



Fire Marshals Association of Minnesota Post Indicator



President's Message – Angie Wiese



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FMAM Members,

I hope you are all staying warm and dry this winter. At our annual meeting we will be hearing from the sober house community and Saint Paul Fire Safety Inspector Leanna Shaff. I hope you are able to attend this important training.

I am sure I am not alone when seeing that our work is continually evolving and changing. In particular, I believe it is becoming far more humanitarian. What I mean is that more and more we are being asked to consider the circumstances of the people in the buildings we inspect. It could be they have mental illness, have very low income, come from another country, or are recovering from chemical dependency. These are important factors when conducting a fire safety inspection and when considering compliance options.

As you all know, there is likely more than one way to comply with the code. Being creative and innovative with our compliance solutions is what makes this work interesting and rewarding. It is satisfying when we can work with someone to find a safe solution which also meets their business or lifestyle needs.

One place to grow your knowledge in code solutions and make resource-building connections with peers is the Minnesota Fire Marshals Conference. The theme this year is Strengthen Your Core at our new location; the Eagan Community Center. Some topics this year include site plan reviews, communication, inspector liability, wireless fire alarms, inspector skills: stocking the toolbox, backup generators, and using a case study to explore the intersection between code enforcement and fire investigation. I sincerely hope you carve time out of your busy schedule to attend these two days of training.

Beyond the educational sessions I strongly encourage you to support each other by asking questions such as:

- How do you fund the activities of your organization?
- What resources do you use to reach landlords?
- How do you handle no heat situations?
- Who coordinates site plan in your city? How does the fire service provide input?
- What Chapter 105 permits do you require? Which ones are the most worthwhile?

Questions like these (and many others) really make the most of your conference experience. I hope you aren't shy about asking or sharing information with each other. It is truly what sets us apart from any other industry.

See you on March 13 in New Brighton!

Angie Wiese, PE, CBO
FMAM President



FMAM Operating Budget 2018

Budget Tracking

Income:

		Actual
Membership	\$6,000.00	\$5,007.23
Interest	\$50.00	\$0.04
Seminar/Education	\$2,000.00	\$13,473.20
Fire Marshal's Conference	\$0.00	

Total Projected Income **\$8,050.00** **\$18,480.47**

Expenses:

Postage	\$50.00		\$50.00
Professional Services	\$500.00	ICC Mem-	\$750.00
Web	\$1,800.00	bership	\$900.00
Public Education	\$1,500.00		\$1,141.53
Code Development	\$0.00		
Awards/Gifts	\$200.00		\$1,487.50
Meeting Expense	\$1,000.00		\$755.00
Advertising	\$600.00		\$280.00
Office/Memberships	\$0.00		
Legislation	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
Seminars	\$300.00		\$8,203.77
Fire Marshal's Conference	\$0.00		\$1,800.00
Miscellaneous	\$100.00		\$436.00
Conferences - NFPA, ...	\$0.00		\$1,704.07

Total Projected Expenses **\$8,050.00** **\$19,507.87**

-\$1,027.40

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





FMAM Operating Budget 2019

Budget Tracking

<u>Income:</u>	Waiting Budget Approval	Actual
Membership		\$389.40
Interest		\$0.01
Seminar/Education		
Fire Marshal's Conference		
Miscellaneous	Instructor Donation	\$500.00
<u>Total Projected Income</u>	\$0.00	\$889.41

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

Expenses:

Postage		
Professional Services		
Web		
Public Education		
Code Development		
Awards/Gifts		
Meeting Expense		
Advertising		
Office/Memberships	ICC Reg. 3	\$500.00
Legislation		\$2,000.00
Seminars		
Fire Marshal's Conference		\$299.95
Miscellaneous		
State Fair		
Conferences - NFPA, ...		
<u>Total Projected Expenses</u>	\$0.00	\$2,799.95

-\$1,910.54

Account Balances:

Checking	\$8,036.54
Savings	\$425.05
Paypal	\$2,490.65
Total	\$10,952.24



Meeting Minutes

FMAM General Membership Meeting 12/12/2018

Shakopee Fire Station

Educational Component – 1310-1405

John Pritchard from Blazemaster

Business Meeting

Meeting called to order at 1422 – 48 attendees signed in

Guest Introductions – Russ Sanders from NFPA, Ann L. new legislative rep.

Member introductions – around the room

Approval of Sept. 2018 General Meeting Minutes – 1st Gary Schroeder, 2nd Kip La Motte Passed

Financial Report – As presented in Post Indicator – no changes since then.

Motion to approve – 1st Tom Pitschneider, 2nd Jeff Shadegg Passed

Will be working on 2019 budget for approval at March General Meeting

Membership Report – Angie

At about 200 members – renewals will be going out in January

ZOHO sharing network – Email Angie if did not get it or need it again

State Fire Marshal Report – Jon Nisja

New Supervisor Amanda Swenson – Her former position will then be open. Steven White new Fire and Life Safety Specialist. Mark Germaine retiring 1/3/2019 – Investigator Brainerd area and that position will be open.

Staff Inspector Chris Watson passed away – inspector since 1994

Training and Conference – Jake Lindquist

Individual from Orange County Florida – Active Shooter Seminar – FREE

NFPA 3000, 3 seminars North Metro, South Metro, Brainerd

2/19/2019 and 2/20/2019 – 2/20/2019 Metro seminars

State Fire Marshal Conference – Joint Effort

April 16th and 17th, 2019 at Eagan Community Center

Fire Code Academy at Camp Ripley May 13-15, 2019 – Full and Wait List Full

4 Day class planned for July on Sprinkler Plans and Hydraulic Calculations

Cancer in the Fire Service Initiative

\$600,000 to Fire Departments for Extractors for cleaning gear, 1.6 million requested

Not sure if plan will continue next year

Fire Investigation requests up.

Fire Fatalities Down – 34 so far in 2018 compared with 60 at this time in 2017

2017 total of 68 Most since 1995

From the Commissioner and SFM Office – Happy Holidays and New Year.

Public Fire Safety Education – Sara Ahlquist
NFPA Conference June 17-20 In San Antonio
Reminder Christmas and Christmas Eve higher incidence of fires
Fire Service Day at the Capital – January 29th, 2019
Youth Fire Setter Program Training – Jan. 23, 24, 26
Grant period open

SFM Conference - Angie
Location and Food done – Info on parking, hotel, shuttle.
Help still needed on committee – next meeting January 3rd 2019 at SFM office

Training and Education – Angie
March Meeting – Sober Houses Regulatory Overview and Who They Are
MASH – will be there MN Assn. of Sober Houses
LP Seminar went well – Thanks to Jon Nisja for all his work

Institutes

U of M – Jan. 9-24, 2019 – Fire Track Jan. 17th and 18th – Jake Lindquist Fire Alarms
ICC – Feb. 4-8, 2019 – Fire Tracks all 5 days including – IFC Essentials, IFC Code Changes,
Communication Plan Reviews and Inspections, IFC High Pile, Flammable Finish,

Governor's Council

Will be new chair
State Fair – 20th Anniversary went well – weather did not cooperate
Record 300 explorers from 29 groups from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, South Dakota,
and Canada
Losing spot for hot zone. Move all to Carousel Park? Compromise as have hot zone
along Dan Patch Ave. again? Sacrifice Explorers or Hot Zone? More information as
they meet more. Creating a White Paper to stress the importance of fire service day
at the fair and how much it impacts people's lives. 1st named day at fair.

State Fire Code – Angie

Tom Jensen, SFM – Plan to submit changes for review prior to Christmas. Concerns about
language on food trucks. Plan is to have all in place and approved June/July of 2019 so
can be enforced 9 months later.

Comm. Fire Serv. Advisory – Angie

Meeting Cancelled, No Report, New commissioner with new governor

Legislative/MNFAC – Angie, Kip

Expansion of Fireworks – new governor has indicated he would sign it
MNFAC – new lobbyist spoke about their agency and what they offer
Fire Service Day at Capital – Jan. 29th 2019 – Half Day
Working on talking points with lobbyist

State Fair – Ryan

Recap and working on future location

Certification – Roy

Myth – Licensing vs. Certification

Licensing designed for Full Time Firefighters

Licensing good in MN only – Certifications can be recognized in other states

Wear Multiple Hats – need to keep up your certifications

Committee looking into what other states require – recertification or maintenance

Auditing Departments considered to prove they have had training vs. just being signed off on

Credit for on the job – Doing and inspection, investigation,

Niles and Theresa Zikmund 3 year contract

New Business

A – Email Andy if have things for newsletter or website

B – On Hold

C – ZOHO already covered

Old Business

Merchandise – Benchwarmers

Good and Welfare

SFM Conference mentioned again – Jan. 3rd, 2019 Planning Meeting

Lakeville Church – Question about self-luminous exit signage – with dark halls and motion sensor lighting are they charging enough?

Motion to Adjourn – 1st Kip La Motte, 2nd Chris Fuller

Adjourned 1530

Submitted 12/13/18 Chris Fuller

Fire Marshal's Association of Minnesota

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 6, 2019

Oak Ridge Conference Center, Chaska, MN

Members Present: President Angie Wiese, Secretary Ben Foster, Past Pres Kip LaMotte, Directors Darrin Bramwell, Jon Nisja, Tom Pitschneider, Sara Ahlquist.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 by President Angie Wiese.

November 2018 Board Meeting minutes accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer's Report.

Report presented by Angie Wiese.

2019 budget was presented with discussion and modifications following.

REPORTS:

Membership (Ben Foster)

Updated on 2018 member numbers and renewals received to date forward from Treasurer Chris Fuller.
2019 member renewals to go out prior to annual meeting.

State Fire Marshal Report (Jon Nisja)

SFMO hiring for multiple vacancies
Currently compiling sprinkler saves – report out soon
Work on Imagetrend is ongoing
SFMO is moving to an EPlan platform - ProjecDox

Public Fire Safety Education (Sara Ahlquist)

NFPA Conference and Expo June in San Antonio, TX
Fire Life Safety Educator of the year nominations due Feb 15
Feb 3-9 is National Burn Awareness Week
IAFC – CRR Conference in Reno March 24-26

Training & Education: (Kris Skow-Fiske)

Transition to FMAM/SFMO Fire Marshal Conference – moving to Egan Community Center – Kowalksi's catering

Education tracks are in place

Details are moving forward

Next committee meeting Feb 28

Registration info to be sent out soon

Legislation (LaMotte):

Discussion on FMAM's contribution to lobby group and return on investment.

Wiese wants to see more in-depth analysis on bills affecting FMAM members.

Fire Code Committee: (Foster)

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board elections at March Annual General Membership meeting

Kris Skow-Fiske will not run for another term as VP – need a VP nomination

The following positions are up for election and the incumbents have affirmed their intent to run for another term:

Director – Tom Pitschneider

Director – Darrin Bramwell

Treasurer – Chris Fuller

Interview Jim Williamette – AMBO Chairman and St Paul Plan Review Supervisor for PI.

ADJOURN:

Adjourned at 2:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Foster, FMAM Secretary

Carbon Monoxide Safety



Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

HOME HEATING EQUIPMENT



Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.

FACTS

- ! A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
- ! In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of nine calls per hour.



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Join us for our FMAM Annual Meeting

March 13, 2019 from 0900-1500

Educational Programs:

- Leanna Shaff of Saint Paul Fire Safety Inspections and Sol Ryan of Minnesota Association of Sober Homes present on code enforcement and sober houses. Topics will include the principles and practices in the sober community as well as lessons learned with Saint Paul's 10+ year code enforcement history with sober homes.
- Bethany Brunsell of Maple Grove Fire Department will also provide an overview of how MGF D and the Maple Grove Police Department have built a partnership for their mutual benefit and for the benefit of the community they serve.

Business meeting and elections to follow

Lunch will be provided

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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.



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Important Dates - 2018—2019:

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 - Annual Meeting 0900-1500

April 16-17, 2019 - MN Fire Marshal's Conference

Wednesday, June 12, 2019 - 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."