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METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 13, 2010

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:00 AM

Guests: Jason McIntosh – Creve Coeur FPD

Attendees:

| NAME | REPRESENTING | NAME | REPRESENTING |
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| Lloyd Montgomery | Rock Community FPD | Bryan Kopp | City of Des Peres |
| Gene Robertson | High Ridge FPD | Mike Henke | Potter Electric |
| Ken Schneider | Sprinkler Fitters 268 | Anthony Lancia | AGC of St. Louis |
| Paul Mercurio | Clayton FD | Marc Ulses | Frontenac FD |
| Leo Meyer | Kirkwood FD | Art Oestereich | Creve Coeur FPD |
| Dave Nichols | Monarch FPD | Teresa Cross | Mehlville FPD |
| Brian Leuthauser | Valley Park FPD | Barney Hagen | MOFED/ Weber Fire & Safety |
| Sue Smith | Twilight Fire & Illusions | Mark Heberlein | Missouri State Fire Marshal |
| Greg Latka | Siemens Industries | Barry West | Missouri State Fire Marshal |
| Steve Bierman | Steamatic of St. Louis | Ron Chac | Laclede Gas |
| Scott Edwards | Steamatic of St. Louis | John LaVenture | St. Louis FSA |
| Denis Drozkowski | Maryland Heights FPD | Russ Todd | City of Maplewood |
| Dennis Woods | City of Creve Coeur | Tony Simpson | St. Louis County |
| Dan Flynn | Firestoppers | Terry DeGuentz | West County EMS & Fire |
| Bill Fox | Shrewsbury FD | Wally Miller | St. Louis FSA |

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance \$5713.38; Ending balance \$5,904.58. Approved by vote.
Discussion on Expenses vs. Income in 2009.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved by vote.

New Members:

1st Reading: Scott Edwards – Steamatic *Approved*

2nd Reading: (none)

Membership Report:

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| As of December 30, 2009: | Regular | 76 |
| | Associate | 41 |
| | Honorary | 1 |
| | Honorary Life | 1 |
| | 1 st Reading | 1 |
| | 2 nd Reading | 0 |
| | Total | 120 |

Program/Presentation: None.

Communications: President Paul Mercurio sent a letter to Skip Gibson with ISO requesting clarification on the grading issues when the sprinkler portion of the IRC is not adopted.

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: John LaVenture – Update on S.T.A.R.T. Triage system, Mutual Aid Meeting to be held at St. Louis Fire Department Headquarters January 22, 2010 at 09:00.

Kelley Chase spoke about the Backstopper's Guns n' Hoses Hockey game February 5, 2010 at Scottrade Center. There will be a Police/Fire game at 6:30 and a St. Louis Bandits game at 8:00. Tickets are available.

Education Committee: Steve Gettemeier or John LaVenture – The 13-D Training Conference will be in late March or early April. We are looking to provide a premier training opportunity for the Metro Area.

Cintas has a tentative date of February 25, 2010 at 09:00 at their facility for a free Emergency Lighting seminar.

The AIA/Professional Code Committee* will be hosting a Brown Bag Lunch Code Series. The February 5, 2010 Brown Bag topic is **GFCI/AFCI What are they and how do you apply same?** The presentation will be from Noon – 1:00 pm at the Masonry Institute of St. Louis, 1429 South Big Bend Blvd., Richmond Heights, MO 63117. The cost is \$5 for ICC, MABOI members and Fire Marshals payable at the door. **BRING YOUR LUNCH.** Beverages provided compliments of The Masonry Institute. This should be a highly informative presentation on code issues dealing with Ground Fault and Arc Fault interrupters. Should smoke detectors be installed on an AFCI circuit? Inquiring minds want to know! FOR RESERVATIONS CALL 314-621-3484 OR EMAIL member@aia-stlouis.org

**(Paul Mercurio, Ed Berkel and John LaVenture are members of this committee.)*

President Paul Mercurio is going to check with Kim Becker to see if State CEU's are still available for attending MFMA meetings.

State Fire Marshals: Roger Herin – No report

State ICC Chapter (MABFO): The MABFO meeting dates conflict with MFMA meetings. Art Oestereich graciously volunteered to miss the MFMA meeting and drive to Jeff City to attend the next MABFO meeting on behalf of the MFMA. We will be checking with Mike Pavlakes, Lake St. Louis, for a report on what went on at the January meeting.

MABOI: Bryan Kopp – MABOI's training schedule is on their website. <http://maboi.homestead.com>
The website also has a link to MACE and to MFMA.
St. Louis City will be hosting a Fire Door Seminar January 27, 2010.

ICC: Ed Berkel – No report

Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc.: Lloyd Montgomery – Rock Community FPD is looking to adopt the 2009 IFC with referenced I-Codes in February. Many of the other Jeffco districts plan to follow suit.

Lloyd warned of kitchen hood systems coming from China that are not listed and are not the proper gauge steel. Look closely to make sure the hood is compliant.
Jeffco would like to have a combined training class with MFMA from Zumwalt Corp. on Fire Doors.

Laclede Gas: Ron Chac – Nothing new.

Missouri American Water: Ben Von Harz – No Report. Tony Simpson mentioned that St. Louis County will be meeting with MoAm Water to discuss MoAm's proposed tariffs.

St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance: Wally Miller – New Hampshire and California have adopted the 2009 IRC with the sprinkler requirements. The Alliance will be having a booth again this year at the Home Show at the America's Center February 25 – 28, 2010. Everyone is welcome to participate. Contact Wally or John if you are interested.

AAGSL: MJ Vance – No report.

Code Review: Steve Gettemeier or John LaVenture – Still on IRC.

BCRC: Roger Herin – Roger was not able to attend the last meeting. The committee's recommendations should go to the Building Commission in March.

MCRC: Paul Mercurio – Mechanical Code is completed and should go to the Building Commission in February.

Old Business:

Barney Hagen reported that the Fire Equipment industry is trying to get legislation passed in Missouri to license contractors.

New Business: None

Roundtable:

Dave Nichols announced that they had a "sprinkler save" at St. Luke's Hospital. The sprinkler extinguished the fire in some laundry and limited smoke damage to some cardboard near the laundry.

Dave also mentioned that someone tried to use a "combination canned smoke/magnet" testing device which was quickly rejected by the astute Monarch Inspection Team.

Chief Bill Fox stated that removal of the old natural gas storage tanks in Shrewsbury is almost completed.

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Announcements: Paul Mercurio mentioned that a fire department consolidation/cooperation study was completed that involved Clayton, University City, Ollivette, Richmond Heights and Maplewood.

Next Meeting: 9:00 AM February 10, 2010 at Kirkwood Community Center, 111 Geyer Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122.

Adjournment: 10:25

Respectfully Submitted:

John LaVenture, Vice-President