



# Fire Marshals Association of Minnesota Post Indicator



## President's Message – Angie Wiese



We did it! We successfully hosted our first joint conference with the State Fire Marshal's Office. Thank you to all who attended and gave your honest feedback on the conference content and experience. Below is a summary showing survey results of the seminar content. We also received many suggestions for future seminar topics which is very useful for planning purposes. If you are interested in being an instructor, please reach out to me. We would love to highlight FMAM member's expertise!

Quarterly Newsletter

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	EXCELLENT QUALITY	HIGH QUALITY	AVERAGE	LOW QUALITY	VERY POOR QUALITY	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Fire Inspector II Prep Course	13.33% 6	6.67% 3	2.22% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	77.78% 35	45	1.50
Communications: It's Not What You Say, It's How You Say It	28.30% 15	22.64% 12	7.55% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	41.51% 22	53	1.65
Legal- Inspector Liability	13.73% 7	23.53% 12	9.80% 5	1.96% 1	0.00% 0	50.98% 26	51	2.00
Site Plan Review: Chapter 5	10.94% 7	37.50% 24	18.75% 12	3.13% 2	0.00% 0	29.69% 19	64	2.20
Inspector Skills: Stocking the Toolbox	5.88% 3	27.45% 14	7.84% 4	1.96% 1	1.96% 1	54.90% 28	51	2.26
Wireless and BT Alarm Applications	5.08% 3	38.98% 23	20.34% 12	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	35.59% 21	59	2.24
Back-up Power	2.00% 1	38.00% 19	12.00% 6	6.00% 3	0.00% 0	42.00% 21	50	2.38
Community Risk Reduction- The 360 Degree Approach	6.82% 3	4.55% 2	9.09% 4	6.82% 3	0.00% 0	72.73% 32	44	2.58
Motor Vehicle Fuel Dispensing Facilities	15.52% 9	43.10% 25	12.07% 7	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	29.31% 17	58	1.95
New Cooking Appliances/Protection	10.91% 6	30.91% 17	12.73% 7	7.27% 4	9.09% 5	29.09% 16	55	2.62
Fire Protection Failures	23.64% 13	25.45% 14	12.73% 7	1.82% 1	0.00% 0	36.36% 20	55	1.89
Investigative Case Studies	24.07% 13	14.81% 8	5.56% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	55.56% 30	54	1.58

The 2020 conference planning begins later this month. Last year we used a modified Incident Management Team model to organize our activities. If you would like to contribute (and I hope you do) please reach out and we will find something you are interested in.

Lastly, I want to give a huge thank you to Jake Lindquist. Jake is incredibly dedicated to this event. That, coupled with his organizational skills really made this year's conference shine. THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

Angie Wiese, PE, CBO  
FMAM President

## FMAM Operating Budget 2019

Budget Tracking

Actual

**Income:**

Membership	\$5,000.00		\$2,140.02
Interest	\$0.05		\$0.01
Seminar/Education	\$0.00		
Fire Marshal's Conference	\$40,000.00		\$33,941.24
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	Instructor Donation	\$500.00
<b><u>Total Projected Income</u></b>		<b>\$45,500.05</b>	<b>\$36,581.27</b>

**Expenses:**

Postage	\$50.00		
Professional Services	\$300.00		
Web	\$1,800.00		
Public Education	\$1,500.00		
Code Development	\$0.00		
Awards/Gifts	\$2,000.00	Padfolios	\$1,406.50
Meeting Expense	\$1,000.00		\$1,009.50
Advertising	\$600.00		
Office/Memberships	\$500.00	ICC Reg. 3	\$500.00
Legislation	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
Seminars	\$0.00		
Fire Marshal's Conference	\$30,000.00	1800 paid last yr	\$21,002.04
Miscellaneous	\$500.00		
<b>State Fair</b>	\$2,250.00		
<b>Conferences - NFPA, ...</b>	\$3,000.00		\$795.00
<b><u>Total Projected Expenses</u></b>		<b>\$45,500.00</b>	<b>\$26,713.04</b>

\$9,868.23

**Account Balances:**

Checking	\$17,567.27
Savings	\$425.06
Paypal	\$4,743.69
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,736.02</b>



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



**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2019**  
**New Brighton, MN**

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM:**

The education program was provided by Leanna Shaff and Sol Ryan speaking about Sober Houses – What they are, what to expect, and best practices for partnering with these facilities for a safe and secure environment. Bethany Brunsell then presented on FD/PPD relationship building – ways to partner with law enforcement to educate, extend the reach of fire prevention, and to better solidify the relationship between all public safety responders.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by President Angie Wiese:  
Approval of December 2018 minutes: motion Chevallier, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nisja, passed.  
Introductions of members and guests were made.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Angie Wiese presented the proposed annual budget.  
Motion to approve the annual budget made by Tom Jenson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathi Osmonson– motion passed.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

Final membership numbers for 2018 were presented and a brief discussion of the desire to move to an electronic membership notice and renewal system moving forward.

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

Nisja presented SFMO update:

New Commissioner of Public Safety is John Herrington.

Staffing – filling several vacancies – investigator, residential, Amanda Swenson has been moved into a supervisor role.

Fire Code Academy coming in May.

Hosted Miami Fire Chief for discussion of NFPA 3000.

Fire code adoption process is moving forward – Rule draft review.

Anticipated code publication date is June 1, 2019 with effective date of March 31, 2020

SFMO continues administering extractor/dryer grants.

Fire Marshals' Conference is coming up – April 16-17.

Finalizing 218 fire reporting.

2018 fire investigations were up in 2018 – over 700 cases.

MN CAER pipeline safety meetings

SFMO monitoring a number of legislative issues.

Unofficial number of 36 fire deaths in 2018 compared to 68 in 2017 – 9 ytd in 2019 compared to 16 in 2018.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### **Training & Education** (Angie Wiese):

Next meeting is the June meeting – Victaulic Flex Drops is education topic.

ICC and U of M conferences recapped by Foster and Wiese.

FM Conference registration is now live.

#### **Public Fire Safety Education** (Kathi Osmonson/Angie Wiese)

CRR Conference in Reno March 24-26

Safety Summit this fall

Advanced YFPI March 26

NFPA Conference in June

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

Provided update and legislative topics that are being monitored.

Discussed expectations of feedback from new lobby group.

#### **MSFCA Code Committee:**

No report. Covered by SFMO update.

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

Todd Miller is the new alternate; Laura McCarthy is stepping down

Financial audit for cert board is happening this year.

**State Fair (Ryan Kunst):**

Updated new location.

Looking at giveaways for this year

New FMAM branded canopy

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Elections.

Director at Large – two seats

Darrin Bramwell – incumbent

Tom Pitschneider – incumbent

White ballot motion Nisja – 2<sup>nd</sup> LaMotte – pass

Treasurer

Chris Fuller – incumbent

White ballot motion Nisja – 2<sup>nd</sup> Bramwell – pass

Vice President

Kathi Osmonson

Elected by membership through written ballot

Motion to destroy the ballots Bramwell – 2<sup>nd</sup> McGinty – pass

Installation of Board Officers – Oath of Office led by Wiese

Zoho Docs use for assembling list of members' areas of knowledge/specialty for the purpose of disseminating peer review resources.

Nisja reported that a sprinkler save report will be out soon – currently analyzing data

Sprinkler plan review class coming up in Shakopee

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Send in sprinkler saves to Wiese or Andy Speltz so that we can highlight those in Post Indicator.

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

**ADJOURN:**

Motion to adjourn at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Foster, Secretary

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

**May 8, 2019**

St. Anthony Fire Station

Members Present: VP Kathi Osmonson, Secretary Ben Foster, Past Pres Kip LaMotte, Treasurer Chris Fuller, SFM Bruce West, Directors Darrin Bramwell, Jon Nisja, Tom Pitschneider, Sara Ahlquist.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by Acting President Kip LaMotte.

Acceptance of February 2019 Board Meeting minutes – Motion by Pitschneider – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bramwell - passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer's Report.

Written financial report provided and presented by Chris Fuller.

Checking \$10,700.75

Savings \$425.00

PayPal \$1,460.31

Projected FM Conference income: \$32,612.30

Conference expenses to date: \$22,802.04

**REPORTS:**

**Membership** (Ben Foster)

Updated on 2019 member numbers and renewals received to date forward from Treasurer Chris Fuller.

Hardcopy 2019 renewals ready to be mailed out.

Discussion on how to move to electronic renewal system – push this out another year.

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

May 1 – State Response Teams under SFMO – Task Force, CATs, ERTs

SFM met with teams at Ripley to discuss future of the teams – makeup and operations

Equipment replacement for the teams is the big challenge right now – looking at the capital replacement plan

Amanda Swenson is the new Coordinator for the teams and the supervisor for the staff  
Will be replacing one upcoming retirement on ERT  
New Investigator for central area coming online in May  
Joe Faust will be retiring May 28 – SFMO will fill this opening on the school inspection team  
Bob Rife is the new fire life safety educator with Kathi Osmonson  
Working on two year budget now

**Public Fire Safety Education** (Sara Ahlquist)

May 19-25 Home Fire Sprinkler Week  
Arson Awareness week now  
Fire Academy application period is now open  
NFPA – safe door locking information  
USFA – Electrical fire safety information  
Send out brief in newsletter RE interaction between SFMO Inspectors and local AHJ – what occupancies/facilities do the SFMO inspectors look at – what do they not inspect, IE, assisted living and memory care facilities.

**Training & Education:** (Kathi Osmonson)

June meeting – Victaulic Flex Sprinklers  
Work with NFPA to deliver two day sprinkler class in 2019 in anticipation of upcoming new code adoption – new editions of NFPA 13, 13R, 13D.

**Legislation** (LaMotte):

No update

**Certification** (LaMotte)

All testers passed the written Fire Inspector II exam at the FM Conference  
Great feedback on the Insp II class at the conference  
Continue this model at future conferences

**Fire Code Committee:**

In the final process now.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Interview new VP Kathi Osmonson for PI.

MN State Fair tent – have a quote in hand – motion to approve up to \$2,000 for new tent by Nisja – 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaMotte – pass

State Fair giveaways – motion to approve up to \$1,500 for giveaways by Nisja – 2<sup>nd</sup> LaMotte – Pass

Ryan Kunst to be given word to move on the tent and giveaways with budget as authorized

Tom Pitschneider to call Building Officials organization to review ways to strengthen partnership between the organizations.

Discussions on carry over items – ideas to improve FMAM value to members

**ADJOURN:**

Adjourned at 11:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Foster, FMAM Secretary





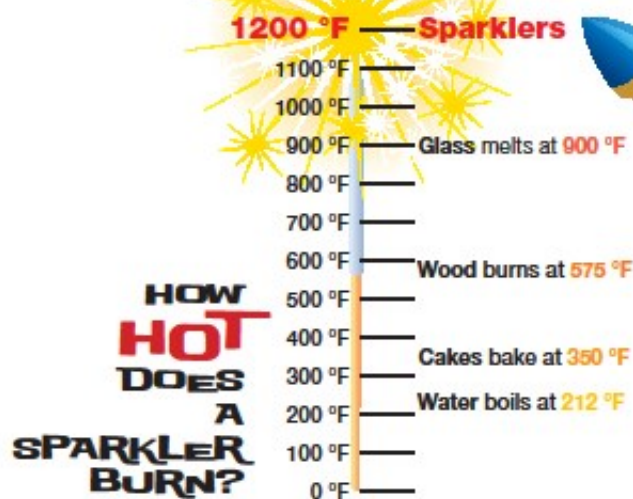
Fireworks are often used to mark special events and holidays. However, they are not safe in the hands of consumers. Fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year. People can enjoy fireworks safely if they follow a few simple safety tips:

**BE CAREFUL!**

- Be safe. If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts.
- Do not use consumer fireworks.
- Keep a close eye on children at events where fireworks are used.

**CONSUMER FIREWORKS**

**NFPA is opposed to consumer use of fireworks.** This includes sparklers and firecrackers. Even sparklers burn hot enough to cause third-degree burns.



**FACTS**

- ❗ More than 16,000 reported fires are started by fireworks annually.
- ❗ Sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.



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# Flexible Sprinkler Drops

*This course will help to identify various designs of flexible hoses and know the difference in how they perform, recognize and inspect properly installed flexible hoses, comprehend the hydraulic performance of flexible hoses, locate technical support information for flexible hoses, and comprehend why flexible hoses are an important component in fire safety.*

Join us at our Quarterly Meeting

June 12, 2019

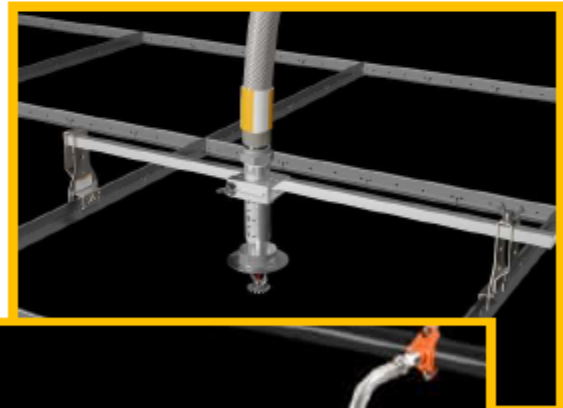
Education Program 1:00—2:00

Business Meeting 2:00-3:00

Bloomington Fire Station 1

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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.

All submissions should be directed to the Post Indicator editor:

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### Important Dates - 2019:

Wednesday, June 12, 2019 - Quarterly Meeting 1300-1500

Friday August 23, 2019—Governor's Fire Prevention Day at the State Fair

Wednesday, September 11, 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."