

TARRANT COUNTY FIRE & ARSON INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

2750 Premier St.

Fort Worth, TX. 76111



August 2nd, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Tarrant County Fire and Arson Investigators Association was held on August 2nd, 2018 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 28 members present.

Guests: Madeline Bricer and Zack Ford from TCDA's Office; Chris Madonna, Intern with Ft. Worth FD

Regular Business:

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

Committee Reports:

- A. Treasurer Report – Stacy Singleton was not present to make a report.

- B. Training Committee Report –Kenny Wilson reported the following:
 - a. TEEX
 - i. Vehicle Fire Class \$100 – Pasadena – 08/15-16
 - b. Arson for Prosecutors class
 - i. Tentatively set for April 2019; each class will have an investigator and an attorney co-teaching.
 - ii. Multiple guest speakers will be set for the 3 day long class.
 - c. Fire-Rescue International Expo; Dallas 08/9-11
 - d. 2018 Code update Fort Worth, August 27-28
 - e. Fire Marshal Conference Austin, October 15-19

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- f. Quarterly Association Training will be scheduling a ATF electrical class in November, Dates TBD
- g. Quarterly Training – PR, Staging for media, social media, speaking to media. Date: September TBD.

C. Social Committee Report – Mike Rehfeld stated that Pavilion 1 for Joe Pool Lake at Lloyd Park has been rented for August 25th from 10a-5p. Please RSVP to Mike by August 8th. The association will provide Burgers, Dogs, Chips and soft drinks. Bring your boats, floatees or whatever. If you are interested in camping, contact the lake @ (972) 237-4120 and make your reservation.

D. Law Enforcement and Prosecution Committee Report – Tracy Kapsidelis reported four new cases from Fort Worth, no upcoming trials.

- a. Doug Wallace TDI position replaced in TCDA office, will bring them to the meeting sometime.

E. Legislative and By-laws Committee – Randy Renois reported that the next session starts in January and bills are filed in November.

- a. We need to work on the Prohibited Weapons. Currently it is on the Prosecution to determine that the weapon is/isn't registered with ATF. It is not possible to determine that fact
 - i. Need to move/amend it to state “affirmative defense” to put it on the defense to prove that fact
- b. SFMO Arson Lab has moved to DPS because there is no legislative mandate that allows SFMO to operate a lab.

Old Business:

- A. Doug Parks states that the 501.c3 has been approved.

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- a. Paperwork for a 501.c3 was filed in early 2000s, never was completed and the submission relapsed. Reinstatement forms were filed and was approved for the new Non Profit status.
- b. Inter-local Agreement – Need to have your city attorneys approve the 2nd draft and have signed by your local official.
 - i. Send all signed paperwork to Randy Renois.
 - ii. If you do not have the new one signed, you are still covered under the old agreement.

New Business:

- A. Joey Lankford asked for a cost to put an awning on the South Trailer. Currently the North Trailer has one. A few other items requested were more chairs, new Easy up, buckets, and change the lights to LED.
- B. Tracey Kapsidelis reported that an old 2013 Fort Worth case used a Grand Jury Subpoena to request and receive phone records. Under current laws, a judge must sign warrant. This is now suppressible evidence.
- C. Kenny Wilson informed the group that Fire Investigator Jamie Novak passed away due to a heart attack. Joey Lankford made a motion to spend no more than \$200 on a gift to the family.

Departments Reports of Incidents:

Open discussion was held.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Joey Lankford, 2nd by Tracy Kapsidelis. All Approved @ 11:35 am. The next meeting of the Tarrant County Arson Investigators Association will be conducted on September 6th, 2018 at 10:00 am at the Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office.

Submitted By,

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Meeting Agenda

September 6th, 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. 501.c3
 - b. Inter-local agreement
- VI. New Business
- VII. Member Department Incidents Reports
- VIII. Adjournment