



**METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: March 11, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:05 A.M.

**Guests:** Steamatic: Kevin Picha, Steven Bierman

**Attendees:**

Teresa Cross	Mehlville FPD	Jim Koenen	Twilight Fire
Marc Ulses	Fontenac FD	John LaVenture	St. Louis FSA
Lloyd Montgomery	Rock Community FPD	Mike Henke	Potter Electric
Dennis L. Woods	City of Creve Coeur	Leo Meyer	Kirkwood FD
Bryan Kopp	City of Des Peres	Mary Jo Vance	Centerpoint Technologies
Marc Ulses	Frontenac FD	David Phipps	Metro West FPD
Ron Walker	Firewalker	Paul Mercurio	Clayton FD
Tony Simpson	St. Louis County	Gene Robertson, Jr.	High Ridge FPD
Greg Latka	Siemens Building Technologies	Anthony Lancia	AGC of St. Louis
Neil Fick	St. Louis County	Will Penny	St. Louis County
Terry DeGuentz	West County FPD	Steve Bierman	Steamatic of St. Louis
Harlan Hunter	Insurance Construction Specialist	John Otte	Hazelwood FD
Dave Nichols	Monarch FPD	Jeff Edwan	Ferguson FD
Ed Ware	City of St. Louis	Jerry Wessels	City of St. Louis

**Treasurer's Report:** Read and approved. Remaining balance as of February 28, 2009 is \$8,310.56.

**Secretary's Report:**

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Approved

**New Members:**

1st Reading: Siemens Building Technologies: Greg Latka

2nd Reading: High Ridge FPD: Dave Miller City of St. Louis: Frank Oswald, Ed Ware, Gerard Wessels Wentzville Fire Prot. Dist.: Joe Heitkamp

**Communications:** None

**Committee Reports:**

**Fire Chiefs:** John LaVenture – The training tower at the fire academy still needs work. They are using the St. Louis Fire Department Training Facility. Academy recruits must now pass physical test BEFORE entering the academy. September 15 & 16, 2009 – Chief Officer Training classes.

**Legislative** – Safe Cigarette Bill heard but not finished. Senate Bill 7 was discussed.

**Education Committee:** John LaVenture –Education classes were held:

1. IFC Plan Review class as taught by Steve Gettemeier and Jason Webb sponsored by the Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc. & MFMA at the Arnold Elks Club on February 18;
2. Five different sprinkler classes sponsored by St. Louis Fire Sprinkler Alliance and NFSA at the Sprinkler Fitters Local 268 Training Center on March 3 through 5;
3. Firestopping class sponsored by MABOI, Firestoppers, LLC and Viking Sprinkler Products at Des Peres on February 19

**State Fire Marshals:** No report

**State ICC Chapter:** A meeting was held March 10, 2009 at Frontenac with John Bennish, John Morgan, John LaVenture and Adam Knok regarding the new proposed State Codes. Please get involved if you are interested in participating.

**MABOI:** Bryan Kopp – Firestopping and Sprinkler classes were a success. The education page of the MABOI website has been updated, and the education schedule is available; A CBO Institute will be coming soon. There will be a Residential Wood Products Truss & TJI Seminar March 18, 2009 at Maryland Heights.

**ICC:** Bob Neal is the new ICC governmental rep for our district.

**Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc.:** Lloyd Montgomery – The website has been updated; Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month. Check the website for locations, as they change each month to accommodate all districts and departments in Jefferson County.

**Laclede Gas:** Ron Chac – No report.

**Missouri American Water:** No report.

**St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance:** John LaVenture – The side-by-side burn schedule is being done – get on it if you wish to schedule a burn. PLEASE notify Wally or John LaVenture of any and all sprinkler saves!! Wally was commended for the news spot he did on FOX2 News regarding the sprinkler system donated by St. Louis Fire Sprinkler Alliance to the fraternity house that burned resulting in a fire death. Wally gave a report on how the donation came about and how the mother of the victim played a part in getting the job done and spreading the word.

**AAGSL:** MJ Vance is the newly elected President.

**Code Review:** Steve Gettemeier or John LaVenture – The MABOI Code Review Committee is working on the Energy Code and Property Maintenance Code.

**.By-Laws:** A draft copy of the revised By-Laws should be ready by the May meeting.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Tony Simpson spoke about the politics of government regarding codes. There was discussion about hood systems and ITM.

**Roundtable:**

Anthony Lancia requested that all jurisdictions send him updated information on code requirements and changes. He inquired if the jurisdictions would be interested in participating in a web-based information source.

**Good of the Order:** The high attendance was noted, and it was discussed whether or not to look into a larger room for our meetings.

**Announcements:**

**NOTICE: The April meeting has been canceled to accommodate those members wishing to attend Firefighter Day at the Capitol.**

Next Meeting: May 13, 2009

**Program/Presentation:** None

**Adjournment:** (time not noted)

Respectfully Submitted:

John LaVenture  
Vice-President