



# Fire Marshals Association of Minnesota Post Indicator



## President's Message – Angie Wiese



Quarterly Newsletter

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FMAM Members,

We have a newly adopted fire code! Yes, it has been 9 years since we last adopted a code. Yes, we just adopted the 2012. And yes, this was the longest adoption process in the history of the fire code. There were a lot of lessons learned and we are assured a better outcome in the future.

The newly minted 2015 Minnesota State Fire Code is available for purchase now. I want to sincerely thank all of our members who were part of the adoption process. They include: Michael Post, Bob Fiske, Jon Nisja, Kevin McGinty, John Swanson, Ben Foster, Tom Jenson, Brad Feist, Dale Specken, Laura McCarthy, Marilyn Arnlund, and Jim Wil-liamette. The code process would not be complete if it weren't for the diverse backgrounds of the energetic participants.

The most noticeable change in the 2015 MSFC is the reorganization of the chapters. There is a new Chapter 11 that has many of the require-ments for existing buildings. There are several reserved chapters for future expansion which pushed all the other chapters back (Haz Mat is now Chapter 50).

The State Fire Marshal's Office asked a few of our members for input on the training they will be providing. They will be rolling that out in the next few months. I hope you all take advantage of this incredible FREE service they provide. I will be attending the International Fire Marshals Association meeting soon and trust me, not all the fire mar-shal chapters experience the wealth of support that we do from our State Fire Marshal's Office.

Yours in Fire Safety,

Angie Wiese, PE, CBO  
President

## Treasurer's Report 2015



<b>Income:</b>		End of 2015
Membership	\$7,500	\$ 3,490.00
Interest	100	5.73
Seminar/Education	5,000	6,200.00
Total Projected Income.....	<b><u>\$12,600.00</u></b>	<b>\$ 9,695.73</b>

### Expenses:

Postage	200	58.60
Professional Services	500	350.00
Web	1,200	2,531.00
Pub. Ed.	2,000	24.46
Code Development	2,000	
Awards/Gifts	200	28.00
Meeting Exp.	1,000	555.16
Advertising	1,000	280.00
Office/Memberships	500	44.43
Legislation	2,000	2,000.00
Seminars	1,500	3,783.24
Misc.	600	
Total Projected Expenses.....	<b><u>\$12,600.00</u></b>	<b>\$ 9,654.89</b>

### Balances

Checking:	\$3,888.02
Savings:	\$8,918.98
PayPal:	\$34.94

**Total: \$12,841.94**

Please pay your membership dues if you have not done so already.



**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2016:**

New Brighton Public Safety Center  
785 Old Highway 8 NW  
New Brighton, MN

:

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM:**

**MSFCA Presentation**

**Servpro, Scott Clemente**

**Fire Statistics in Minnesota , Jon Nisja**

**Effective Messaging in Fire Prevention, Becky White**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The business meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by President Angie Wiese:

Introductions of members and guests were made.

Motion and 2nd to approve the minutes for the December, 9 2015 General Membership meeting – PASSED.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the Treasurers report in the last post indicator – PASSED.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

108 Active Members, 3 Government Agencies (81 members), 9 Associate Members, 3 Lifetime Members, 1 Retired Member. 205 Total Members

**STATE FIRE MARSHAL (SFM) REPORT:**

Jon Nisja provided the following information:

At full staff, creating an FPE position.

Update on State Fire Code. Done in April, publish in May, print in June.

Save the date State Fire Marshal conference, April 26-27, Ramada Minneapolis.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### **Public Fire Safety Education** (Connie Forster)

Grants and grant review.  
NFPA / Domino's partnership.  
NFPA sprinkler safety grant.  
Kitchen fire trailer repaired and available.  
Youth fire setting. Two classes available.  
NFPA Star program scholarship.

### **Training & Education** (Roy Kingsley):

June membership meeting at the Vikings stadium.  
State Fire Marshal Conference April 26-27, 2016.

### **Legislative / MNFAC** (Kip):

MFAC transfer to State Fire Marshal's office.  
Railway /Pipeline safety legislation.  
Fireworks legislation.

### **MSFCA Code Committee:**

Was covered in the SFM report.

### **Certification** (Roy Kingsley):

No report.

### **Commissioner's Fire Service Committee** (Angie Weise):

Fire Service Day at the capital March 15, 2016  
DPS studies of multiple programs.  
Fallen Fire Fighter Ceremony September 25, 2016

### **State Fair** (Tom Ptschneider):

No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Website old site down. New site up and running soon.

Elections of Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Board Members

Tom Ptschneider, Board Member

Kris Skow Fiske, Vice President (Two Years)

Darren Bramwell, Board Member (Two Years)

Chris Fuller, Treasurer

Ben Foster, Secretary

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Merchandise ([www.4alarmclothing.com](http://www.4alarmclothing.com))

**GOOD & WELFARE:**

Happy Hour: Moe's 2400 Old Highway 10.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn at 3:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Rumppe, Secretary

**Fire Marshal's Association of Minnesota  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**May 11, 2016**

New Brighton Public Safety Building

Members Present: President Angie Wiese, Vice President Kris Skow-Fiske, Past President Kip LaMotte, Secretary Ben Foster, Treasurer Chris Fuller, State Fire Marshal Bruce West

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by President Angie Wiese

Motion to accept February 2016 meeting minutes made by K. LaMotte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Skow-Fisk. Motion Passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Chris Fuller provided an update on the transition of treasurer responsibility and authority to access accounts.

Need both March and June quarterly meeting minutes to change access to bank account

Recommended that the board consider changing banks to one that is more central and has more branches.

Holding membership renewal checks until account access authorization transfer is complete

No financial update available

**REPORTS:**

**Membership** (Ben Foster)

Membership renewals were sent in March

58 Active Members

3 Government Agencies representing 95 members

7 Associate Members

3 Lifetime Members

1 Retired Member

164 Total Members

**State Fire Marshal Report** (Bruce West)

New fire code adoption update

Fire code update classes will be held throughout the state with planned start date in July.

Adding new staff in State Fire Marshal office

- FPE position is close to completion

- Fire Service Specialist position being added

- Part time plans examiner (David French)

Preliminary Fire in MN report to be out in June with final in October

SFM division report at printers

**Public Fire Safety Education**

No Report

**Training & Education:** (Kris Skow-Fisk)

June training Ron Farr fire alarm at US Bank Stadium

September State Board of Architecture, etc

December possible Amazon facility tour in Shakopee

No classes or seminars from FMAM coming up

Next quarterly meeting is June

Would like to email survey to get feedback on training topics of interest from membership

**Legislation:** (Kip LaMotte)

There is support in legislature to bring fire code back to SFMO

A bill related to donated/used equipment passed

Hometown Heroes passed the House

Ominbus – Pension bill being finalized

Bill relating to PV arrays for schools was dropped

Fireworks legislation passed in the House; Senate wants Fire Service to quiet down on this issue

Need to get annual donation to State Chiefs for MNFAC

May 31 MNFAC meeting scheduled

**Certification:** (Kip LaMotte)

No report

Discussion on Fire Inspector exam and possible solutions to raise the pass rate.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion on FMAM branded give-away items for state fair and other functions

Baking spatulas with kitchen fire awareness slogan

Chip clips

AW has pricing from Forster, KSF to check with a supplier for pricing as well

AW to email an informal survey to the Board

Product needs to happen soon in order to have FMAM branded items at the International conference

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**ADJOURN:**

Motion to adjourn, 2nd. Passed

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Foster, FMAM Secretary

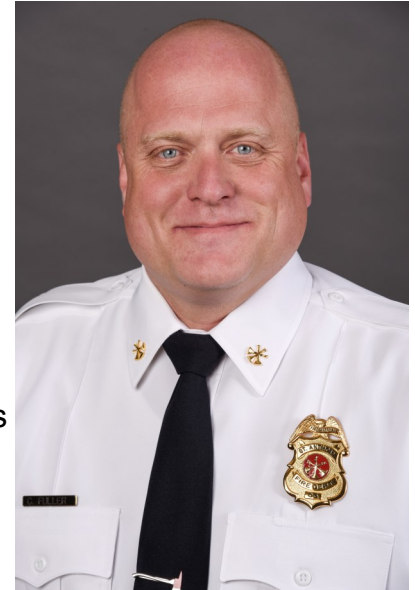


## Meet FMAM's New Treasurer: Chris Fuller

Chris Fuller is a fire captain and fire marshal of the city of Saint Anthony Village. As Chris is stepping into his new role on the FMAM board, we asked him to participate in an interview so our members could get to know more about him.

**Angie Wiese:** Chris, thank you for participating on the FMAM board as Treasurer. Tell us a little about your background.

**Chris Fuller:** I grew up on a dairy farm in SE Minnesota, Lanesboro. Then I attended college at U of M and earned BS in Accounting. I worked as an elevator mechanic for 13 years prior to getting full time position on Fire Department. I am married with 2 kids – a Freshman in High School and an RN at HCMC.



I have been on St. Anthony Fire since 1995, full time since 1999. I progressed from Paid on Call FF, Part Time Captain, Full Time FEO, Full Time Captain, and Fire Marshal. I have been in the Fire Marshal role for about 4 years now – working a 24 hour shift rotation. All full time personnel are certified to Fire Inspector 1 as inspections are done by the crews on duty.

**AW:** What do you enjoy about your job?

**CF:** Besides the helping people the variety is stimulating. You never know what you are going to get each day. Besides responding to emergency call, duty crew of 2, we also do inspections, public education, station and vehicle maintenance, and anything else that comes up during a shift. Growing up in a small town I enjoy the small town feel of St. Anthony – both my kids have attended school here and you get to know a lot of people on a first name basis.

**AW:** Where do you find value in your membership in FMAM?

**CF:** FMAM gives you access to a vast wealth of knowledge and experience of fellow members. Chances are someone else has dealt with any situation I may come across. The education sessions have also been very informative.

We look forward to Chris' input on the board as Treasurer. Welcome aboard Chris!



## 2015 MN State Fire Code

The Minnesota State Fire Code is up on ICC's website for preordering with estimated ship date of June 10.

<http://shop.iccsafe.org/state-and-local-codes/minnesota/2015-minnesota-fire-code-1.html>

For those looking for a local vendor, the 2015 Minnesota State Fire Code book is now in stock and is available at the Minnesota Bookstore (also known as the State Bookstore) – here is the link to their web site:

<http://www.comm.media.state.mn.us/bookstore/mnbookstore.asp?page=viewbook&BookID=81853&stocknum=14426>



The Minnesota Bookstore is located at:

660 Olive Street (near I-35E and University Avenue)

St. Paul, MN 55155

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

651-297-3000

# Mobile Food Trucks

## Tom Jenson, SFMD Code Specialist

They are on the streets already for another season of satisfying our appetites, but safety cannot be ignored. We must not forget July 1, 2014 in Philadelphia when a mobile food truck's propane tank exploded (see a [video of the explosion](#)) injuring several people including the mother and daughter working inside. They both died on July 23 from their burn injuries. Many questions are being asked in cities big and small about the safety of these food trucks and who is inspecting them.

Mobile food trucks have gained popularity in the past few years, and more are showing up on city streets without any fire inspection. Are they even addressed in the MSFC? Not if you are looking at the mobile food truck in its entirety. The International Fire Marshals Association has developed a task group and submitted public input to NFPA 96 (Commercial Cooking Operations) and NFPA 1 (Fire Code).

What can you do now? NFPA has developed an [information page on food truck safety](#). It contains a safety tip sheet for you to use or modify. In the MSFC you can already address several areas by breaking down the components of the food truck operation. First, the LP-gas system used on the truck to fuel the cooking appliances is addressed in the 2011 edition of NFPA 58, LP Gas Code, in Section 6.23 LP Gas Systems on Vehicles. Fire extinguishers with a minimum 10-B:C rating are required by NFPA 58.

Generators are addressed in the 2014 edition of NFPA 70 National Electrical Code in Article 445. Temporary electrical power is covered in NFPA 70 Article 525 and extension cords in the MSFC. A fact sheet on temporary electrical power is available at the Department of Labor and Industry's [Electrical Division website](#). Currently there are no requirements in the codes for a commercial exhaust hood and fire suppression system. Finally you can address where these are being parked with regards to fire lanes, fire hydrants, access to FDCs and exiting from buildings.

If you have questions about food trucks in your community, [contact us](#).



# **Quarterly Meeting**

## **June 8, 2016**

### **1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

#### **Featuring:**

- **Kristopher Johnson—Stadium Systems**
  - **General Meeting**
  - **Tour of the Stadium**

**US Bank Stadium**

**900 S 5th St**

**Minneapolis**

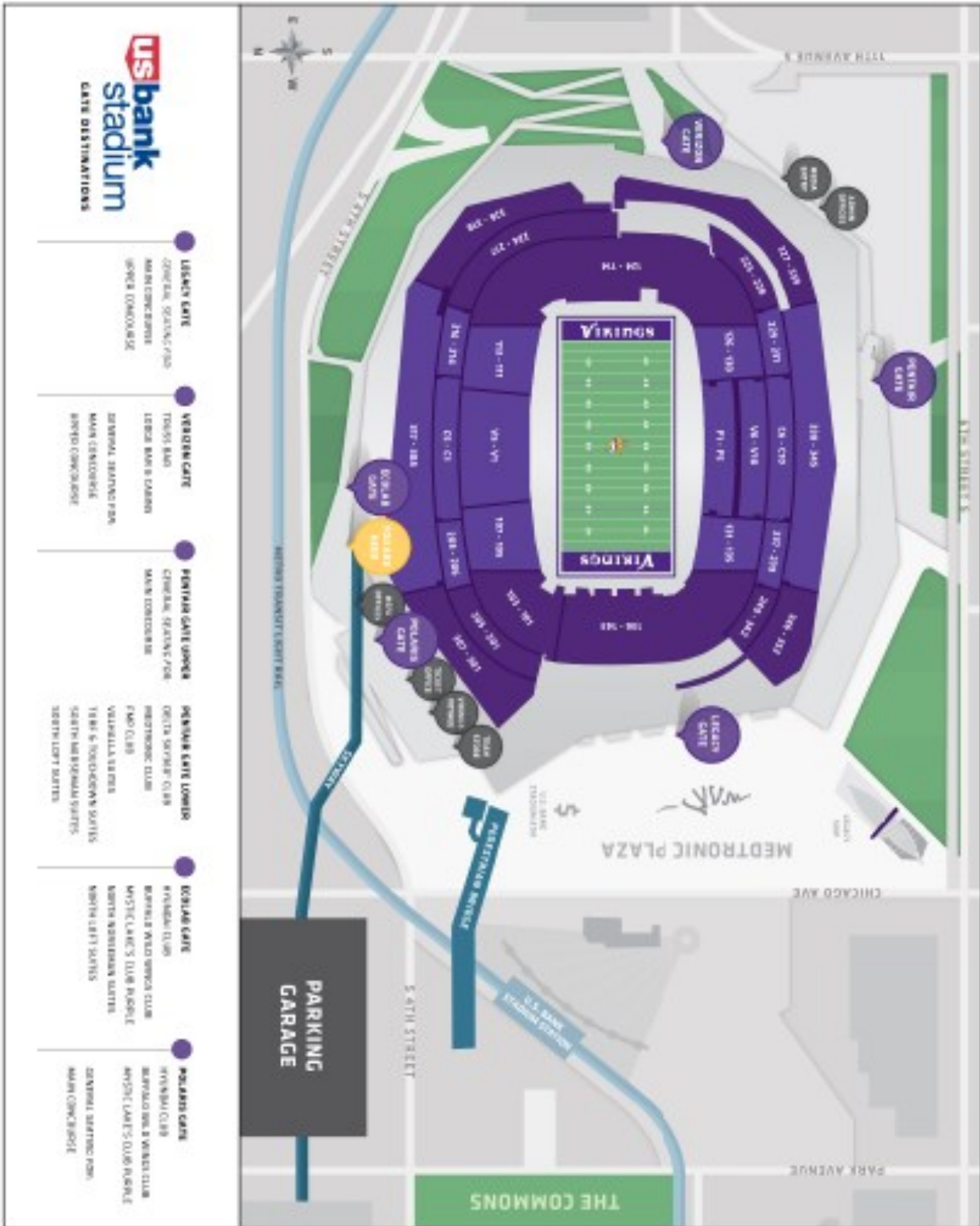
**Park in the player parking off 11th Ave**

#### **Happy Hour:**

**Day Block Brewing**

**1105 S Washington Ave**

**Minneapolis**





## FMAM Seeks Input From Its Members

As the saying goes, “An organization is only as good as its people.” That is why FMAM is asking its members to become involved with the newsletter. Have you read a good prevention article lately? Are you doing something out of the ordinary at your department in the realm of fire prevention? Please submit these for consideration into the Post Indicator Newsletter. Pictures are always welcome.



Have any ideas on how to make the Post Indicator better? Submit these ideas as well.



All submissions should be directed to the Post Indicator editor:

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### Important Dates - 2016:

Wednesday, June 8, 2016 - Quarterly Meeting 1300-1500

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 - Quarterly Meeting 1300-1500

Fire Marshals Association of Minnesota (FMAM) was formed in the mid-1970s by a handful of local fire marshals as a way of networking ideas for effective fire prevention efforts. FMAM is a chapter of two international organizations: the International Code Council and the International Fire Marshals Association.

Our members consist of fire chiefs, fire inspectors, fire marshals, public fire safety educators, building inspectors, fire protection engineers, fire protection contractors, and others with an interest in fire and life safety.

Our mission statement is: "Dedicated to providing leadership and resources for fire prevention and life safety."