



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

Date: June 10, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:00 A.M.

**Guests:** Rick Oster of Butler/Durrell Security, Mike Vasquez and Peggy Bensinger of VQ&T

**Attendees:**

NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Roger Herin	Monarch FPD	John LaVenture	St. Louis FSA
Terry DeGuentz	West Co FPD	Dave Nichols	Monarch FPD
David Phipps	Metro West FPD	Leo Meyer	Kirkwood FD
Wally Miller	St. Louis FSA	Eric Hall	Des Peres FD
Greg Latka	Siemens Bldg Tech	Jim Koenen	TFI
Sue Smith	TFI	Marc Ulses	Frontenac FD
Bill Fox	Shrewsbury FD	Tony Simpson	St. Louis County
Dan Meehan	City of Clayton	Jack Schenck	City of Clayton
Anthony Lancia	AGC of St. Louis	Russ Todd	Maplewood
Michael Mahler	Spklr Fitters 268	MJ Vance	Centerpointe Tech
Dennis Woods	City of Creve Coeur		

**Treasurer's Report:** 5/1/09 – 5/31/09: Beginning Balance: \$8,292.06; Ending Balance \$8,417.06.

**Secretary's Report:**

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Approved by vote.

**New Members:** The following were approved by vote of the membership:

1st Reading: Des Peres Fire & EMS: Lt. Support Services Eric Hall

2nd Reading: Affton Fire Prot. Dist.: Assistant Chief Jim Fritz  
 City of St. Louis: Bldg. Insp. Sup. II Jerome Turner  
 Fire Safety, Inc.: Sales Mgr. Michael Bell  
 Acct. Mgr. Scott Borger  
 Service Mgr. Scott Miller  
 Sales Rep. Greg Thrash

**Membership Report:**

Regular	71
Associate	30
Honorary	1
Honorary Life	1
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	1
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	6
Total	110

**Program/Presentation:** Mike Vasquez and Peggy Bensinger of VQ&T gave a presentation on commercial ventless cooking equipment – particularly Turbochef and Ratioinal brands.

**Communications:** None

**Committee Reports:**

**Fire Chiefs:** John LaVenture – Discussions included MDA presentation, legislative issues, donation accountability, Fire Standards Commissions regarding non-qualified firefighters on calls. Mike McFarland passed away recently.

**Education Committee:** Steve Gettemeier or John LaVenture – No report.

**State Fire Marshals:** Roger Herin – There was a meeting last Friday. Conference is coming up in August – flyer is on the website ([fmamonline.com](http://fmamonline.com)); discussion of legislative issues – fire-safe cigarettes, sprinkler issue, arson statute of limitations restored to 5 years, etc. There will be a meeting in Jefferson City next Friday regarding the sprinkler issue and how to educate homebuyers. There was a motion made seconded and approved by vote to donate \$200.00 to the FMAM hospitality room at the conference this year.

**State ICC Chapter:** Paul Richards – It has been reported that Paul has stepped down from this committee.

**MABOI:** Bryan Kopp – Russ Todd reported that there will be a Legal Aspects class next Wednesday, and there are plenty of seats available. Check the MABOI website ([homestead.com/maboi](http://homestead.com/maboi)) for details.

**ICC:** Ed Berkel – Roger Herin reported that Bob Neale will try to make one of our meetings in the near future. It was also suggested that everyone budget to go to the ICC conferences and code development meetings to vote on upcoming code issues.

**Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc.:** Lloyd Montgomery – Jim Koenen stated that JCFMA will host a fireworks class Thursday June 18, 2009 – check their website ([jcfma.org](http://jcfma.org)) for details.

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

**Missouri American Water:** Ben Von Harz – No report – Roger Herin stated that there have been no dues paid and no MAWC representative has been at a meeting for some time, and suggested we contact them to get someone to attend.

**St. Louis Fire Sprinkler Alliance:** Wally Miller – NFSA will present a sprinkler inspection and testing class July 21-23, 2009 at a location to be determined near the airport – go to [nfsa.org](http://nfsa.org) for more info. SLFSA did a side-by-side burn in Clayton and will be doing more at Ballwin Days, Missouri State Fair (Aug. 20) and at Chesterfield Mall in August.

**AAGSL:** MJ Vance – Trying to get a standardized inspection & test certificate agreed on throughout the state. Working on updating the NFPA form. Steve Unser of Creve Coeur spoke at the meeting May 19; Dave Phipps will be speaking at the meeting July 21. MJ has been appointed to the newly created FMAM Industry Relations Committee along with Chris Gaut and Dave Phipps. Vendor forms for the FMAM conference are available – contact MJ.

**Code Review:** Steve Gettemeier or John LaVenture – No report.

**BCRC:** Roger Herin – Next meeting will be Wednesday June 17 – need support for our proposed code change. HBA will be there to present their information. Also, it was reported that HBA will be proposing changes to lessen requirements for fire separation distances in the IRC.

**MCRC:** Paul Mercurio – No report.

**Old Business:**

**By-Laws:** Roger Herin – Finalizing proposed changes – to be voted on next meeting. John LaVenture presented the proposed changes to the Chiefs. They have a concern that the by-laws do not state that the MFMA is “under the umbrella” of the Chiefs; and that there is no limit to the number of voting members a single jurisdiction can have. After lengthy and lively discussion, a motion was made seconded and approved by vote to address the Chiefs’ concerns in the by-laws, specifically that the MFMA is under the authority of the Greater St. Louis Area Fire Chiefs Association, and that each jurisdiction is entitled to only one vote on any issue.

**New Business:** None

**Roundtable:** None

**Good of the Order:** Tony Simpson stated that, contrary to rumor, St. Louis County is functioning adequately after the lightning strike and fire at the Government Center Building – all services are being provided.

**Announcements:**

Next Meeting: July 8, 2006

**Adjournment:** 10:30 A.M. (approx.)

Respectfully Submitted:

Roger N. Herin  
Secretary