

TARRANT COUNTY FIRE & ARSON INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

2750 Premier St.

Fort Worth, TX. 76111



January 3rd, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Tarrant County Fire and Arson Investigators Association was held on January 3rd, 2019 at 10:00 am at the Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office with President Keith Ebel presiding.

The meeting was called to order, opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and an Invocation.

There were 34 members present.

Guests: None

Regular Business:

All officers were sworn into their positions. President Keith Ebel, 1st VP Brad Sims, 2nd VP Kevin Briggs, Treasurer Stacy Singleton, Secretary Jessica Eiswald, Chaplin Ron Shultz.

Approval of the Minutes – Previous month's minutes were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Kenny Wilson and seconded by Debra Crafton. All Approved; motion passed.

Committee Reports:

- A. Treasurer Report – Stacy Singleton reported our ending balance was \$17,536.06 with one check being made for the purchase of hat for \$246. See website for detailed report.
- B. Training Committee Report –Kenny Wilson reported the following:
 - a. Arson for Prosecutors class
 - i. April 17th; each class will have an investigator and an attorney co-teaching.
 - ii. Multiple guest speakers will be set for the 12-hour long class.
 - b. Analytic of Report Writing for Effective Testimony; January 15th; Fort Worth leoseminar.com

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- c. North Texas Fire Marshal's Conference; January 29-31; Richardson, TX
- d. Advance FTO Program Administration; February 4-7; \$349; Fort Worth TX
rickwhitehead.com
- e. De-Escalation Techniques; February 8th; Fort Worth, TX leoseminar.com
- f. Homemade Explosives; Grand Prairie January 8th, 9th, or 10th OR Fort Worth
February 13th. Prepartingtexas.org
- g. European Interview Techniques; February 16-19; Grand Prairie; \$1000
- h. Practical Aspects of Fire/Arson & Arson Case Management; February 26-28;
Fort Worth; PATC.com
- i. Fire Pattern Recognition; March 12-14; Fort Worth; PATC.com
- j. TX IAAI Conference; Austin; March 17-22
- k. Arson Scene Search; April 9-10; Fort Worth; PATC.com
- l. Fire Fatality Investigation; April 30-May 1; Fort Worth; PATC.com
- m. Vehicle Fire Investigation; May 21-23; Fort Worth; PATC.com
- n. Electrical Fire Investigation; June 25-27; Fort Worth; PATC.com

C. Social Committee Report – Mike Rehfeld had nothing to report.

D. Law Enforcement and Prosecution Committee Report – Tracy Kapsidelis reported that in the Grand Prairie murder/arson case the death penalty was taken off the table. Court dates will be sometime in July.

E. Legislative and By-laws Committee – Nothing to report.

Old Business:

A. South Trailer – Butler nothing to report.

B. Measuring Device – TruPoint device was tested and for the price was not impressed. Looking grants that would cover the cost, then it would be a good investment. Would still like to upgrade the drawing program to the Faro 3D. Would cost \$1,300. This

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cover one dongle and two licenses. Tabled until further information can be found about if the device transfers data to other drawing systems.

C. Respiratory – Lankford – nothing to report.

D. Dues increase –

- a. Keith stated that he recently received a copy of the 501.c3 request for funds letter. He will be contacting numerous agencies to request donations.
- b. The question of a dues increase request now comes because budget talks will begin soon for most cities and they would like to have this number set.
- c. Once we have money in the 501.c3 budget will we have to begin to adjust our spending habits as to not be a “for profit” organization. Can then begin to spend more money on trainings, scholarships, items, etc.
- d. Stacy Singleton made the motion to raise the dues for all membership types \$50 starting in 2020. Resulting in the following changes:

Association member - \$25 to \$75

Taskforce Member - \$100 to \$150

Department Member - \$150 to \$200

Bobby Davenport 2nd the motion, discussion was had, one person opposed, motion carries.

- e. Kevin Briggs made a motion that we waive all fees for the ATF members due to all the work and resources they provide. This was tabled because this may have been in place prior and needs to be researched.

New Business:

A. Taskforce shirts and hats are being sold at Tarrant County’s office. Prices are as follows:

- a. Large – XXL - \$5

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b. 3XL - \$7

c. Hats - \$12 there are mesh and solid types, both are adjustable.

Departments Reports of Incidents:

Open discussion was held.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Joey Lankford, 2nd by Kenny Wilson. All Approved @ 11:15 am. The next meeting of the Tarrant County Arson Investigators Association will be conducted on February 7th 2019 at 10:00 am at the Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office.

Submitted By,

Jessica Eiswald

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Meeting Agenda

February 7th, 2018

- I. Pledge
- II. Prayer
- III. Guests
- IV. Regular Business
 - a. Approval of Minutes
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - c. Training Committee Report
 - d. Social Committee Report
 - e. Law Enforcement / Criminal Prosecution
 - f. Legislative & By-Laws Report
- V. Old Business
 - a. Awning for South Trailer
 - b. Respiratory Concerns
- VI. New Business
- VII. Member Department Incidents Reports
- VIII. Adjournment