



## METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION MINUTES

DATE: NOVEMBER 9, 2016

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Call meeting to order: 09:02 HRS

**Guests:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Marc Ulses- No bank statement available at this time.

**Secretary's Report:** Paul Richard- 72 Regular, 32 Associate, 1 Honorary and 3 Honorary Life= 108 members. Membership renewal is coming up.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Minutes of the last meeting was emailed to the membership. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes: Mark Heberlein Second: Dale Harbison. Secretary's report approved.

### **New Members:**

1st Reading: Todd Phillips (Robertson FPD) and Randy Cole (NFSA). Motion to approve the first reading: Paul Mercurio, Second: Mark Heberlein.

2nd Reading: None

**Communications:** Paul Richard's retirement luncheon is Friday November 18<sup>th</sup>. Tech Electronics donated \$500 to the MFMA. President Herin to reply with a letter of thanks.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Fire Chiefs:** Roger Herin- Meeting was cancelled.

**Education Committee:** John LaVenture-

**November 15** IAI Means of Egress at the Sprinkler Fitters Hall. There is a discount for MABOI and MFMA members.

**February** Potter will be sponsoring a class on sprinklers, corrosion and nitrogen systems integrated with the fitter's sprinkler lab.

**MABFO:** No report

**MABOI** ([www.maboi.com](http://www.maboi.com)): No report

**Lunch & Learn on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>.** *"Professional Seal Requirements for Construction Documents"*. Creve Coeur City Hall. 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Cost: FREE. Pizza will be provided.

**Seminar on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.** *"2015 ISPSC Overview / 2015 IRC Update"*. Morning: 2015 ISPSC; Afternoon: 2015 IRC Update. Location: Maryland Heights Court Room. Cost: \$35.00, which includes light breakfast and lunch. Six hours of "Preferred Provider".

**ICC** ([www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org)): Electronic voting is open. Thanks to all who attended the Kansas City Conference and Code Hearings: Ed Berkel, Paul Richard, Paul Mercurio (and Chief Mark Thorp), Roger Herin, Paul Garlock (and staff), and others. Additional members were able to attend the conference which was very well done, professional and informative.

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**Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc. ([www.jcfma.org](http://www.jcfma.org)):** Jeff DeLapp- No report

**Laclede Gas ([www.lacledegas.com](http://www.lacledegas.com)):** Ron Chac- Fire extinguisher training is wrapping up.

**Missouri American Water ([www.amwater.com/moaw](http://www.amwater.com/moaw)):** Lisa Schneider/Dawn Spink- No report

**St. Louis Fire Sprinkler Alliance ([www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org](http://www.stlouisfiresprinkleralliance.org)):** Wally Miller- No report

**Alarm Assoc. of Greater St. Louis ([www.alarmstl.org](http://www.alarmstl.org)):** Sean Devereaux- No report

**AGC of Missouri:** Anthony Lancia- No report

**Missouri Fire Sprinkler Coalition:** Roger Herin- Sprinkler Summit is March 22, 2017. A focus meeting was held recently to determine residential sprinkler costs in the St. Louis area. A pilot program is being considered where builder installs them in an entire subdivision. This may be the best way to determine a reasonable cost. Dale Hicks & Associates is believed to be building sprinklered homes.

**Old Business:** Nominations are due for MFMA officer positions.

**New Business:** Nothing

**Roundtable:**

1. Anthony Lancia reported that there have been some complaints regarding incomplete inspections on the behalf of building inspectors without follow-up. All agreed this was not acceptable customer service.
2. Randy Cole advised that state legislation for the licensing of sprinkler installers may be coming around in 2017.
3. Discussion regarding the importance of adopting the 2015 code with similar amendments as other jurisdictions.
4. Discussion regarding the importance of municipalities (and districts) posting their sprinkler requirements on their websites. Websites are an important part of business these days and keeping the information available will help everyone with compliance.

**Good of the Order:**

**Program/Presentation:** Video presentation by Roger Herin: "The Normalization of Deviance" by Mike Mullane. The process through which unacceptable practices or standards become acceptable. The normalization of deviance leads to complete and sometimes catastrophic failure.

**Announcements:**

Next Meeting: Annual Luncheon with awards and elections at 10:00 am on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:** 10:00

Respectfully Submitted,

**Paul Richard**  
Secretary