

TARRANT COUNTY FIRE & ARSON INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

2750 Premier St.

Fort Worth, TX. 76111



August 1st, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Tarrant County Fire and Arson Investigators Association was held on August 1st, 2019 at 10:00 am at the Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office with Officer Randy Renios presiding.

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

There were 29 members present.

Guests: Sierra Smith EFI Global; Eddie Wood Saginaw; Chris Smith ATF; John Wester ATF

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 Doug Parks. All Approved; motion passed.

Committee Reports:

- A. Treasurer Report – Stacy Singleton was not present to give treasure's report.
 - a. Doug Parks stated that the paperwork needed to be completed to change the executors in the bank accounts. Parks made the motion to remove all the signatories with the exception of Stacy Singleton and to add Doug Parks and Keith Ebel. 2nd by Debra Crafton. All approve, motion passed.

- B. Training Committee Report – Kenny Wilson reported the following:
 - a. Active Shooter class at the end of August. Will receive email on details.
 - b. Fire Marshal's Conference in October in Austin.
 - c. TCOLE training cycle ends at the end of this month.
 - d. TEEEX offers a wide verity of classes. Numerous classes are at no cost.
<https://teex.org/Pages/class-calendar.aspx>
 - e. Tarrant County Sheriff's Office has extended their invitation to us to go to any of their classes. Go to tarrantcounty.com under Sheriff and "Professional

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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 social at Rio Grande in Fort Worth on August 17th, need to RSVP.

D. Law Enforcement and Prosecution Committee Report – Tracy Kapsidelis was not present to report

E. Legislative and By-laws Committee – Randy Renois had nothing to report.

Old Business:

- A. T-shirts.
 - a. Any new design for the back of the shirts need to be presented at the next meeting.
- B. There was an issue with the tax certificates for the laser measuring devices and machines. Unknown whether they need to be purchased a new way.

New Business:

- A. North Texas Conference in February will be at the Great Wolf lodge in Grapevine.
 - a. They are looking for instructors. If you teach for a minimum of 2 hour you will get free admission to the conference.
 - b. 3 day conference. 3 tracks: Investigation, inspection, and prevention
- B. ATF Changes
 - a. John Weston, Assistant Special Agent with ATF spoke to the group on the changes to the Dallas Fire and Arson ATF group.

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- i. Dallas office decided to eliminate the Arson/Bomb division to add agents to other groups and provide new allocations of resources.
- ii. He requested if there was not a “federal nexus” to the fire, the ATF would have to back out.
- iii. There will be some new guidelines on call outs.
 1. We usually call the individual agent. Now may have to contact RAC or supervisors to get the closest agent.
- iv. All ATF agents have Fire Investigation training and PPE. We may have to work with different agents.
- v. He would like to support two agents into the CFI program. Usually there is only one spot.

Departments Reports of Incidents:

Fort Worth is changing their deployment model for their investigators. Due to a safety concern at a recent fire, they will always have two investigators at every scene. This will be changing their schedules and how they are called out.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Joey Lankford, 2nd by Debra Crafton. All Approved @ 11:35 am. The next meeting of the Tarrant County Arson Investigators Association will be conducted on September 5th 2019 at 10:00 am at the Tarrant County Fire Marshal’s Office.

Submitted by,

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Meeting Agenda

August 1st, 2019

- 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. T-Shirts
- VI. New Business
 - a. North Texas Conference
- VII. Member Department Incidents Reports
- VIII. Adjournment