

TARRANT COUNTY FIRE & ARSON INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

2750 Premier St.

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November 1st, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Tarrant County Fire and Arson Investigators Association was held on November 1st, 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 25 members present.

Guests: Ken Mills, Everman FD

Regular Business:

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 presented report. Total ending balance of \$17,782.06. With a \$1000 check received from Knox for the Scholarship Award. Full detailed report can be found on the website. Motion made by Doug Parks to accept the report, 2nd by Kenny Wilson. All Approved; motion passed.
- B. Training Committee Report –Kenny Wilson reported the following:
 - a. 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 12-hour long class.
 - b. East Texas Fire and Arson Investigator Assoc. Conference; November 6-8, Longview, Texas
 - c. Texas K9 Conference Mesquite, November 12-18th
 - d. Rio Grand Valley Conference; South Padre; November 14-16th

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- e. Quarterly Association Training will be scheduling a ATF electrical class in November, November 13-15
 - f. Central Texas Fire Investigators Association will be hosting a “How Things Burn” class. November 13-15; Temple, TX
 - g. Greater Houston Conference; Pasadena; November 27-29
 - h. CTFIA Conference; San Antonio; December 12-14
 - i. North Texas Fire Marshal’s Conference; January 29-31; Richardson, TX
 - j. TX IAAI Conference; Austin; March 17-22
- C. Social Committee Report – Mike Rehfeld stated that the Fall Social will be held at Chef’s Point in Watauga. Need to RSVP to Mike by November 6th.
- D. Trailer – David Butler had nothing to report on the South trailer awning install.
- E. Law Enforcement and Prosecution Committee Report – Nothing to report
- F. Legislative and By-laws Committee – Randy Renois had nothing to report.

Old Business:

- A. Nothing to report

New Business:

- A. Mansfield Fire Marshal’s have been informed by their department that according to NFPA 1500 version 2018 section 7.10.8:

“Members using SCBA shall not compromise the protective integrity of the SCBA for any reason when operating in IDLH, potentially IDLH, or undefined or hazardous atmospheres (including overhaul) by removing the facepiece or disconnecting any portion of the SCBA that would allow the ambient atmosphere to be breathed.”

- a. The question to the association is what happens at a callout? Will the responding agencies have to wear positive pressure SCBAs and full turnout gear during investigations as required by Mansfield’s SOPs?

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- b. Would Mansfield look at the secondary compliance of NFPA 1500 Section 14.4.2.1.1:

An APR with an appropriate chemical cartridge shall be permitted only when all of the following conditions are met:

- 1. The APR is ≥ 30 minutes post-extinguishment.*
- 2. No active overhaul is taking place.*
- 3. Positive pressure ventilation is in place.*
- 4. Continuous air monitoring is in place and levels are within the following acceptable short-term occupational exposure limits:*

(a) Hydrogen cyanide (HCN) ≤ 4.7 ppm

(b) Carbon monoxide (CO) ≤ 35 ppm

- c. Joey Lankford will be heading a committee to conduct more research on the situation.

B. Taskforce shirts are being sold at Tarrant County's office. Prices are as follows:

- a. Large – XXL - \$5
- b. 3XL - \$7

C. Nomination Committee: Joey Lankford reported that there have been no nominations for any of the open positions.

D. Sabino Vasquez Scholarship award was proudly given to Stephanie Keninitz of the ATF for her great work ethic in stopping the crime of arson. The check will be presented to her at the December meeting.

Departments Reports of Incidents:

Open discussion was held.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Debra Crafton, 2nd by Sammy Cox. All Approved @ 11:00 am. The next meeting of the Tarrant County Arson Investigators Association will be conducted on December 6th, 2018 at 10:00 am at the Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office.

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Meeting Agenda

December 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. Awning for South Trailer
- VI. New Business
 - a. Election Results
 - b. Scholarship Award
 - c. North Texas Scholarship
- VII. Member Department Incidents Reports
- VIII. Adjournment