



Fire Marshals Association of Minnesota Post Indicator



President's Message – Angie Wiese



Quarterly Newsletter

December 2016

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FMAM Members,

We are coming to a close on another wonderful year of fire prevention. That means renewal notices are going to be mailed in about a month. Every year there is confusion for the board with the renewal notices but this year was especially confusing because John Powers was replaced by Chris Fuller as our Treasurer. The confusion is from members sending their renewal notices to one of 3 places: Treasurer, Secretary, or Past Secretary. The board then has to “marry” this information with our membership list.

Our goal for 2017 is to have all membership renewals go to the Treasurer, Chris Fuller.

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It is important for our members to receive timely and accurate information about what is happening in FMAM and the fire and life-safety industry. You can help us make that happen by making certain your renewal notice is sent to Chris. We will be sending out several reminders as well.

In other news, right before Thanksgiving there were 28 fire deaths in Minnesota. Last year there was a total of 57 fire fatalities. We might not beat the Minnesota record but know that your work makes a difference and every contact you make is a life saved.

Happy Holidays,

Angie Wiese, PE, CBO
President

FMAM Accounts Report**12/11/2016**

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|-------------------------------|------------|
| Organization Checking Account | \$1,586.98 |
| Membership Share Account | \$8,895.24 |
| Regular Share Account | \$27.08 |

Total All Accounts**\$10,509.30****FMAM Operating Budget****2016**

Budget Tracking

Income:

Actual

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Membership | \$7,500.00 | \$5,935.02 |
| Interest | \$100.00 | \$4.43 |
| Seminar/Education | \$5,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| <u>Total Projected Income</u> | \$12,600.00 | \$5,939.45 |

Expenses:

| | | |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| Postage | \$200.00 | \$0.00 |
| Professional Services | \$500.00 | \$500.00 |
| Web | \$1,200.00 | \$2,588.75 |
| Public Education | \$2,000.00 | \$519.71 |
| Code Development | \$2,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| Awards/Gifts | \$200.00 | \$82.00 |
| Meeting Expense | \$1,000.00 | \$682.69 |
| Advertising | \$1,000.00 | \$560.00 |
| Office/Memberships | \$500.00 | \$0.00 |
| Legislation | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| Seminars | \$1,500.00 | \$224.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$600.00 | \$40.00 |

Total Projected Expenses**\$12,700.00****\$7,197.15**

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



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2016

New Brighton Public Safety Facility

New Brighton, MN

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM:

The Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design

Lynette DuFresne, Board Staff, David Fisher, BO, Dennis Martenson, PE, Wayne Hilbert, AR

Presentation of the board's purpose, scope, and mission

Discussion related to when a licensed professional is required

Overview of disciplinary process

CALL TO ORDER:

The business meeting was called to order at 2:21pm by President Angie Wiese:

Approval of June 2016 minutes: motion made by K LaMotte, 2nd by R Corey, motion passed.

Introductions of members and guests were made.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasures report presented in Post Indicator. Motion to approve by Schadegg, 2nd by Schroeder, motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

67 Active Members, 3 Government Agencies (95 members), 10 Associate Members, 3 Lifetime Members, 1 Retired Member. 176 Total Members

STATE FIRE MARSHAL (SFM) REPORT:

2015 Fire in Minnesota is available on the website.
Fire code update classes starting soon. Classes to be held around the state.
Shared Services Grant Study report available on the website.
Strategic Plan (3-5 years) on the website.
New SFM FPE position is posted – interviewing soon.
Interviewing for Residential Inspector
Fire Service Specialist position to be filled
There have been 20 fire fatalities year to date; down from 41 this time last year
SMF still in talks with DOLI regarding move of fire code back to SFM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**Public Fire Safety Education** (Connie Forster)

PubEd talking points pocket guide is being produced similar to the fire command media guide.
Bullex kitchen fire trailer available for rent
State Fire Chiefs Association Pub Ed Committee is collecting information on saves related to typical pub ed or fire prevention messages (escape because of smoke alarm, Stove Top Fire Stop, remembered to slide a lid on stove top fire, successful use of escape window, etc). If you have info on successful pub ed message in action, forward to Connie Forster of SBM, Amanda Swenson of SFM, or John Babin of Savage.
NFPA theme this year for fire prevention is change your smoke alarms; Don't Wait Check the Date.
Fire Prevention/Pub Ed events and Fire Prevention Week Open Houses can be forwarded to Amanda Swenson for inclusion on calendar.

Training & Education (Kris Skow-Fisk):

December open
Reviewing results of survey to help shape future training content.
No seminars scheduled.
Angie Wiese: ICC Region 3 program set. Conference will be in February.
Ben Foster: U of M Building Officials Conference: Program for January 2017 is done. Looking for input for future sessions.

Legislative / MNFAC (Kip LaMotte):

No Report

MSFCA Code Committee:

Laura McCarthy is the new Chair of the Code Committee.

Certification (Roy Kingsley):

Updating exams to new code.

Updating with practical questions.

Commissioner's Fire Service Committee (Angie Weise):

Gear wash grant opportunity for those fire departments that do not have an extractor.

Reminder of the upcoming Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Service at the Capitol.

State Fair (Tom Ptschneider):

FMAM had another successful year at the State Fair. Thanks to those that participated.

NEW BUSINESS:

New site up; working on updating content.

Looking for comments, suggestions, and content for Post Indicator.

Watch proposal at ICC to move sprinklers to appendix.

Brief discussion on state of PV Array requirements in IRC vs IBC

OLD BUSINESS:

Merchandise (www.4alarmclothing.com). Link will be added to the new website.

GOOD & WELFARE:

Happy Hour: Exchange Food and Drink, New Brighton.

ADJOURN:

Motion and 2nd to adjourn at 3:04 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Foster, Secretary

Board of Directors - Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 22, 2015

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Call to Order – President Angie Wiese: All board members present except Connie Forster and Ben Foster

Approval of the August, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes as published in the September 2016 Post Indicator: Motion by Kip LaMotte, second by Darrin Bramwell, unanimous approval

Treasurer's Report (Chris Fuller)

Financial report current balances – last statement is from August. Chris is having issues with access to the bank account. Will get it worked out before membership meeting.

Membership report (Ben Foster not present)

Members send information to at least 3 different locations. To combat this problem in the future we will do an e-blast 2 weeks before renewals go out. From now on, memberships will go to Chris Fuller at the fire station. He will deposit the checks and pass on membership information to Ben Foster. Ben will send the current membership list to Andy Speltz for our e-blasts.

The membership form has to be updated on our website

Phil Owens lifetime membership: motion by Jon Nisja, second by Kip LaMotte. Discussion that Phil meets all the criteria outlined in FMAM bylaws. Unanimous approval

Committee Reports:

State Fire Marshal's Report (Bruce West):

Year to date there are 28 fire fatalities, 2015 had 57

SFM code update class is going well, they are about half way through

Turkey fryer [press conference](#) was yesterday

Strategic plan is now posted on SFM website

Fire Service Specialist position interviews coming up

SE Residential inspector positions just filled

Fire in MN report is on SFM website

MADD just completed study on statewide response teams – very much worth a read

SFM Conference will be 4/11-12/17 with 3 tracks: Investigations, prevention, and protective systems

Public Fire Safety Education (Connie Forster)

The National Fire Sprinkler Association is DONATING a brand-new side-by-side fire sprinkler demonstration trailer to their Minnesota chapter which will be managed in partnership with the Saint Paul FD for use throughout the state. The details are being worked on as we "speak". More to follow.

There will be some educational opportunities offered through MSFCA Pub Ed Committee and the Fire Marshal Office in 2017:

February 15: FLSE overview course at SBM station 3 from 8-4:30

February 16: FLSE I test at 10:00

YFPI Specialist Training in Ramsey County March 21/22-location TBD

Public Education Workshop on March 1 from 8-4:30. Cost will be \$40. Working on securing the Fire Museum.

UL has release a close your door campaign with videos and other resource materials. <https://closeyourdoor.org/>

Chief's Pub Ed committee now has a consistent messaging pamphlet for common education topics
Training & Education:

Quarterly Meetings (Kris Skow-Fiske)

December is Twin Cities Garage Doors speaking about testing for fire doors and NFPA 80 testing – meeting will be in Eagan

2015 Classes and Seminars

Fireworks, kitchen hood suppression, fire alarms, Fire Inspector II are some ideas for the future

Legislation / MnFAC

Transfer the adoption of the fire code to SFM is a big one

Oppose the expansion of fireworks

Session convenes on January 3, 2017 and it is a budget session

Certification – Need an update from Roy Kingsley

Fire Code Committee (Angie Wiese / Ben Foster)

Met in November to cover some anomalies in the code with photovoltaic systems, R-3 vs R-3 dwelling units, and the sprinkling of I-4 occupancies in 1306

Old Business:

Web Site issues (Andy Speltz)

Financial transactions and our Paypal account (Chris Fuller)

YFPI information and video hosting on our website

Changing server host, progress report

Retreat Action Items

FMAM facebook page

FMAM Safe Living: Simple messages about safety where you live work and play

State Fair recap – This will be Tom Pitschneider's last year, we are looking for someone to work with him this year to take over for 2018

New Business:

Social Event for December – none. We decided to focus on one social hour a year after the June meeting

Board member article for December Post Indicator – Kris Skow-Fiske to recap the survey monkey results for training

Who are we interviewing for December PI – Ben Foster

Write articles for MSFCA magazine – assign to FMAM members as a way to advertise our organization

Adjourn at 12:00

FMAM Interview with Secretary Ben Foster:

Ben Foster is a Fire Protection Specialist at the city of Minneapolis. As Ben is stepping into his new role on the FMAM board as Secretary, we asked him to participate in an interview so our members could get to know more about him.

Angie Wiese: Thank you for participating on the FMAM board. Tell us a little about your background.

Ben Foster: I started with a volunteer fire department as soon as I was old enough in 1993 and was immediately hooked; there was no other direction for me. The fire service has provided me with great opportunities over the years including the chance to work for Texas Fire Training School and Fire Protection Publications (the good folks that produce the IFSTA manuals), as well as some really fun side gigs like working as a Paramedic and being a part of the crash crew at Texas World Speedway. Sometime in the mid-90s a Chief and I were talking and he mentioned a fire protection engineer he worked with on a project once and how that was the sharpest fire person he had ever known. He said in a bit of an offhand way that if you want to make a career out of the fire service that was the way to go. Something about that resonated with me. So, with little thought and less planning my wife and I packed up and went to OSU for the Fire Protection and Safety Engineering Technology program. I was hired by Mike O'Hara at MountainStar out of school and with little thought and less planning we packed up and were off to Minnesota in 2000. In 2004, I got the opportunity to work for Minneapolis Fire and with little thought and less....you get the picture. So, here I am today with Minneapolis Fire Inspections, blessed by and thankful for the people, places, and opportunities I've been brought into contact with through the fire service.

AW: What do you enjoy about your job?

BF: I most enjoy working alongside a design team on a challenging project. There is something deeply satisfying about being a part of a creative solution when black and white code and the built environment don't mesh.

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

BF: FMAM for me is all about the people that make up the organization. It's about the relationships developed and the resource of hundreds of years of collective experience. Through FMAM we have access to experts in our field and folks that have been there done that. The best part is we get to call them friends.



In August 2014 the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) was taking actions to raise awareness of the hazards associated with compressed gas cylinders following a large propane cylinder rupture on a food truck in Philadelphia, PA, that resulted in deaths and injuries. Their campaign focused, in part, on the basics of how to inspect a cylinder for serviceability, and how to identify an out-of-test cylinder.

Additionally, on January 21, 2016, requalification changes for cylinders were adopted by PHMSA. PHMSA published a final rule in the Federal Register, titled “Hazardous Materials Adoption of Special Permits (MAP-21)(RRR)” under Docket No. PHMSA-2013-0042(HM-233F). This final rule incorporated longstanding DOT special permits into the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR). **Cylinders must now be requalified by proof pressure or volumetric expansion testing every 10 years instead of every 7 or 12 years.**

Fire marshals and code enforcers play an important role in helping to achieve public safety, and we have shared responsibility in this area. Both propane (Class 2.1 Flammable Gas), and the cylinder to which it is stored, are regulated by the HMR. Cylinders containing flammable gases are required to fully conform to the packaging, qualification, maintenance, and use requirements of the HMR. In addition, State and local fire codes may also place requirements on low-pressure cylinders of flammable gas.

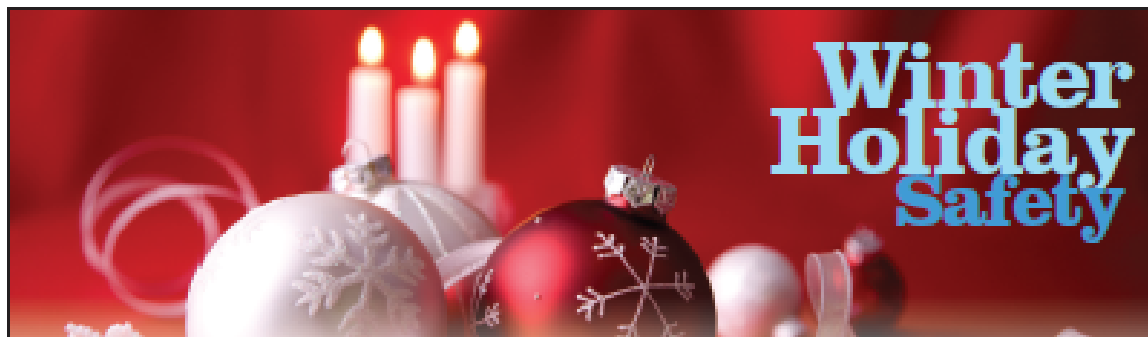


To aid in increasing awareness, PHMSA created a short *Food Truck Cylinder Safety* video—available on YouTube—that details the required markings on a cylinder as well as illustrates how markings indicate when the cylinder must be requalified: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=83UUfNIWjuU>

And free, updated cylinder safety posters noting the new requalification date requirements are now available from the PHMSA website: <http://phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/outreach-training/publications>

Thank you for your continued support regarding this important safety issue, so we can raise public awareness regarding these important safety issues.

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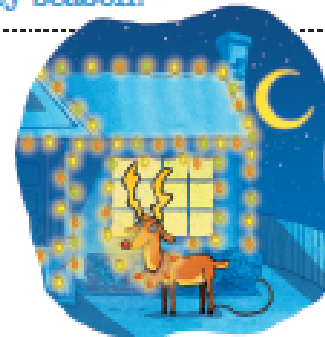
Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

HOLIDAY DECORATING

- ❗ Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- ❗ Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- ❗ Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- ❗ Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- ❗ Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- ❗ Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- ❗ Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- ❗ Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- ❗ Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- ❗ Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- ❗ Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- ❗ Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

- ❗ **Two of every five** home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ❗ **Nearly half** of decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



Name of Organization Here

Contact Information Here



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Finally, it's Phil



Phil Owens
is Retiring!



Cosmopolitan Apartments

Party Room 3rd Floor

250 6th St E, Saint Paul, MN 55101

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5TH, 2017

4:00-8:00 P.M.

Taco Bar, Beer, Wine, and Margaritas

*Please come celebrate Phil's 28
years of service with the
City of Saint Paul.*





FMAM Quarterly Meeting

**Wednesday December 14, 2016 at 1:00 PM
Eagan Fire Station #2
1001 Station Trail, Eagan, MN 55123**

Training from Twin Cities Garage Doors

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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We're on the Web

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Important Dates - 2016-2017:

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

Wednesday, March 8, 2017 - Quarterly Meeting

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."