



METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION AGENDA

DATE: JANUARY 14, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:03 A.M.

Guests:

Attendees:

Roger Herin	Monarch FPD	Denis Drozkowski	Maryland Heights FPD
Teresa Cross	Mehlville FPD	Jim Koenen	Twilight Fire
Mark Heberlein	MO Dept. of Fire Safety	Barry West	MO Dept. of Fire Safety
Steve Gettemeier	Florissant Valley FPD	Bill Fox	Shrewbury FD
Dave Nichols	Monarch FPD	David Phipps	Metro West FPD
Marc Ulses	Fontenac FD	John LaVenture	St. Louis FSA
Art Oestereich	Creve Coeur FPD	MJ Vance	Centerpoint Technologies
Lloyd Montgomery	Rock Community FPD	Mark Johnson	Creve Coeur FPD
Dennis L. Woods	City of Creve Coeur	Leo Meyer	Kirkwood FD
Bryan Kopp	City of Des Peres	Rich Fasching	Firetech
John Bennett	Guarantee Electrical	Ben von Harz	Missouri American Water
Dan Flynn	Firestoppers	Chris Gaut	NFSA
Wally Miller	St. Louis FSA	Michael R. Mahler	Sprinkler Fitters 268
Kenneth R. Schneider	Sprinkler Fitters JATC	Paul Mercurio	Clayton FD
Scott Mullins	Eureka FPD	Gene Robertson, Jr.	High Ridge FPD
Chris Lindner	Saline Valley FPD		

Minutes:

Treasurer's Report: Read and approved.

New Members: The following were read for new member approval. A motion was made and seconded for approval.

1st Reading: Rich Fasching, Leo Meyer, Mark Thorp, Jack Schenk, Gene Robertson, Dave Miller, Steve Askins, Dan Meehan

2nd Reading: Ken Schneider

A check was received from Northeast Ambulance and Fire with no application. Northeast was notified several times to send an application. The decision was made to hold the check until an application is received.

There was much discussion regarding the membership process. A motion was made and seconded to accept applicants without their being present. The vote passed.

Communications: A "Thank You" was received from Backstoppers for a donation from Wally Miller in our name.

A notice of poor workmanship of sprinkler contractors was received from Sunrise Beach FPD was received. Chris Gaut requested that anyone witnessing such poor workmanship notify NFSA and send pictures and/or examples to NFSA.

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: John La Venture – MFMA newly-elected officers were announced; Chiefs were notified that our By-Laws are being worked on; Chiefs are working on a tax increase for communications regarding interoperability.

Education Committee: John LaVenture and Steve Gettemeier were appointed. A flyer was distributed for an upcoming sprinkler class by NFSA Central Region. A firestopping class was proposed.

State Fire Marshals: Roger Herin – At the last FMAM meeting there was discussion regarding sponsoring code changes; there will be upcoming classes announced; next meeting will be February 6 at 10:30 at Winter Fire School in Columbia, MO; this years conference will be at Tan-Tar-A August 3, 4 & 5.

State ICC Chapter: Paul Richard appointed.

MABOI: Bryan Kopp – Working on more classes; CBO institute coming up, check the MABOI website (maboi.homestead.com) for details.

ICC: Ed Berkel – no report

JCFMA: Lloyd Montgomery – Upcoming class on February 18; Website has been updated; Check the website (www.jcfma.org) for upcoming seminars.

Membership: Roger Herin – No list yet, working on it; MFMA received a plaque from JCFMA in appreciation for working together.

Laclede Gas: Ron Chac – No report.

St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance: Wally Miller – Suggested doing something for Fire Prevention Week – side-by-side burns were discussed, need media involvement, possibly at St. Louis County Fire Academy; SCCACO meetings were discussed – they are meeting with HBA regarding residential sprinkler requirements; Sprinkler Summit with FireTeam USA will be in the Chicago area in February – contact John LaVenture if you are interested in going (try to get “policy-makers” involved) as travel assistance may be available.

AAGSL: MJ Vance – There will be a meeting January 20, 2009 at the Viking Center on Lindbergh at 11:45 – everyone was invited; MJ gave a report from the MO Burglar & Fire Alarm Assoc.; A letter was sent to the Missouri transition team in support of Randy Cole for re-appointment.

Code Review: Steve Gettemeier and John LaVenture appointed.

By-Laws: Roger Herin – We need to go ahead and start working on proposed changes instead of waiting to hear from the Chiefs.

Old Business: Laptops have been ordered. Thanks again to Rich Fasching and FireTech for the donation.

New Business: Ben von Harz spoke about Missouri American Water Company's position regarding residential meters for sprinklers. He stated that the PSC is now involved. Ben distributed a sketch depicting the metering arrangement proposed by MAWC. Much discussion ensued. They hope to be done by March 1, 2009. John LaVenture suggest MFMA write a letter to the PSC regarding this.

Roundtable: Chris Gaut recommended that we, as a regional group, start working to come up with some kind of standard of qualifications for sprinkler installers, given the future requirements for residential sprinklers.

Dave Phipps stated that he encountered a severe carbon monoxide problem caused by blasting.

Dan Flynn stated that the Shriners are in need of and looking for radios (walkie-talkies) and chargers. Any department or district having surplus equipment is encouraged to donate the equipment to the Shriners.

Good of the Order: The good attendance was noted. The officers expressed thanks to the membership for their vote of confidence in the officers, and asked for continued input of ideas and wants from the membership of the Association. **Note:** A motion, second and vote was taken (passed) to send 2 members to the Sprinkler Summit in Chicago – contact John LaVenture for details.

Program: None

Announcements: The next meeting will be 2/11/09 at Kirkwood Community Center 111 S. Geyer Rd - 9:00AM.

Adjournment: (time not noted)

Respectfully Submitted:

Roger N. Herin, MCP
Secretary