



METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION AGENDA

DATE: JULY 9, 2008

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:
9:07 A.M.

Guest:

Dan Meehan, City of Clayton Building Inspector

Tony Simpson, St. Louis County

Attendees:

Russell Todd	City of Maplewood	Paul Mercurio	Clayton FD
Teresa Cross	Mehlville FPD	Rita Swearingen	ICC
Steve Gettemeier	Florissant Valley FPD	Marc Ulses	Frontenac FD
Robin Jobe	Olivette FD	Dan Flynn	Firestoppers
Wally Miller	St. Louis FSA	Michael Mahler	Sprinkler Fitters 268
Mike Henke	Potter Electric	Ben Von Harz	Mo-Am Water
Dennis Woods	City of Creve Coeur	Ron Chac	Laclede Gas Co.
Theodis Brown	Castlepoint FA	Terry DeGuentz	West Co. EMS & Fire
Roger Herin	Monarch FPD	Dave Nichols	Monarch FPD
Ed Berkel	Mehlville FPD	John Otte	Hazelwood FD
Gerald Ambrossechia	West Overland FPD	John LaVenture	St. Louis FSA

Minutes:

The minutes of the June 11, 2008 were motioned for approval, 2nd and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Paul reported there were no expenditures or revenues to report for the month of June. The balance started and stayed at \$7,073.49. Motion for approval was 2nd and approved.

New Members: There was discussion on the application and approval of Theodis Brown, Sr. as a regular or associate member. It was brought to this body's attention that the By-Laws of the organization regarding memberships clearly indicate a regular member should be a person whose primary duties and functions are directly related to enforcement of building codes, fire safety codes, laws and who are employed in this type of work in any governmental agency. At this time, Chief Brown is a member of a Fire Association and is not a part of a governmental agency. Chief Brown stated he is part of a fire association and the area will be voting on becoming a fire district with a FDID number and taxing capabilities. He stated the area is in favor of establishing a district. John Otte made a motion to table the matter. After additional discussion and a request for clarification of the motion, the motion was made to approve Chief Brown's application for membership as an associate member and, when the association becomes a fire district, the membership status will be re-visited. Motion was 2nd and approved.

1st Reading: None
2nd Reading: Theodis Brown, Sr. Chief, Castlepoint Fire Association, approved as associate member.

Communications:

Jerry received a letter and packet from the Steam Cleaning Association requesting he attend their conference. He also received confirmation of receipt of the annual report to the ICC and our free education class and the President's free registration to the ICC conference. Jerry received 3 letters asking for support for the ICC board of directors. After discussion, it was decided to support Lawrence Rude of the fire service.

Treasurer's Report:

It was reported that the beginning and ending balance for the month of June, 2008 was the same. No expenditures and no income was reported. Balance is \$7,073.49. Motion to approve was made and 2nded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: John La Venture

Ron O'Shlanger is requesting equipment for the first week of September to be on display on the riverfront in downtown St. Louis. It was reported that there was discussion among the Fire Chiefs regarding the residential sprinkler resolution approved by this body. The matter was tabled by the Chiefs. It was noted that some Chiefs are in favor of the resolution. There will be a vote in September. There was discussion on work hours, 48 hours on and 96 hours off.

Chief's Awards Committee: Dennis Drozkowski

Denis was not present.

Professional Code Committee: John LaVenture

There will be a class based on the 2003 IBC coming soon.

Education Committee: Brian Leuthauser

No report. Next Thursday, July 17, 2008 is the Life Safety Symposium at the Fire Sprinkler's Hall in St. Louis.

IAAI: Dave Nichols

No report.

Web Site: Paul Mercurio

If you have problems entering your data on permit information, let Paul know. The AGC has hired a governmental affairs person. This person may attend the next Fire Marshal's meeting in August. It was decided to invite this person to become an associate member of this organization. The AGC is interested in having a permit/regulation processing web site.

State Fire Marshals: Roger Herin

The conference is coming in August at Tan-Tar-A at the Lake of the Ozarks.

MABOI: Greg Breher

Rita Swearingen of ICC reminded this body of the upcoming MABOI conference in October. One of the education tracks will deal with fire safety subjects.

State Chapter: Greg Breher

No report

ICC: Ed Berkel

Ed stated he e-mailed the schedule for the code change hearings for the upcoming ICC conference in Minneapolis in September. RB 64 will be heard approximately 6:00 pm on Saturday, September 20, 2008. The plumbing code will be heard on Monday, September 22, 2008. Rita handed out the schedule for the hearings. There will be discussions on the design and construction of storm shelters

and the fact that they are ANSI approved. Rita state the Commercial Building Grant Legislation is out of committee in the US congress and asked if this body had passed a resolution in favor of this legislation. The grants are for Fire Marshals and Building Officials with matching funds. There is a sample resolution on the ICC web site. Roger motioned and John 2nded to send a resolution from this body to the ICC in favor of the legislation. Motion carried. The grants are now set at 100 million dollars over a 5 year period. Paul will draft the resolution. There was discussion on a "chapter leader" going to the conference in place of the president. The Fire Sprinkler Alliance will assist members with funds to attend the conference. Members interested should contact John LaVenture.

Membership: Russ Todd

No report at this time.

Missouri-American Water:

MO-Am Water will be selecting a meter to deal with residential sprinkler systems in the next 2-3 months.

Laclede Gas: Ron Chac

Ron informed this body that the union contract is up August 1, 2008 and if the union does not accept a new contract and strikes, only emergency work will be performed and no new service work would be completed until a strike is settled.

Logo: John Walk

No report.

Legislative Report: Lou Hecht

No report.

JeffCO FMA: Lloyd Montgomery

No report.

St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance: Wally Miller

Wally indicated the alliance will supply subscriber memberships and pay for membership renewals. John spoke on having the side by side burn at the Ballwin Days Festival. The burn demonstration will also be part of the Life Safety Symposium next week.

AAGSL: Dan Abert

No report.

PIO: John LaVenture / Scott Barthelmass

John stated there was a meeting on the Missouri Sunshine Law.

Old Business:

The Life Safety Symposium has 42 registrants at this time. John asked for as many building inspectors, officials and fire inspectors to attend as possible.

New Business:

Paul showed a copy of a fire safety resolution from the State of Missouri. Roger moved, 2nded by Russ to purchase a frame for the resolution. Motion carried.

Russ passed around a letter from the St. Louis HBA arguing against the residential code change requiring fire sprinklers. There was discussion on the ICC voting procedures and how the recommendation of the committee has to be overturned.

Roundtable:

Paul asked that the 2nd reading on approving the membership of Terry DeGetz be heard and voted on. John Otte motioned to approve the membership of Terry DeGetz. The motion was 2nded and approved.

Roger mentioned every couple of years the need for funds to install fire sprinklers in a fire victim's house when the house is re-built. There was open discussion on how to raise funds for this cause.

Steve requested a committee to review the 2009 building code once it is published. Brian will chair the committee with John Otte and Steve.

Paul discussed egress windows and the different variations, especially from basements. There was discussion on St. Louis County removing sections of the code when they adopt it.

Good of the Order:

There was a motion moved and 2nded to support Lawrence Rude for a position on the ICC board of directors. Motion was approved.

Program:

None

Announcements:

Next meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2008.

Adjournment:

Motion was made and 2nded to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 10:32 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Russell Todd, CBO
Building Official/Fire Marshal
City of Maplewood