

TARRANT COUNTY FIRE & ARSON INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

2750 Premier St.

Fort Worth, TX. 76111



May 2nd, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Tarrant County Fire and Arson Investigators Association was held on May 2nd, 2019 at 10:00 am at the Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office with First President Keith Ebel presiding.

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

There were 28 members present.

Guests: Angelia Smith, Wise Co. FMO

Regular Business:

Approval of the Minutes – Previous month's minutes were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Doug Parks and seconded by Stacy Singleton. All Approved; motion passed.

Committee Reports:

- A. Treasurer Report –Stacy Singleton reported an ending balance of \$18,724.99 after \$1702.72 in deposits and \$513.79 in checks issued. See website for detailed report.
 - a. Debra Crafton made the motion to create a new checking account, separate from the Taskforce and Association, for the new 501.c3.
 - i. 2nd by Randy Renois, all approved. Motion passes.
 - ii. Singleton, Parks, and Ebel will be getting together next week to open the new account.
 - b. Doug Parks filed for a grant with Atmos Energy for the measuring and diagraming equipment. We were granted the award totaling \$18,430 to purchase the items.

- B. Training Committee Report –Keith Ebel reported the following:
 - a. Arson for Prosecutors class
 - i. Was on April 17th

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- ii. There were 40 people in attendance and most all feedback was positive.
- iii. Fort Worth FD is perusing to get permits to create permanent burn labs for use by their FD and the Association.

b. Forensic Photography 1- April 22-26, 2019; Fort Worth; TEEEX.org

c. Forensic Photography 2 (\$535)- May 13-17; Fort Worth; TEEEX.org

d. Vehicle Fire Investigation; May 21-23; Fort Worth; PATC.com

e. Electrical Fire Investigation; June 25-27; Fort Worth; PATC.com

f. Forensic Technician- July 8-19, 2019 (Includes TCOLE Intermediate Crime Scene); Fort Worth; TEEEX

g. Tarrant County Sheriff's Office has extended their invitation to us to go to any of their classes. Go to [tarrantcounty.com](http://access.tarrantcounty.com/en/sheriff/operations-bureau/professional-development-and-training/training-academy.html) under Sheriff and "Professional Development and Training" and "Training Academy" to view a list of classes provided. <http://access.tarrantcounty.com/en/sheriff/operations-bureau/professional-development-and-training/training-academy.html>

- i. They provide a warrant writing class that we are looking to see if we can get one specifically set for our members.

C. Social Committee Report – Keith reported that the next social outing will be at Los Vaqueros in Fort Worth on May 25th at 6pm. RSVP with Mike Rehfeld by May 21st.

D. Law Enforcement and Prosecution Committee Report – Tracy Kapsidelis had nothing to report.

E. Legislative and By-laws Committee – Randy Renois a couple new legislation being proposed:

- a. discussed HB 518 relating to who can conduct Fire Inspections and where they were certified.

- i. New language being proposed: "... *may only be conducted by an individual trained in accordance with the Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspector and Plan Examiner as established by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and certified by:*

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- (1) *the Texas Commission on Fire Protection,*
- (2) *the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association,*
- (3) *the National Fire Protection Association,*
- (4) *the International Code Council, or*
- (5) *any other state agency with authority over fire safety inspections*

b. A couple fireworks bills pushing for more holiday sale dates and another pushing for Jobber retailers (HB 2748).

i. Proposed wording:

Sec. 2154.208. SALE OF FIREWORKS TO PUBLIC BY LICENSED JOBBERS.

(a) A jobber who holds a jobber license issued under this chapter may offer fireworks for retail sale to the public only at a location for which the jobber obtains a retail location permit from the state fire marshal's office.

(b) A permit issued under this section expires on the date the permit holder's jobber license expires under this chapter.

(c) A jobber who holds a retail location permit issued under this section may offer fireworks for retail sale to the public at the location specified in the permit during the period beginning January 1 and ending at midnight on December 31.

c. SB 2 Relating to ad valorem taxation; authorizing fees. Passed

d. SB 5 Relating to an increase in the amount of the exemption of residence homesteads from ad valorem taxation by a school district, a reduction in the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect the increased exemption amount, and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in local revenue.

e. May 25th is the last day of this session

Old Business:

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- A. South Trailer – David Butler stated that we will not be purchasing an awning for the south trailer. Instead we will be getting EZ Ups.
- B. Randy Renois received a letter from Special Agent Boshek in the Dallas ATF division in response to our opposing of closing down the Dallas Arson division. Renois has called and left messages to speak with him but has not heard back as of this meeting.

New Business:

- A. An order for new Task Force shirts will be put in. Looking at getting the same gray with black lettering.
 - a. Jessica Eiswald will be getting prices and will be making an order form to cut the cost of purchasing too many shirts.
 - b. One request for black shirts with white lettering.

Departments Reports of Incidents:

Open discussion was held.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Debra Crafton, 2nd by Tracy Kapsidelis. All Approved @ 10:45 am. The next meeting of the Tarrant County Arson Investigators Association will be conducted on June 6th 2019 at 10:00 am at the Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office.

Submitted by,

Jessica Eiswald
TCFAIA Secretary

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Meeting Agenda

June 6th, 2018

- I. Pledge
- II. Prayer
- III. Guests - Atmos
- IV. Regular Business
 - a. Approval of Minutes
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - i. New 501.c.3 Account
 - c. Training Committee Report
 - d. Social Committee Report
 - e. Law Enforcement / Criminal Prosecution
 - f. Legislative & By-Laws Report
- V. Old Business
 - a. T-Shirts
- VI. New Business
- VII. Member Department Incidents Reports
- VIII. Adjournment