

TARRANT COUNTY FIRE & ARSON INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

2750 Premier St.

Fort Worth, TX. 76111



Meeting Minutes

December 3rd, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Tarrant County Fire and Arson Investigators Association was held on December 3rd at 10:00 am on a virtual ZOOM meeting with President Keith Ebel presiding.

The meeting was called to order with 24 members in attendance, opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and an Invocation.

Guest present:

Regular Business:

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

Committee Reports:

- A. Treasurer Report – Stacy Singleton presented the Treasurer’s report. It has been added to the website.
 - a. If you need an invoice, send an email to Keith Ebel
- B. Training Committee Report –
 - a. Kenny Wilson is putting together numerous classes. Dates are depending on COVID restrictions.
 - i. Patrol rifle – March time frame
 - ii. Diagramming training
 - b. TCOLE General hours can be obtained from CFITrainer.net or OSS Academy
- C. Social Committee Report – No report given.
- D. Law Enforcement and Prosecution Committee Report – Tracy Kapsidelis reported there were no arson trials lately.

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- E. Legislative and By-laws Committee – Advisory committee - Fire Inspection/Plan Review meeting 12/03. Commission to create an Ad Hoc committee on firefighter safety and fire training centers.

Old Business:

- A. None

New Business:

- A. COVID related PPE during investigations – follow protocol
- B. IAAI Conference – Ring doorbells
 - a. Ability to take geo-space area for ring members and obtain information and video.
- C. Haltom City Deputy Chief Langham’s memorial service will be held when it is safe. Died due to complications with COVID.
- D. Fred Knapp has an article published in on FireHouse online
- E. Photographers on fire scenes –
 - a. Must have credentials to be on scene
 - b. Media outlets have a credentialing process with background checks
- F. Brian Fine has been moved into an Administrative position within the State FM office.
 - a. Tim Ware will be taking over command with investigations and On Duty Deaths.
 - b. State FM has a contract with TDEM to provide rapid COVID tests for investigators on scene. The negative results are 80-85% accurate. A positive result would need to have a PCR follow up.

Departments Reports of Incidents:

Open discussion was held.

Adjournment:

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Motion to adjourn was made by Joey Lankford, 2nd by Kenny Wilson. All Approved. The next meeting of the Tarrant County Arson Investigators Association will be conducted on January 7th, 2020 at 10:00 am.

Until more information is known on the COVID 19 pandemic, the meetings may continue to be virtual.

Submitted By,

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Meeting Agenda

January 7th, 2020

- 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. Elections
- VI. New Business
- VII. Member Department Incident Reports
- VIII. Adjournment