

TARRANT COUNTY FIRE & ARSON INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

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December 6th, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Tarrant County Fire and Arson Investigators Association was held on December 6th, 2018 at 10:00 am at the Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office with Secretary Jessica Eiswald presiding.

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

There were 24 members present.

Guests: Cody Austin, Carrollton FD; Jeff Doughty, Wise Co.; Nathan Pattersen, Firensics, Inc.

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; motion passed.

Committee Reports:

- A. Treasurer Report – Stacy Singleton was not present to make a report.
- 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. North Texas Fire Marshal's Conference; January 29-31; Richardson, TX
 - c. TX IAAI Conference; Austin; March 17-22
- C. Social Committee Report – Mike Rehfeld had nothing to report.
- D. Law Enforcement and Prosecution Committee Report – Nothing to report
- E. Legislative and By-laws Committee –

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- a. Randy Renois reported that State Rep. Strickland pushing for a bill that would no longer require legal gun owners to obtain a License to Carry.
- b. Tracey Kapsidelis asked that we look at closing the loophole for the “prohibited weapons”. Need to change wording from “exception” to “affirmative defense”

Old Business:

- A. Joey Lankford reported on the respiratory questions from last month.
 - a. Can use regular respiratory as long as overhaul is complete. Has to be full faced according to NFPA 1500.
 - b. Question as to if we stock some masks on the trailers as well as cartridges.
 - i. Azle has 6-8 Scott masks that are around a year old. AV2000 Style.
 - ii. Members to be fit tested?
 - c. Was presented to the NFTA Chiefs, response was minimal.
 - d. Joey and Randy Renois will attend other Chiefs meetings to present information. Randy will also be presenting to the TCDA Civil division for legal review.

New Business:

- A. Election results. All positions remain the same.
- B. Scholarship – Jason Key with Knox was laid off as the company is being restructured. Check was cut and given to Singleton prior to his layoff.
- C. North Texas Conference Scholarship – Discussion was had about putting together a Scholarship to send someone, or someone’s, to the North Texas Conference starting 2020. This would be in lieu of the Association sending money to North Texas Association.
- D. State Arson Lab is still about 6 month’s out in returning lab results.

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- E. Mike Rehfeld proposed a new mapping device for the Taskforce.
 - a. TruPoint 300 laser measurement device is designed for indoor use. The package comes with a tablet, case, and tripod. It and can be used by one or two individuals.
 - b. The use of this is somewhat between a regular laser measurement device and the Sokkia. As it takes the measurements and adds them into a design program.
 - c. We would have to upgrade our current mapping program to the Faro 3D.
 - d. Total cost of the system and the upgrade for one unit would be \$3,585.
 - e. Mike will be setting up a demo in the next few weeks.

- F. Joey Lankford asked that the members be thinking if the Association needs possible dues increase. We have not increased in over a decade.

- G. Taskforce shirts are being sold at Tarrant County's office. Prices are as follows:
 - a. Large – XXL - \$5
 - b. 3XL - \$7

Departments Reports of Incidents:

Open discussion was held.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Joey Lankford, 2nd by Debra Crafton. All Approved @ 11:05 am. The next meeting of the Tarrant County Arson Investigators Association will be conducted on January 3rd, 2018 at 10:00 am at the Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office.

Submitted By,

Jessica Eiswald

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Meeting Agenda

December 6th, 2018

- I. Pledge
- II. Prayer
- III. Guests
- IV. Regular Business
 - a. Swear in Elected Officials
 - b. Approval of Minutes
 - c. Treasurer's Report
 - d. Training Committee Report
 - e. Social Committee Report
 - f. Law Enforcement / Criminal Prosecution
 - g. Legislative & By-Laws Report
- V. Old Business
 - a. Awning for South Trailer
 - b. Measurement Device
 - c. Respiratory Concerns
 - d. Dues Increase Questions
- VI. New Business
- VII. Member Department Incidents Reports
- VIII. Adjournment