



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

Date: February 10, 2010

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

Guests: Skip Shank, Aschinger Communications
Sarah Corziahr, 1-800 Fast Help

Attendees:

NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Roger Herin	Monarch FPD	Marc Ulses	Frontenac FD
John LaVenture	St. Louis FSA	Steve Gettemeier	Florissant Valley FPD
Barry West	MSFM	Mark Heberlein	MSFM
Dan Flynn	Negwer Life Safety	Teresa Cross	Mehlville FPD
Anthony Lancia	AGC of St. Louis	Mike Henke	Potter Electric
Barney Hagan	MOFED/Weber Fire & Safety	Dennis L.Woods	City of Creve Coeur
Tony Simpson	St. Louis County	Steve Bierman	Steamatic of St. Louis
Ron Chac	Laclede Gas	Jim Koenen	TFI
Sue Smith	TFI	Wally Miller	St. Louis FSA
Chris Gaut	NFSA	Leo Meyer	Kirkwood FD
Jerry Wessels	St. Louis City	Terry DeGuentz	West Count FPD

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance: \$5,904.58; Ending Balance: \$6,679.58 Approved by vote.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved by vote.

New Members:

1st Reading: Barney Hagan, Weber Fire and Safety – Approved by vote.

2nd Reading: Scott Edwards, Steamatic of St. Louis – Approved by vote.

Membership Report:

Regular	73
Associate	41
Honorary	1
Honorary Life	1
1 st Reading	1
2 nd Reading	1
Total	116 + pending

43 renewed for 2010; 75 due.

Program/Presentation: (none)

Communications: Licensing bill for fire suppression systems (except sprinkler systems) was sent for review. Barney Hagan stated that this is being reviewed by the State Fire Marshal's Office. Discussion ensued. This will also be on the FMAM website (www.fmamonline.com).

John LaVenture passed around a booklet titled "The Pennsylvania Fireman" that was sent to him.

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: John LaVenture – John showed up for the meeting, but it had been canceled.

Education Committee: Steve Gettemeier or John LaVenture – A rough draft of the flyer for the upcoming sprinkler seminar (March 24, 2010) was passed around – speakers and subjects were discussed.

Jerry Wessels announced a free fire door class March 3, 2010. Contact Jerry Wessels for details. It was approved by vote for MFMA to pay for refreshments at this class.

A free emergency lighting and restaurant suppression system seminar will be presented by Cintas at their facility on February 24, 2010. Contact Tom Pinz for details.

State Fire Marshals: Roger Herin Steve Gettemeier – There was a lot of legislative activity reported on. Also, a sprinkler poster board produced by Barry Nuss was discussed – it will be available at a reduced cost until February 19, 2010. Discussion ensued.

State ICC Chapter (MABFO): ICC final hearings are scheduled. Art Oesteriech is our rep at MABFO.

MABOI: Jerry Wessels – There are several good seminars scheduled – check the website (maboi.homestead.com).

ICC: Ed Berkel – No report.

Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc.: Lloyd Montgomery – No report.

Laclede Gas: Ron Chac – Nothing to report.

Missouri American Water: Ben Von Harz – Chris Gaut stated that NSFA filed an injunction on the proposed tariff. Testimony is scheduled.

St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance: Wally Miller – The Home Show is coming up on February 25-28, 2010. Volunteers are needed to man the St. Louis Fire Sprinkler Alliance booth. Contact Wally for details.

AAGSL: MJ Vance – No report.

Code Review: Steve Gettemeier or John LaVenture – Still working on Residential

BCRC: Roger Herin – The committee has completed their review of the codes. The proposed ordinance will go to the County Building Commission and then to the County Council. Paul has a letter ready.

MCRC: Paul Mercurio – Review of the Mechanical Code is finished, but there is a proposal to change licensing requirements to be voted on. Paul's change proposal was voted down.

Old Business: Nothing from ISO yet regarding the impact of removing the requirement for residential sprinkler systems from the Code.

New Business: Renewal of virus protection for the laptops was briefly discussed. It was decided to try a free program. Terry DeGuentz graciously offered to help.

Roundtable: Terry DeGuentz has 2010 order forms for rapid entry devices.

Barr West asked if anyone has had experiences with wireless commercial smoke detectors. Discussion ensued.

Good of the Order: Ozark Fire Protection has been put out of business by the State Attorney General, but it appears that they may be back in business – watch for them.

Announcements: Dan Flynn is now with Negwer Life Safety.

Next Meeting: March 10, 2010

Adjournment: 10:20 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Roger N. Herin
Secretary