

TARRANT COUNTY FIRE & ARSON INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

2750 Premier St.

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Meeting Minutes

June 3rd, 2021

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

The meeting was called to order with 21 members in attendance, opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and an Invocation.

Guest present: Katy Wacasey – Springtown FD

Regular Business:

- A. Approval of the Minutes – Kenny Wilson made the motion to approve last meeting minutes, 2nd by Jeff Doughty, all approved, motion passes.

Committee Reports:

A. Treasurer Report – Stacy Singleton was not present for the Treasurer's report.

B. Training Committee Report –

a. Kenny Wilson reported the following available trainings:

- i. Tarrant County Sheriff Office has opened their training to us. Kenny Wilson has the website.
- ii. Texas Fire Marshal's Conference in San Marcos 11/02-05; Cost is \$250
- iii. Special Investigative topic June 15th
- iv. Background Applications and Oral interviews \$250 July 14-15
- v. Autism and SRO class June 24th \$199
- vi. July 9th Range Day 1 pm
- vii. Forest Hill Free Intermediate Crime Scene June 7th – 9th
- viii. Diagraming class – June 21st at Roanoke FD 9a-3p.

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ix. Taser instructor school with State Fire Marshal's office – Contact Brian Fine. Austin, \$350, 8 hr class.

C. Social Committee Report – Moses Druxman coordinated a get together at Kennedale Raceway June 12th.

D. Law Enforcement and Prosecution Committee Report – Peter Giesecking reported that trials may start as early as July 12. Court of Appeals may wait until August.

E. Legislative and By-laws Committee – Randy Renois stated that a few fire related bills may go to the Governor's desk to be signed.

a. There is some confusion on a bill for certain County Fire Marshal's that are not police officers may write class B citations. And police officers cannot write them.

b. We need to work on legislation on Prohibited Weapons.

i. Currently ATF cannot disclose any information on if certain weapons have been filed with them due to tax laws. Therefore defense cannot prove or disprove that weapons involved were legal/illegal.

c. Need to add "Jails" as a place of confinement to Penal Code for Arson

Old Business:

A. Last month it was approved for Roanoke to purchase lights for the North Trailer.

B. The email that was sent last month asking if anyone can house the trailer was responded back with two departments. However, those departments were not central to the association.

C. Kenny Wilson made the motion to eliminate the South trailer and combine the materials to the North trailer. 2nd by Sam Daniel. All in favor, motion passed.

a. Discussion made on what to do with the South trailer. Discussion was tabled.

D. Rifle class will be a 1 day course in August

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- a. Bedford will purchase the ammunition. Get with Joey Lankford to order ammo. 1000 rds .223 - \$338; 9mm - \$209; .45 - \$319
 - i. Ammo will then be purchased by the Association and departments can pay the Association back.

New Business:

- A. Kenny Wilson stated that the Expert Witness/Courtroom testimony class went really well. Big thank you to all involved in its process.
- B. Discussion on whether we would like to hold a gun raffle for the Association.
 - a. Maybe purchase 3 of the same style pistol.
 - b. Keith will have more information at the July meeting.
- C. Moses asked the group if they would be interested in him making Association coffee cups, contact him if interested.
- D. Demo of drone at Tarrant Co. FMO June 7th at 11a.

Departments Reports of Incidents:

Open discussion was held.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Brian Fine, 2nd by Wayne May. All Approved. The next meeting of the Tarrant County Arson Investigators Association will be conducted on July 1st, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Submitted By,

Jessica Eiswald



Meeting Agenda

July 1st, 2021

- 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 Report
 - f. Legislative & By-Laws Report
- V. Old Business
 - a. Trailers
 - b. Rifle class
 - c. Gun Raffle
- VI. New Business
- VII. Member Department Incident Reports
- VIII. Adjournment