flex head seminar at their last meeting. Two day commercial plan review class upcoming at the Elks. Details will be forthcoming.

Laclede Gas (www.lacledegas.com): Ron Chac- George Dowdy of Laclede Gas was killed in a tragic highway accident.

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

St. Louis Fire Sprinkler Alliance (www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org): Wally Miller-

Eureka- residential sprinkler save, fire in blankets on top of a heater, smoke detectors had been disconnected, with teenage children inside, one sprinkler head extinguished the fire. The sprinkler was attributed to saving the lives of the residents. The building was voluntarily sprinklered by the owner several years ago. The consensus was that this case should be brought forward to the media.

Ferguson- Jeff Edwin reported that of all the buildings that were burned, the sprinklered buildings were saved, the non-sprinklered buildings were destroyed.

Alarm Assoc. of Greater St. Louis (www.alarmstl.org): Sean Devereaux –

New Officers:

President- Tony Drago (Tyco)

Vice Pres- Dan Blake (Protection One)

Treasurer- Sean Devereaux (Tech Electronics)

Secretary- Tim Baker (Cintas)

Membership- Rick Drake (ABF Security)

Education- Kurt Canova (Tech Electronics)

Legislation- John Butler (Butler-Durell)

Fire Alarm Seminar: Tuesday February 17th at the Genesis Banquet Center in Mehlville. You must register online as seats are limited. Includes breakfast, lunch and attendance prizes.

AGC St. Louis: Anthony Lancia- St. Louis AGC and Missouri AGC has come together to form the **AGC OF MISSOURI**. In order to offset the cost of electronic permitting, St. Louis County will increase permit fees once the system is running.

Missouri Fire Sprinkler Coalition: Roger Herin- Attended the meeting January 13th. There will be a Fire Sprinkler Summit March 10 at the Holiday Inn East in Columbia. In attendance will be national speakers, side-by-side burn, sprinkler contractors, HBA, insurance companies, and fire departments. Try to get your state reps, elected officials, fire chiefs to attend. This is the one event that we can use to sell the proven concept of residential sprinklers.

Awards: Denis Drozkoski- Members need to keep in mind that awards are given in the fall and we all need to be prepared to make nominations so that our own people can be recognized.

2015 Code Review Committee: Paul Mercurio, Dave Phipps, Steve Gettemeier will meet on January 25th at 1:00 in Monarch to review the IFC and make recommendations for local amendments. All are welcome to attend and help out with research.

New Business:

Eventbrite registration and payment system. There are no membership fees. There were some concerns about how secure the system is. Another concern was that it may need to be approved by the Chief's Association. The board will research and confirm. Motion on the floor to use Eventbrite to coordinate membership renewals or the next seminar if approved by the Chief's. Motion passed.

Program/Presentation: Fire Alarm Pathways, Tech Electronics

Announcements:

Next Meeting: February 11, 2015 at Laclede Gas offices.

Adjournment: Time 10:00



METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION Meeting Minutes

DATE: FEBRUARY 10, 2015

www.mfmaonline.com

Call Meeting to order: 9:15 AM

Treasurer's Report: Marc Ulses

Secretary's Report: Paul Richard

Minutes of Last Meeting: E-mailed to members.

New Members:

1st Reading: Chris Schlumm, City of St. Louis

2nd Reading: Joe Kovac, City of St. Louis and Rich Pallarito, Eureka FPD

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: No report

Education Committee: John LaVenture

Fire Marshals Assoc of MO (www.mofiremarshals.org): Art Oestereich Mega-conference is set for July 27-29 at Tan-Tar-A.

MABFO: Art Oestereich

MABOI (www.maboi.com): Jared Agee

ICC (www.iccsafe.org): Ed Berkel

Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc. (www.jcfma.org): Gene Robertson

Laclede Gas (www.lacledegas.com): Ron Chac

Missouri American Water (www.amwater.com/moaw): Lisa Schneider

St. Louis Fire Sprinkler Alliance (www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org): Wally Miller

Alarm Assoc. of Greater St. Louis (www.alarmstl.org): Sean Devereaux- Seminar on Tuesday February 17 at the Genesis Banquet Hall. Must register on line. Includes breakfast, lunch and prizes.

AGC St. Louis: Anthony Lancia

Missouri Fire Sprinkler Coalition: Roger Herin- Sprinkler Summit on March 10

Code Review Committee: Paul Mercurio

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Program/Presentation: Laclede Gas CSST Presentation

Announcements:

Next Meeting: March 11, 2015



METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION Meeting Minutes

DATE: MARCH 11, 2015

www.mfmaonline.com

Call Meeting to order: 8:58

Guests: Zach Fuchs, Monarch Fire District fire inspector

Treasurer's Report: March Ulises- \$9900.68 cents

Secretary's Report: Paul Richard-

Minutes of Last Meeting: February minutes to be E-mailed to members along with March minutes.

New Members:

1st Reading: Eric Powers & Jared Reid- University City; John Dzafic- Kirkwood. Motion by Bobby Parrish, Second Steve Gettemeier. New members will be on agenda for next meeting.

2nd Reading: Chris Schlumm- City of St. Louis. Motion to accept Chris as a member- JP Pennet, Second by Steve Gettemeier. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: Marc Ulises attended. Monarch and Florissant have cyanide antidote kits. April 15-26 is the new target to change over to 800 mhz radio. The radios are technical-oriented so training is highly-recommended if not mandatory by your agency. There was a discussion regarding the Normandy apartment building fire, a team was appointed to research the issue and bring recommendations.

Education Committee: John LaVenture- Presentation by Potter on Nitrogen systems in dry sprinklers. May is at Laclede Gas. A NFSA sprinkler plan review class will be coming to St. Louis very soon.

Fire Marshals Assoc of MO (www.mofiremarshals.org): Gene Robertson- Mega-Conference is set for July 27-29 at Tan-Tar-A. Firefighter day is April 15 in Jefferson City with a FMAM meeting and a Mega-Conference Committee meeting that day as well.

ICC (www.iccsafe.org): Need to register if you want to vote.

Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc. (www.jcfma.org): Gene Robertson- ICC Plan review class has plenty of seats available. April 24-25. They are now on 800 mhz. Pagers did not work very well with the simulcast patch. They have been successfully using the admin channel for business.

Laclede Gas (www.lacledegas.com): Ron Chac- The Laclede meeting will start at 10:00 am at 4118 Shrewsbury. Extinguisher training at the Black Jack facility is coming up in April.

Missouri American Water (www.amwater.com/moaw): Lisa Schneider- Not present

St. Louis Fire Sprinkler Alliance (www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org): Wally Miller- The Home Sprinkler Summit was a success.

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Alarm Assoc. of Greater St. Louis (www.alarmstl.org): Sean Devereaux- Not present. Good response to the Fire Marshal Appreciation Day.

AGC of Missouri: Anthony Lancia- The MSD on track with county's online plan review and permitting will be fully operational by the end of the year. There will be a booth at the Mega conference sponsored by the software vendor.

Missouri Fire Sprinkler Coalition: Roger Herin- Sprinkler Summit there were about 50 people in attendance. NFPA reps were in attendance. HBA Emily Wideman pointed out the negatives of sprinklers. \$1000 stipend for side-by-side demo units will be available soon. Everyone should be a built-for-life fire department. The attendees were given information on how to overcome the negative political environment. Rick Ennis Cape, Girardeau fire department, gave an excellent 1-hour presentation that should be emulated by our own people and used to educate the public and fire service as well. It was brought up that we could do the presentation here. Bill Fox stated that Special Programs can sponsor the class for free. May 4 10:00 am Holiday Inn East Columbia.

Code Review Committee: Paul Mercurio- Met last week and reviewed Chapter 9. Chapter 11 is a new chapter on "existing conditions". Roger Herin pointed out that an A-2 with more than 300 requires retroactive sprinklers. Agencies need to look at these new provisions and consult legal advice prior to adoption of the 2015 code. The requirement to mandate ITM paperwork to be forwarded to the FD. It's important that we are all on the same page with this.

Old Business: Nothing

Roundtable: Roger Herin asked what everyone was doing for fire extinguisher training. The Monarch Bullex unit does not work well.

Program/Presentation: Mike Henke (Potter Signal): The installation and operation of Nitrogen Systems in Dry Sprinkler Systems.

Announcements:

Next Meeting: April 8, 2015

Adjournment: 9:40 pm



METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION Agenda

DATE: APRIL 8, 2015

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Call Meeting to order: 9:00 AM

Guests: Barry Curneal Tech Electronics; Bill Stark and Chris Thiemann, Metro West FPD

Treasurer's Report: Marc Uises- \$10,937.76 (3/31/15) Approved by vote.

Secretary's Report: Paul Richard-

Minutes of Last Meeting: March Minutes emailed to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes: Paul M. Second: Leo Meyer Approved by vote.

New Members:

1st Reading: **Ken Buss**-Shrewsbury Fire Captain, **Zach Fuchs**-Monarch Fire Inspector, **Jim Canning**-Goedecke Firestop/Safety Motion by Paul M., Second Jeff Edwan. Approved.

2nd Reading: **Eric Powers & Jared Reid**- University City; **John Dzafic**- Kirkwood. Motion by Jeff Edwan, Second Paul M. New Members were approved.

Communications: MISSOURI FUNERAL ASSISTANCE TEAM- Golf Tournament Request to benefit National Firefighters Memorial with various donation levels available. Hole \$50, various \$250, dinner \$500. Discussion about what level. MFMA made a donation last year for the survivors conference. Motion by Paul to do a Grand sponsorship of \$750, Dave second. Motion Passed.

Burns recovered support group annual donation. Marc- they do a lot for burn victims and their families. Paul M.- They also work with juvenile fire setters. Dave Phipps- motion to make a \$500 donation. Seconded and passed.

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: No report.

Education Committee: John LaVenture- The May 13 MFMA meeting will be held at the Laclede Gas offices at 4118 Shrewsbury at 10:00 am. Please RSVP on the Eventbrite website. 2 day plan review class coming up. Any ideas for training?

Fire Marshals Assoc of MO (www.mofiremarshals.org): Gene Roberston- Mega-Conference is set for July 27-29 at Tan-Tar-A. Eight different CEU Classes. April 15th is Firefighter Day in Jefferson City.

MABOI (www.maboi.com): Joe Kovacks, Mega conference. Annual Golf tournament is upcoming, check the website for more information.

Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc. (www.jcfma.org): Jeff DeLapp April 23/24 in High Ridge Plan Review Class has 43 people signed-up but there is still room for more.

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Laclede Gas (www.lacledegas.com): Ron Chac The Laclede meeting will start at 10:00 am May 13 at 4118 Shrewsbury. Extinguisher training at the Black Jack facility.

Missouri American Water (www.amwater.com/moaw): Lisa Schneider- Unable to attend.

St. Louis Fire Sprinkler Alliance (www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org): Wally Miller, Mega Conference will have 2 NFSA Classes.

Alarm Assoc. of Greater St. Louis (www.alarmstl.org): Sean Devereaux- No report.

AGC of Missouri: Anthony Lancia- Unable to attend, no report.

Missouri Fire Sprinkler Coalition: Roger Herin- Next meeting is in May.

Code Review Committee: Paul Mercurio Another meeting will be scheduled at the end of April. Invitation sent to Jefferson County to work with us. Steve Gettemeiri is the grand puba.

New Business: BUILDING SAFETY MONTH PROCLAMATION Motion by Jeff Edwan, Passed.

Good of the Order: Mark Murphy is leaving St. Louis to work in Arizona.

Roundtable:

Program/Presentation: Chief Rick Ennis, Cape Girardeau Fire Dept. (9:30-10:30)

Announcements:

Next Meeting: **May 13, 2015 at Laclede Gas Co. 10:00 am**

Adjournment: 09:30



METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION Meeting Minutes

DATE: MAY 13, 2015

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Call Meeting to order: 10:02 AM

Guests: No guests

Treasurer's Report: Marc Ulses- As of 4/30. Motion to approve Art Oestereich, second by Dave Phipps. Report approved.

Secretary's Report: Paul Richard- 68 Regular, 29 Associate, 23 Inactive= **120 Total**

Minutes of Last Meeting: April Minutes were emailed to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes: Dave Phipps Second: Dale Harbison All in favor, Minutes approved.

New Members:

1st Reading: **Chris Thiemann & Bill Starck**-Metrowest FPD; **Scott Borger**-Fire Safety, Inc.; **Barry Curneal**-Tech Electronics; **Chris Cuddihee**-Wentzville FPD; **Ben Brooks**-Ross & Baruzzini Fire Protection Engineer. Motion by Jeff Edwan, Dave Phipps.

2nd Reading: **Ken Buss**-SHREWSBURY Fire Captain, **Zach Fuchs**-Monarch Fire Inspector, **Jim Canning**-Goedecke Firestop/Safety. Motion to accept the new members Jeff Edwan , Second by Dave Phipps. All were approved for membership.

Communications: 1. Thank you letter from Julie Peetz at BRSG for the \$500 donation. 2. Sprinkler Fitters Open House will be May 26th.

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: Ron Chac- Red Grasso is retiring and moving on. Chief Avery is now on the academy board. Tom Jenkins visited, he is running for IAFC board.

Education Committee: John LaVenture- BRSG will be here at the next meeting in June. Metro West will do a Firehouse Software demo at our July meeting. There will be a Rough and Final Sprinkler Class held in conjunction with a Two-day Sprinkler Plan Review class coming up on June 30-July 1 and 2. Location to be determined.

Fire Marshals Assoc of MO (www.mofiremarshals.org): Gene Roberston/Art Oestereich- Mega-Conference is set for July 27-29 at Tan-Tar-A. 8 of the 9 ICC chapters in the state will be there. The 2016 conference will be in KCMO and chapters will need to help with the conference. Looking to get \$50,000 to go toward the conference. Have about 30,000. There will be 8 ICC Classes with CEUs. Registration is on the FMAM website. Next FMAM meeting will be Friday June 12 at the State Fire Marshals Office.

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

ICC (www.iccsafe.org): Ed Berkel- Unable to attend. Online voting is now open. It's important that everyone vote. Roger Herin has more information.

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Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc. (www.jcfma.org): Gene Robertson- Plan review class went well. A lot of information in a short period of time. Very limited hands-on time with drawings.

Laclede Gas (www.lacledegas.com): Ron Chac- Seminar on CNG today.

Missouri American Water (www.amwater.com/moaw): Lisa Schneider- Not present.

St. Louis Fire Sprinkler Alliance (www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org): Wally Miller- Sprinkler Fitters 268 Open House on May 26 from 11:30-5:30. There will be a Rough and Final Sprinkler Class held in conjunction with a Two-day Sprinkler Plan Review class coming up on June 30-July 1 and 2. Location to be determined.

Alarm Assoc. of Greater St. Louis (www.alarmstl.org): Sean Devereaux- Unable to attend.

AGC of Missouri: Anthony Lancia- Not present.

Missouri Fire Sprinkler Coalition: Roger Herin- There was a recent meeting, basically a wrap-up of the seminar.

Code Review Committee: Paul Mercurio- County is still looking at adoption by the end of the year.

Old Business: Nothing

New Business: Nothing

Good of the Order: 1. Monarch is interested in crowd and parking requirements for outdoor soccer tournaments. 2. Both Hazelwood and Fenton have posted their fire marshal job openings.

Program/Presentation: From 10:30 to 11:30 there was a Laclede Gas presentation on CNG fueling stations and a nice introduction of the Laclede staff and lunch provided by Laclede.

Announcements:

Next Meeting: June 10, 2015

Adjournment: 10:26 am



METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION Minutes

DATE: JUNE 10, 2015

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Call Meeting to order: 9:08 AM

Guests: Julie Peets and Jim Meyer

Treasurer's Report: Marc Ulses- As of 5/31/15 \$9,846.65

Secretary's Report: Paul Richard- 70 Regular, 30 Associate, 23 Inactive= **123 Total**

Minutes of Last Meeting: May Minutes emailed to the membership.

New Members:

1st Reading: None

2nd Reading: **Chris Thiemann & Bill Starck**-Metrowest FPD; **Scott Berger**-Fire Safety, Inc.; **Barry Curneal**-Tech Electronics; **Chris Cuddihee**-Wentzville FPD; **Ben Brooks**-Ross & Baruzzini Fire Protection Engineer.

THERE WAS NO QUORUM FOR THIS MEETING. NEW MEMBERS WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE JULY MEETING.

Communications: Nothing

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: Ron Chac- No report

Education Committee: John LaVenture- 2 day plan review class and Inspection class at sprinkler fitters Union Hall. More training at the mega-Conference.

Fire Marshals Assoc of MO (www.mofiremarshals.org): Gene Roberston/Art Oestereich- Mega-Conference is set for July 27-29 at Tan-Tar-A. Meeting Friday at the fire marshals office.

MABFO: Art Oestereich- No report.

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

ICC (www.iccsafe.org): Ed Berkel- Absent.

Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc. (www.jcfma.org): Gene Robertson- Absent.

Laclede Gas (www.lacledegas.com): Ron Chac- CNG class went very well.

Missouri American Water (www.amwater.com/moaw): Lisa Schneider

St. Louis Fire Sprinkler Alliance (www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org): Wally Miller- Sprinkler Fitters 268 Open House on May 26 Sprinkler trailer was a great hands-on learning experience. The Sprinkler Fitters International built the trailer to go out on the road. Two day sprinkler plan review class coming up June 30 July 1 and 2

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Alarm Assoc. of Greater St. Louis (www.alarmstl.org): Sean Devereaux-

AGC of Missouri: Anthony Lancia- MSD update on the permit website. Moved back to august. St.Louis County Nicholas Gardner is now the director. Gary Earls is retired. Mike Chapman is operations director. Dan Dieswerd is still there, working with AGC.

Missouri Fire Sprinkler Coalition: Roger Herin- No report

New Business: Bill Fox award for fire prevention

Roundtable: ICC Preferred Provider Status. For recertification we need classes taught by PPS chapters. A suggestion for a class in the fall is 2015 IBC/IFC Code Update.

Good of the Order: Ken Buss is acting chief and fire marshal at Shrewsbury FD.

Program/Presentation: Julie Peetz, Burn camp 67 campers. Weather was chilly and the swimming pool was cold. Kids had a good time. Even the kids with pressure garments were able to participate. A great experience because of the lower income and the ability to meet other kids with the same injuries. Many are repeat campers but new kids build relationships through friendship circle/team building. Everyone is welcome to camp for open house. Mark Esper is the new outreach representative. 1/3 are burned from scalds, others are fires, spilled hot cooking oil. Will be coordinating with the Phoenix Society. Distance kids are flown in free by Angel Flight. Camp costs \$2,000 per kid. Mark is also coordinating the Juvenile Firesetter Program. A St. Louis area firefighter is needed as a counselor.

Adjournment: Next meeting July 8

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Richard
Secretary



METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION Minutes

DATE: JULY 8, 2015

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Call Meeting to order: 9:05

Guests: None

Treasurer's Report: Marc Ulses- As of 5/31/15 \$9,846.65
As of 6/30/15 \$9,107.83 738 in expenses for flowers and ICC. Motion to approve by JPenet 2nd by Dale Harbison. Treasurers report approved.

Secretary's Report: Paul Richard- 70 Regular, 30 Associate, 23 Inactive= **123 Total**

Minutes of Last Meeting: May Minutes emailed to the membership. No quorum on June 10. Motion by Mark Heberlein, 2nd by Scott Determann. May and June Minutes approved.

New Members:

1st Reading: None

2nd Reading: **Chris Thiemann & Bill Starck**-Metrowest FPD; **Scott Borger**-Fire Safety, Inc.; **Barry Curneal**-Tech Electronics; **Chris Cuddihee**-Wentzville FPD; **Ben Brooks**-Ross & Baruzzini Fire Protection Engineer. Motion JP 2nd Dale Motion carried. All were approved as new members.

Communications: ICC Candidate Jerry Mallory is soliciting our vote. Voting is during the conference. Mallory is the only one who has reached out at this point. Table it until next month.

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: Ron Chac- No report

Education Committee: John LaVenture- 2-day Plan Review Class and Inspection class at sprinkler fitters Union Hall went very well. Only 20-something people in attendance. Looking at a seminar by Tech Electronics. A lightweight construction seminar is scheduled for the fall.

Fire Marshals Assoc of MO (www.mofiremarshals.org): Gene Roberston/Art Oestereich- Mega-Conference is set for July 27-29 at Tan-Tar-A. Chris Gaut is no longer with NFSA. His classes have been cancelled. Anyone interested in teaching a sprinkler-related class, please contact Gene.

MABFO: Art Oestereich- Absent.

MABOI (www.maboi.com): No report

ICC (www.iccsafe.org): Ed Berkel- Absent.

Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc. (www.jcfma.org): Gene Robertson- Absent.

Laclede Gas (www.lacledegas.com): Ron Chac- Absent.

Missouri American Water (www.amwater.com/moaw): Lisa Schneider- Absent.

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St. Louis Fire Sprinkler Alliance (www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org): Wally Miller- Sprinkler Fitters 268 Open House was on May 26. Sprinkler trailer was a great hands-on learning experience.

Alarm Assoc. of Greater St. Louis (www.alarmstl.org): Sean Devereaux- Absent.

AGC of Missouri: Anthony Lancia- MSD update on the permit website. Moved back to August. St.Louis County Nicholas Gardner is now the director. Gary Earls is retired. Mike Chapman is operations director. Dan Dieswerd is still there, working with AGC.

Missouri Fire Sprinkler Coalition: Roger Herin- Meeting last Monday, received a grant from Home Fire Safety. Next meeting is in September.

Old Business: 1. Bill Fox award for fire prevention: John to form a committee to establish a Bill Fox fire prevention award. 2. ICC Preferred Provider Status. For recertification we need classes taught by PPS chapters. A suggestion for a class in the fall is 2015 IBC/IFC Code Update.

New Business: We applied for a fire act grant to the state. The state was hesitant and said no. The money is there, we can reapply in September. We must have a proposed class and estimate of costs for the meeting on September 1st.

Roundtable:

- Steve Bierman reported that Steamatic has been busy with the flooding from all of the rain. A lot of sump pump issues.
- In Mehlville, medical alarms have increased. Discussion about how it worked, most of the services call a neighbor first.
- The St. Louis County Library has systems that are not NFPA 72 compliant. Contact Steve Heberlen to address problems.

Good of the Order:

1. A motion was made for a donation to Burns Group in honor of Bill Fox in the amount of an additional \$500 annually to support a child at Burn Camp in Bill Fox's name. It could be a \$1,000 total amount. Second by Bobby Parish, Approved.
2. Ken Buss is acting chief and fire marshal at Shrewsbury FD. Members should reach out to Ken to see if he could use assistance.
3. Dale Harbison is the new fire marshal at Hazelwood.

Adjournment: Next meeting August 12, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Richard
Secretary



METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION Minutes

DATE: AUGUST 12, 2015

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Call Meeting to order: 09:00

Guests:

Treasurer's Report: Marc Ulses- Payment of \$500 to Burns Recovered Support Group. Current statement balance as of 7/31/15 \$8,607.83 Motion to approve by Denis Drozkowski, Second by Jerry Ambrosecchia. Treasurer's Report approved.

Secretary's Report: Paul Richard- 74 Regular, 31 Associate, 23 Inactive= **128 Total**

Minutes of Last Meeting: July Minutes were e-mailed to the membership. Motion to approve the Minutes by Denis Drozkowski, Second by Dale Harbison. Minutes were approved.

New Members: NO NEW MEMBERS TO REPORT

Communications:

1. **ICC Candidates-** The candidates were discussed and it was agreed to NOT endorse either candidate (especially since neither has fire department experience), but the MFMA Secretary would send out information to the members regarding each candidate, Jerry Mallory and William Bryant.
2. **Clayton Stair Climb-** The Chiefs were looking to get \$625 from MFMA for the Stair Climb to benefit the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. A discussion ensued and a motion was made by Steve Gettemeier to give the amount requested or the same amount as we gave to the cause last year, whichever is less. Second by Jerry Ambrosecchia. Motion Passed.
3. **Trivia Night-** The Burns Recovered Support Group is holding a Trivia Night at the Machinist Union Hall in Bridgeton on Friday September 11, 2015. The fee is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: Ron Chac- Not present. Extinguisher Training invitation will be sent out to the Chiefs this week for classes running from October 6 through 29th in the Black Jack area.

Education Committee: John LaVenture- At the October Meeting we will have the Knox Rep.

Fire Marshals Assoc of MO (www.mofiremarshals.org): Gene Roberston/Art Oestereich- Mega-Conference was a success with 40 vendors and hundreds of fire marshals and building inspectors. There is discussion about doing this again in 2018.

MABFO: Art Oestereich

MABOI (www.maboi.com):

1. St. Louis City will be holding a seminar with Captive Air next Wednesday August 19 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Contact Joe form more information.
2. There will be a Firestopping Seminar in Maryland Heights. Watch the MABOI Website for more information.

ICC (www.iccsafe.org): Ed Berkel-

Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc. (www.jcfma.org): Gene Robertson-

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Laclede Gas (www.lacledegas.com): Ron Chac-

Missouri American Water (www.amwater.com/moaw): Lisa Schneider

St. Louis Fire Sprinkler Alliance (www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org): Wally Miller-

Alarm Assoc. of Greater St. Louis (www.alarmstl.org): Sean Devereaux- Tech Electronics will be holding a training seminar soon on code updates, panel changes, and elevator alarms.

AGC of Missouri: Anthony Lancia- MSD's permitting software will be running this month.

Old Business: Educator of the Year Award will be going to Chief Bill Fox.

New Business: None

Roundtable:

Flow Switch-Mike with Potter explained that to drain sprinklers for repairs the fitters often just block off the flow switch with a screwdriver or a wedge rather than have the alarm panel bypassed and the monitoring taken out of service. The problem is that this does not show "trouble" at the panel. It was discussed that a bypass switch at the riser would prevent the alarm, but also show a trouble and act as a safety net. It was agreed that a key switch is acceptable.

2015 Code-Several area agencies have confirmed that they will be moving to the 2015 code in the next few months. Some will be adopting the Existing Building Code which has retroactive high-rise fire sprinkler requirements in Appendix M.

Good of the Order: The Burns Recovered Support Group needs a Juvenile Firesetter Counselor. Contact Julie Peetz for more information.

Program/Presentation: None

Announcements:

Adjournment: Next meeting September 9, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Richard
Secretary



METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION Meeting Minutes

DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2015

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Call Meeting to order: 9:05 AM

Guests: Franny Singer from Knox Company and Captain Straatmann from Shrewsbury FD

Treasurer's Report: Marc Uises- \$1,572.02 Motion to accept: Jeff Edwan, Second by Steve Gettemeier. Approved.

Secretary's Report: Paul Richard- Membership: 74 Regular, 31 Associate, 23 Inactive= **128 Total**

Minutes of Last Meeting: August 12 Minutes emailed to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes: Scott Determann Second by Jeff Edwan. Approved.

New Members: No new members

Committee Reports:

Education Committee: John LaVenture-

1. AIA Code Committee Brown Bag Lunch presented by BOMA building owners and managers association hosting the lunch for \$5. Event will be sent out to the email list. Everyone interested must register ASAP.
2. Steve G. reports that we have a state grant for Jason Webb and Art Black to do a 1 day class. State Fire Marshals has money for building construction classes.

Fire Marshals Assoc of MO (www.mofiremarshals.org): Gene Robertson/Dave Phipps- meeting this Friday in Jefferson City at the state fire marshals office at 10:00 am

MABFO: Art Oestereich- No report

ICC (www.iccsafe.org): Ed Berkel- No report. Everyone should look at the voting results that will be posted on line soon.

Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc. (www.jcfma.org): Gene Robertson- No report.

Laclede Gas (www.lacledegas.com): Ron Chac- Not present.

Missouri American Water (www.amwater.com/moaw): Lisa Schneider- Not present.

St. Louis Fire Sprinkler Alliance (www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org): Wally Miller- No report.

Alarm Assoc. of Greater St. Louis (www.alarmstl.org): Sean Devereaux- Not present.

AGC of Missouri: Anthony Lancia- No report.

Old Business: None

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New Business: Need a nominating committee for December elections... Chairman Steve Gettemeier, assisted by Dave Phipps.

Roundtable:

1. Dave Phipps- The cost of the ICC Long Beach conference was very expensive in both time and money. Everyone should be there to help out. The mega conference had a lot of good comments at ICC Long Beach.
2. Paul Richard briefly discussed details and progress at the Bridgeton Landfill. Basically, there is no news to report. The trash is still smoldering 12 stories underground and there's no indication that it's in the area of the radioactive material. Air monitoring continues.
3. Paul also brought up the Better Together report. It is very general and the facts are only half-way correct. Very little useful information.

Good of the Order: City of Clayton adopted 2015 as of Jan 1, 2016. Including Appendix M requiring retroactive sprinkler installations.

Program/Presentation: Knox Box Company

Announcements: VETERANS DAY IS NOVEMBER 11th therefore:

Next meeting November 18, 2015

Adjournment: 9:30 Jeff Edwan motion to adjourn. Second by Greg Breher.



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DATE: DECEMBER 9, 2015

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Call Meeting to order: 10:10 AM

Guests: Mike Burkemper-St. Louis County; Chief Tom Pour-Belleville; Jeff McLafferty-Century Fire Sprinklers; Carlos Milo-Ardor Fire Protection

Treasurer's Report: Marc Ulses- Previous balance \$6279.46 minus \$2,000 for Fire Chiefs awards banquet shortfall. Cash on hand \$4,279.46 Motion to approve: Ed Berkel Second: Paul Mecurio Approved

Secretary's Report: Paul Richard- 74 Regular, 31 Associate, 23 Inactive= **128 Total**

Minutes of Last Meeting: November Minutes were emailed to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes: Ed Berkel Second: Jeff Edwan Approved.

New Members: 1st Reading: Jeff Collier-MO DFS Motion by Jeff Edwan, Second: Ed Berkel, Approved 2nd Reading: Andy Bill- Ahern Fire Protection Motion by Jeff Edwan, Second: Ed Berkel, Approved

Committee Reports:

Education Committee: John LaVenture- Tech Electronic Seminar at the next meeting. NFPA 72 class on March 29.

Fire Marshals Assoc of MO (www.mofiremarshals.org): Art Oestereich- Division Chief Randy Fogle of Branson Fire Department is the new president of the FMAM.

ICC (www.iccsafe.org): Ed Berkel- Hearings at the end of April. ICC Conference Kansas City-- more information coming after the February ICC Conference Committee meeting.

Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc. (www.jcfma.org) Jeff DeLapp is the new JCFM President.

Missouri Fire Sprinkler Coalition: Roger Herin- PSA's from the Home Fire Safety Coalition can be personalized by your department.

Old Business: Due to recent expenses the MFMA bank account is at a critical low point. Treasurer Marc Ulses has suggested a fundraiser. Dave Phipps echoed the idea and mentioned that the ICC conference will be very expensive for us. The following suggestions were made:

1. Training Seminars- charge fees for vendor booths.
2. Raise the price of training seminars.
3. Have a raffle for a "big ticket" item.

Elections: The current MFMA board of directors was re-elected by acclamation Motion made by Denis Drozkowski. Second by Bobby Parrish. Motion passed.

New Business: The following awards were presented- Chief Rick Ennis- Platinum Fire Sprinkler Service Award Fire Marshal Art Oestereich- Metro Fire Marshals Association Bill Fox Award

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Roundtable: Pizza Oven Question. Jeff Edwan inquired whether or not other agencies are requiring suppression for large pizza ovens. A suggestion was made to get John Springhart or Bill Walterschied of St. Louis County Mechanical Division to give input.

Presentation: Chief Rick Ennis, Cape Girardeau Fire Department. "Residential Fire Sprinklers"

Announcements:

Next Meeting: January 13 at 9:00 am.

Adjournment: 10:50 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Richard
Secretary