



METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION Minutes

DATE: JULY 13, 2016

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Call Meeting to order: 09:01

Guests: Franny Singer

Treasurer's Report: Marc Ulses – Account statement was unchanged from June, with a balance of \$8,505.05. He also stated the Chief's Association is changing banks due to high banking fees. All operations and reporting will remain the same. No date given for the transition. Will advise at next meeting.

Motion to approve: Ed Berkel
Second: Mark Heberlem

(Acting) Secretary's Report: JP Penet – No known changes to membership – 69 Regular, 30 Associate, 1 Honorary and 3 Honorary Life = Total 103 members.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Minutes emailed to membership. Corrected to state "MAW minimum main size is 6".

Motion to approve:
Second:

New Members: 2nd Readings: **Mike Pelsor** – STL County; **Rod Cook** – Metro West FPD; **Andy Fritz** – Fire Solutions, Inc.; **Todd Weaver** – Fire Solutions, Inc.

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Communications: David Phipps will be re-joining MFMA due to taking the newly created position of Fire Marshal for the city of Town & Country as of the end of July.

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: Roger Herin – no report

Education Committee: John LaVenture – Planned class for August 19th covering CPVC and NFPA 72 update has been postponed until after the new year.

September 20-21: ICC classes (as determined by email responses): Increasing Credibility of Code Officials and Flammable & Combustible Liquids. Instructor is to be determined. Flyers will be sent to members showing training dates and times. **Location:** Sprinkler Fitter's Hall. Discussion was held regarding costs and whether to use the event as fundraiser. All proceeds to be split with Jefferson County FM Association. Intention is to keep costs down to encourage attendance.

LaVenture and Herin visited Jefferson City on June 15th to present grant proposal, and received an award of \$5,000. This money will be used for presentation of classes on Installation of Underground Fire Service Mains (NFPA 24), Sprinkler Inspection, Testing & Maintenance (NFPA 25). Class dates to be determined. The classes will be presented at no cost to code officials.

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Dawn Spink with Missouri American Water has arranged for Mueller to present training at the next regular meeting (10am August 10th). They have a 30-40 min presentation prepared on use, care and maintenance of fire hydrants.

Fire Marshals Assoc of MO (www.mofiremarshals.org): Roger Herin –

1. Conference at Tan-Tar-A on July 25-27.

MABOI (www.maboi.org): Joe Kovac –

1. Hosting seminar scheduled for Friday 15 July on Fire Stopping. Cost = \$25. No August training scheduled. September training is on their website.
2. As new membership secretary for MABOI, Joe is diligently working on auditing seminar attendance, and correlating it with fees paid. Some non-members seminar attendees received a discounted rate for MABOI-sponsored training by signing up as “members”. Contacts made to building officials thus far has revealed the following:
 - a. Memberships have expired due to confusion over whether the member or the jurisdiction is completing and paying the costs of membership renewal.
 - b. Attendees signed up for seminars as “members” in order to receive the discounted rate.
3. Joe issued the following requests of those who received MABOI training:
 - a. Ensure current (paid) MABOI membership status.
 - b. Check membership status with MABOI, and review previous training attendance to determine if correct fees were paid for seminars.
 - c. Complete these actions prior to receiving a notice in the coming months from MABOI for misapplied seminar fees and overdue membership renewals.

Questions were asked regarding the possibility of confirming that the membership application and/or payment was received. Joe couldn't speak for years past, but agreed that would be helpful in the future.

ICC (www.iccsafe.org): Ed Berkel –

1. Annual Conference in Kansas City, KS – October 16-18, Hearings 19-24th.
2. Volunteers needed at welcome booth.

Jefferson County Fire Marshal's Assoc. (www.jcfma.org): Jeff DeLapp – No report.

Laclede Gas (www.lacledegas.com): Ron Chac – No report.

Missouri American Water (www.amwater.com/moaw): Lisa Schneider / Dawn Spink – Still receiving emails for hydrant concerns. Presentation next month (August 10th) regarding hydrants.

St. Louis Fire Sprinkler Alliance (www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org): Wally Miller – AHJ members can receive free memberships and renewals to the NFSA (National Fire Sprinkler Association – www.nfsa.org) by contacting Wally Miller or John LaVenture. John stated that Scott Hampton donated spare new sprinkler heads to be used as demonstrations during interviews.

Alarm Assoc. of Greater St Louis (www.alarmsstl.org): Sean Deveraux – No report. John LaVenture stated Stephanie with Tech Electronics was working on sponsoring an NFPA 72 update class, likely in September. Time and place TBD.

AGC of Missouri: Anthony Lancia – No report.

Missouri Fire Sprinkler Coalition: Roger Herin – Next summit will be in March of 2017 in St Louis area. Next meeting is August 8th.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Roundtable: None

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Program Presentation: Franny Singer (fsinger@knoxbox.com 866.223.2623) with Knox Company (www.knoxbox.com) presented information on their new product, the Knox Home Box (www.knoxhomebox.com), which targets residential occupancies in need of a solution that better matches limited (single key) needs and the décor of residential customers. Orders will be handled separately from KnoxBox.com. Departments and districts are required to join/register with Knox Home/Box program to ensure their community members can receive the correct key-code. Email Frannie to get registered.

Questions arose regarding “mutual aid” and “county” keys for automatic aid departments. Knox will work with the decisions of the affected departments to provide correct keying of the boxes, but may require local fire agencies to assist in selection of proper key codes.

Frannie distributed pads of paper order forms for use during an inspection to provide locations with a completed checklist of needed items. She also discussed the key-shunt box for emergency building de-energizing.

Announcements: Next Meeting is August 10th, 2016.