

PROCEEDINGS
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of the



STATE FIREMEN'S AND
FIRE MARSHALS' ASSOCIATION
OF TEXAS

Held in San Marcos, Texas
June 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14, 2017

2017 PROCEEDINGS



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OFFICERS

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- Paul HamiltonPast President**
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- Chris Barron Executive Director**
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- Ashlynn Wobus Mascot**
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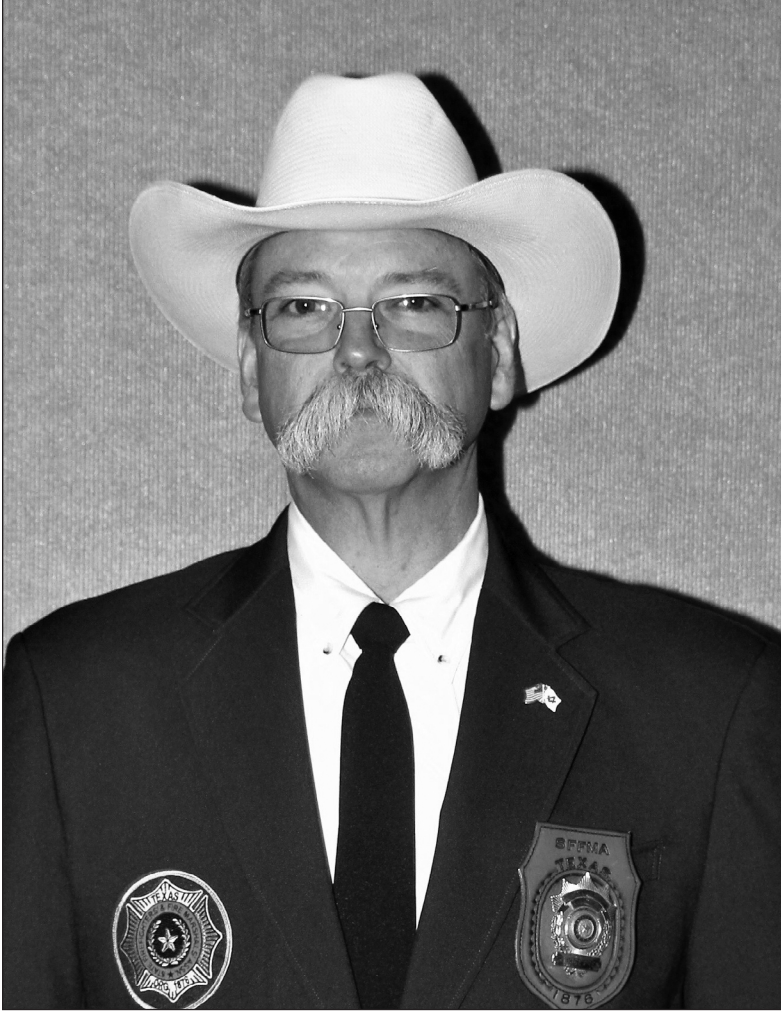




HENRY PERRY
President, Bastrop



HARVIE CHESHIRE
1st Vice President, College Station



MIKE RICHARDSON

2nd Vice President, Decatur



TIM SMITH

3rd Vice President, West Carlisle



RICHARD VAN WINKLE

4th Vice President, Alvarado

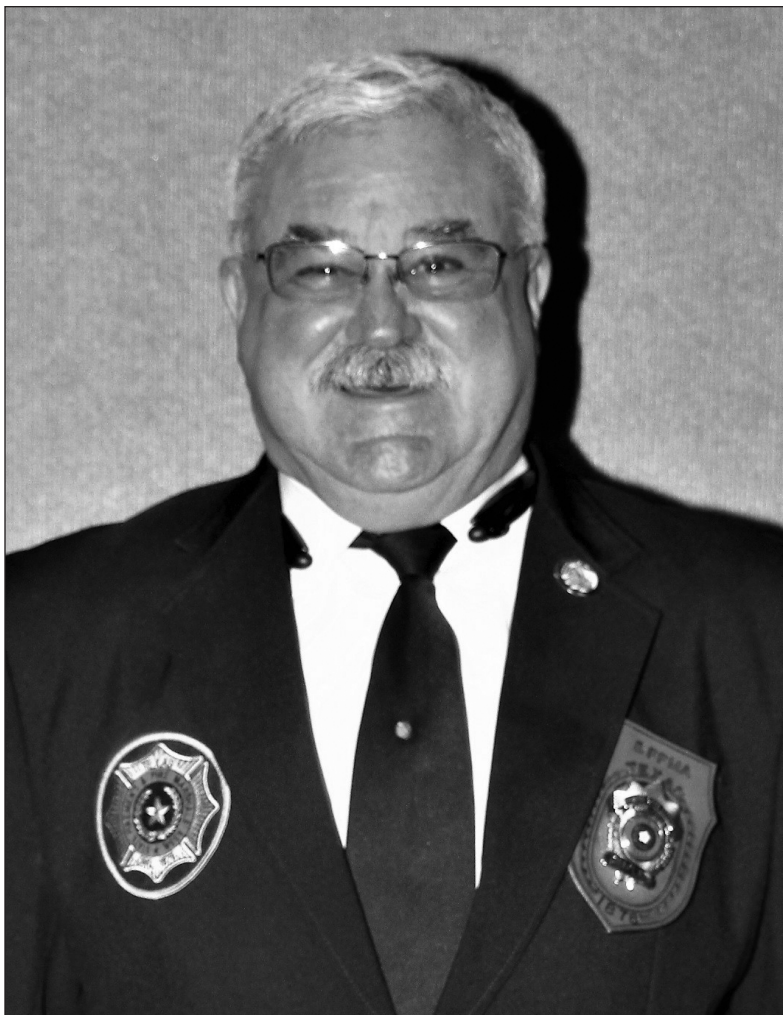


JOE ONDRASEK

Secretary, Bryan



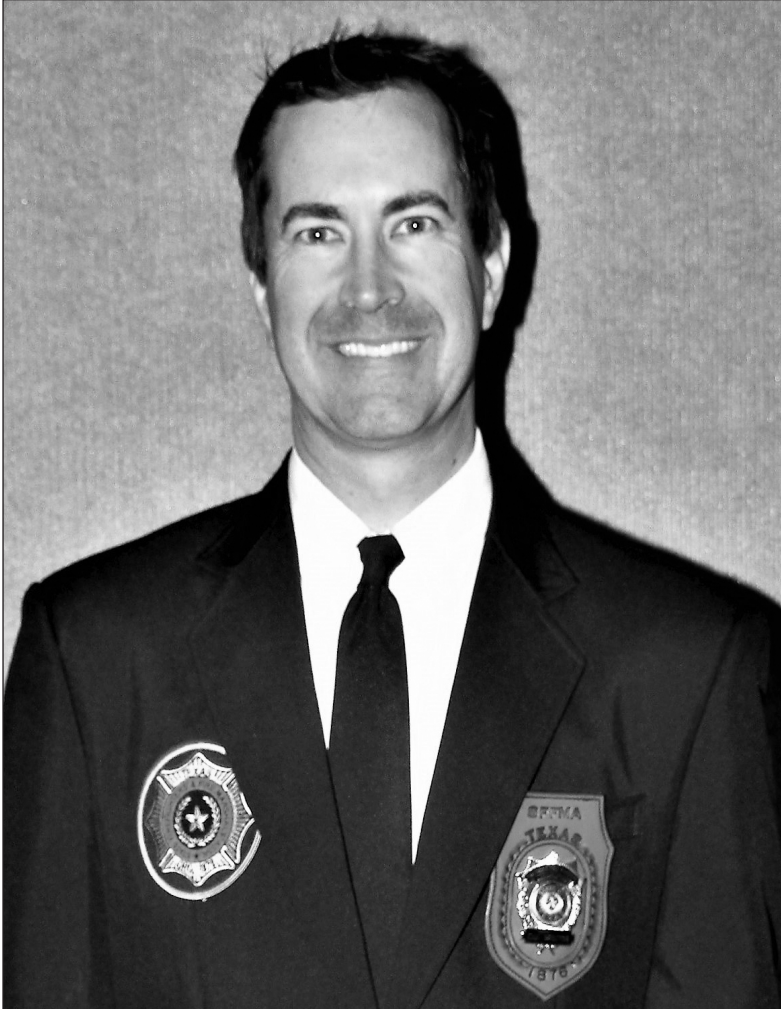
F. JIM WHITE
Assistant Secretary, Overton



BEN KENNEDY
Chaplain, College Station



PAUL HAMILTON
Past President, Bushland



CHRIS BARRON
Executive Director, Austin



RAYFORD GIBSON

Board Appointed Parliamentarian, Tatum



ASHLYNN WOBUS

Mascot, Bastrop

SFFMA STAFF

- Chris Barron**Executive Director
- Jon Barron**.....Facilitator/Special Projects
- Julie Beauchamp**..... Sales Department Manager
- Kevin Creamer**Certification Administrator/
Industrial Coordinator
- Gabi Glass** Event Coordinator
- Luis Martinez**..... Membership Coordinator/
SFFMA International

LIFE MEMBERS

*J. Ed. Schmitz.....	Dallas
*Gust Depmore.....	Galveston
*Jno. J. Boerum.....	Corpus Christi
*W. P. Walker.....	Luling
*Roger Byrne.....	Smithville
*C. E. Jenkins.....	Bryan
*Mrs. J. R. Porte.....	San Marcos
*C. M. Bailey.....	Gainesville
*Jno. L. Brunner.....	Taylor
*W. E. Bidiker.....	Fort Worth
*Jos. Stumpf.....	Fort Worth
*J. P. Schneider.....	Austin
*W. L. Talbot.....	San Marcos
*Mr. Meyer of the Metro Studios.....	Hollywood, CA
*Olin Culberson.....	Edna
*G. N. Holton.....	Austin
*P. J. Goodlett.....	Georgetown
*H. W. Speckels.....	La Grange
*L. B. Warren.....	Belton
*Jno. S. McKinney.....	McKinney
*Louis H. Scholl.....	New Braunfels
*W. P. Hallmark.....	Dublin
*V. S. Fritz.....	Victoria
*Rev. J. C. Felger.....	Victoria
*M. L. O. Andrews.....	Houston
*T. S. Wright.....	Temple
*W. F. Hamner.....	Belton
*J. A. Caldwell.....	San Angelo
*E. V. Easterling.....	Del Rio
*Frank Williams.....	Austin
*D. B. Clark.....	Beaumont
*E. P. Hall.....	Weatherford
*R. R. Talbert.....	Mercedes
*Lewis Haynes.....	San Marcos
*G. E. Dalton.....	Coleman
*Frederick Klopp.....	Taylor
*J. J. Blackstone.....	Burkburnett

*I. W. Speckels	Schulenberg
*Chester Cherry	Ballinger
*Hugh Nation	Crosbyton
*T. E. "Red" Lewis	Electra
*Royce C. Hogg	Gilmer
*G. F. Dohrn	Mission
*Adolph Solmky	Seguin
*N. W. Autry	Snyder
*John Dean	Plano
*John Ballew	Childress
*J. C. Swadley	Grand Prairie
*C. P. Churchwell	Richardson
*Paul B. Conley	Luling
*Elbert Sanders	Edinburg
*David Clabaugh	Carthage
*Leo Bales	Lampasas
*Mason Lankford	Arlington
*Leon Powell	Junction
*C. H. Boring, Jr	Rosenberg
*Vernon Rucker	Killeen
*W. E. "Bill" Zorn	Del Rio
*Palmer West	Eldorado
*Norvall Terry	Weatherford
*Carroll B. Shumaker	Alamo
*Earl Phillips	Hereford
*Hal H. Hood	Dallas
*Bob Murphey	Nacogdoches
*Hubert Gorubec	Granger
*Garland Fulbright	San Antonio
*Elsworth Greer	Imperial
Billy R. Haynes	Livingston
*Ewald W. Pietsch	Seguin
*Mike B. Perez, Jr	Laredo
*Odis L. Chappel	Deer Park
*Robert S. O'Burke	Duncanville
*Ed Smith	Channelview
*Bill Barrett	Spur
*Tinker Taylor	McKinney

*Jack King	Huntsville
*Dayne Hill.....	Edinburg
*Marvin Setzer	Brazoria
Ray Williamson	Wharton
*Robert Stubblefield.....	Killeen
Bob Looney	Mansfield
*Tommy Bledsoe	Lone Star Steel
Ernest O. Reesing, Jr	Alpine
Gerald Matheaus	Rosenberg
*W. F. "Windy" Acosta.....	Del Rio
Billy Ray Mize.....	Burkburnett
J. E. "Dinks" Eckert	Floydada
D. J. "Don" Hoffman	Brenham
*Don Eernisse.....	Alvin
Deloss "Dee" Edwards	Abilene
*W. J. "Jim" Davis	Rockdale
Patrick Hlavaty	El Campo
*Ben Norman	Killeen
Terry Mayfield.....	Seguin
Dallas Renfrew	Seminole
Mike Looney	Mansfield
Richard Harmon.....	Wichita Falls
C. T. "Tommy" Anderson.....	Santa Fe
David Luedeke	Needville
R. D. "Bo" Welborn.....	Silsbee
*Thomas Harwell	Cameron
Kyle Stephens	Decatur
*Donnie Pickard.....	Ovilla
Shawn Snider	Edinburg
Kent Watts, Jr.	Luling
Bryan Rickert	Carthage
Rex Klesel	Alvin
David Wade	Deer Park
Bill Gardner	Leander
Rusty Kattner	Santa Fe
Paul Hamilton.....	Bushland

**Deceased*

CONVENTION CITIES AND PAST PRESIDENTS

- 1.....1876.....Austin *W. C. Conner, Dallas
- 2.....1877.....Dallas *W. C. Conner, Dallas
- 3.....1878
- 4.....1879.....Houston..... *W. C. Conner, Dallas
- 5.....1880.....San Antonio *W. C. Conner, Dallas
- 6.....1881
- 7.....1882.....Brenham
- 8.....1883
- 9.....1884.....Ft.Worth.....
- 10.....1885
- 11.....1886.....Gainesville
- 12.....1887.....Temple.....
- 13.....1888.....El Paso *W. J. Austin, Denton
- 14.....1889.....Paris *C. E. Fruin, F.P., El Paso
- 15.....1890.....Palestine *Jake W. Levy, Sherman
- 16.....1891.....Houston..... *Jake W. Levy, Sherman
- 17.....1892.....Waco *Jake W. Levy, Sherman
- 18.....1893.....Austin *E. S. Connor, Paris
- 19.....1894.....Fort Worth *E. E. Taylor, Georgetown
- 20.....1895.....Houston..... *Jno. Julian, El Paso
- 21.....1896.....Austin *Ed R. Krone, San Marcos
- 22.....1897.....El Paso *Carl F. Drake, Austin
- 23.....1898.....Waco *W. N. Norwood, Navasota
- 24.....1899.....Paris *Dr. Pitt S. Turner, Belton
- 25.....1900.....Waxahachie..... *Lee J. Rountree, Taylor
- 26.....1901.....Sherman *W. M. Abernathy, McKinney
- 27.....1902.....Waco *O. C. Connor, Paris
- 28.....1903.....Corsicana..... *J. R. Porter, San Marcos
- 29.....1904.....Waco *Geo. R. King, Marlin
- 30.....1905.....Austin *J. E. Kaufmann, Austin
- 31.....1906.....Mineral Wells . *E. P. Coopwood, Lockhart
- 32.....1907.....McKinney *Perry Hawkin, Taylor
- 33.....1908.....Waco *T. A. Bledsoe, Abilene

- 34.....1909.....Gainesville *M. L. Andrews, Navasota
- 35.....1910.....Temple..... *Lee Wilson, Waco
- 36.....1911.....Waco *W. T. Hunt, Dublin
- 37.....1912.....Austin..... *Jno. S. McKinney, McKinney
- 38.....1913.....Wichita Falls ... *H. W. Speckels, La Grange
- 39.....1914.....Victoria *U. B. Warren, Belton
- 40.....1915.....Waco *Peter Schramm, Taylor
- 41.....1916.....New Braunfels *H. J. Braunig, Hallettsville
- 42.....1917.....San Angelo..... *T. S. Wright, Temple
-1918.....(No Convention, World War)
- 43.....1919.....Cuero *Roger Byrne, Smithville
- 44.....1920.....Hillsboro *W. D. McCully, Brownwood
- 45.....1921.....Weatherford *G. J. Kempen, Seguin
- 46.....1922.....Brownwood *V. S. Fritz, Victoria
- 47.....1923.....San Marcos..... *W. P. Hallmark, Dublin
- 48.....1924.....McKinney..... *Frank Baker, Lampasas
- 49.....1925.....Cisco *T. W. Falkenburg, Taylor
- 50.....1926.....Harlingen *R. F. Hever, Cuero
- 51.....1927.....San Antonio *W. E. Burgess, Itasca
- 52.....1928.....Denton..... *Frank Hammer, Belton
- 53.....1929.....Galveston *J. A. Caldwell, Teague
- 54.....1930.....San Angelo..... *John Parker, San Angelo
- 55.....1931.....Bryan..... *C. E. Jenkins, Bryan
- 56.....1932.....Austin *E. V. Esterling, Del Rio
- 57.....1933.....Corpus Christi... *Frank Williams, Winters
- 58.....1934.....Mineral Wells *C. N. Humason, Lufkin
- 59.....1935.....El Paso *D. B. Clark, Beaumont
- 60.....1936.....Fort Worth *E. P. Hall, Weatherford
- 61.....1937.....Port Arthur *R. R. Talbert, Weslaco
- 62.....1938.....Amarillo *Lewis Haynes, San Marcos
- 63.....1939.....Harlingen.. *G. E. "Kelly" Dalton, Coleman
- 64.....1940.....Houston..... *Frederick Klopp, Taylor
- 65.....1941.....Wichita Falls *J. J. Blackstone, Burkburnett
- 66.....1942.....Corpus Christi..... *I. W. Speckels, Schulenburg
- 67.....1943.....Waco *Chester Cherry, Ballinger

- 68.....1944.....Waco *Hugh Nation, Crosbyton
69.....1945.....Waco
(Executive Committee Conference, World War)
70.....1946.....Waco *T. E. "Red" Lewis, Electra
71.....1947.....Amarillo *Royce C. Hogg, Gilmer
72.....1948.....San Antonio *G. F. Dohrn, Mission
73.....1949.....Galveston *Adolph Solmky, Seguin
74....1950.....Wichita Falls *N. W. Autry, Snyder
75....1951.....Dallas *John Dean, Plano
76....1952.....San Antonio *John Ballew, Childress
77....1953.....Austin *J. C. Swadley, Grand Prairie
78....1954.....San Antonio *C. P. Churchwell, Richardson
79....1955.....Dallas *Paul B. Conley, Luling
80....1956.....Edinburg *Elbert Sanders, Edinburg
81....1957.....Waco *David Clabaugh, Carthage
82....1958.....San Antonio *Leo Bales, Lampasas
83....1959.....Fort Worth *Mason Lankford, Arlington
84.....1960.....Galveston *Leon Powell, Junction
85....1961.....Austin *C. H. Boring, Rosenberg
86....1962.....McAllen..... *Vernon Rucker, Killeen
87....1963.....San Antonio *W. E. "Bill" Zorn, Del Rio
88....1964.....Dallas *Palmer West, Eldorado
89....1965.....Laredo..... *Norvall Terry, Weatherford
90....1966.....Fort Worth *Carroll B. Shumaker, Alamo
91....1967.....Lubbock *Earl Phillips, Hereford
92....1968.....Austin *Hal H. Hood, Dallas County
93....1969.....McAllen..... *Bob Murphey, Nacogdoches
94....1970.....San Antonio *Hubert Gorubec, Granger
95....1971.....Dallas *Garland Fulbright, San Antonio
96....1972.....Galveston *Elsworth Greer, Imperial
97....1973.....Brownsville..... Billy R. Haynes, Livingston
98....1974.....Laredo..... *Ewald W. Pietsch, Seguin
99....1975.....Houston..... *Mike B. Perez, Jr., Laredo
100.....1976.....Austin..... *Odis Chappell, Deer Park
101.....1977.....Longview *Robert S. O'Burke, Duncanville
102.....1978.....Lubbock *Ed Smith, Channelview

103.....1979.....	McAllen	*Bill Barrett, Spur
104.....1980.....	Dallas	*Tinker Taylor, McKinney
105.....1981.....	San Antonio.....	*Jack King, Huntsville
106.....1982.....	Abilene.....	*Dayne Hill, Edinburg
107.....1983.....	Beaumont	*Marvin Setzer, Brazoria
108.....1984.....	McAllen	Ray Williamson, Wharton
109.....1985.....	Waco.....	*Robert Stubblefield, Killeen
110.....1986.....	Austin.....	Bob Looney, Mansfield
111.....1987.....	Amarillo.....	*Tommy Bledsoe, Lone Star
112.....1988.....	Beaumont	Ernest O. Reesing, Jr., Alpine
113.....1989.....	Arlington	Gerald Matheaus, Rosenberg
114.....1990.....	El Paso.....	*W. F. "Windy" Acosta, Del Rio
115.....1991.....	Longview.....	Billy Ray Mize, Burkburnett
116.....1992.....	McAllen	J. E. "Dinks" Eckert, Floydada
117.....1993.....	Waco.....	D. J. "Don" Hoffman, Brenham
118.....1994.....	Beaumont	*Don Eernisse, Alvin
119.....1995.....	Abilene.....	Deloss "Dee" Edwards, Abilene
120.....1996.....	Amarillo.....	*W. J. "Jim" Davis, Rockdale
121.....1997.....	Galveston.....	Patrick Hlavaty, El Campo
122.....1998.....	Wichita Falls.....	*Ben Norman, Jr., Killeen
123.....1999.....	Lubbock	Terry Mayfield, Seguin
124.....2000.....	Waco.....	Dallas Renfrew, Seminole
125.....2001.....	McAllen	Mike Looney, Mansfield
126.....2002.....	Beaumont	Richard Harmon, Wichita Falls
127.....2003.....	Galveston.....	C. T. Anderson, Santa Fe
128.....2004.....	Corpus Christi ..	David Luedeke, Needville
129.....2005.....	Wichita Falls....	R. D. "Bo" Welborn, Silsbee
130.....2006.....	Waco.....	*Thomas Harwell, Cameron
131.....2007.....	Amarillo.....	Kyle Stephens, Decatur
132.....2008.....	Beaumont.....	*Donnie Pickard, Ovilla
133.....2009.....	McAllen.....	Shawn Snider, Edinburg
134.....2010.....	Corpus Christi	Kent Watts, Jr., Luling
135.....2011.....	Mesquite	Bryan Rickert, Carthage
136.....2012.....	Houston	Rex Klesel, Alvin
137.....2013.....	The Woodlands	David Wade, Deer Park
138.....2014.....	Lubbock.....	Bill Gardner, Leander
139.....2015.....	Galveston.....	Rusty Kattner, Santa Fe
140.....2016.....	McAllen.....	Paul Hamilton, Potter County
141.....2017.....	San Marcos	Henry Perry, Bastrop

HONORARY MEMBERS

*Mother George Ferris.....	Ft. Worth	
*Father P. A. Heckman.....	Waco	
*Dr. W. B. Goodner	Dublin	
*Jay W. Stevens	Fire Prevention Chief, National Board of Fire Underwriters.....	San Francisco, CA
*Col. H. R. Brayton.....	College Station	
*Sidney L. Kring	Wichita Falls	
*Fred J. Benson	Dean of Engineering,	Texas A&M University, College Station
A. M. Aiken.....	Paris	
J. P. Word.....	Meridian	
Murray Watson	Waco	
W. S. Heatly	Paducah	
*Herman Howerts.....	Luling	
*John Traeger	Seguin	
Don Adams	Jasper	
Rick Perry	Haskell	

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

*Henry D. Smith	College Station
*Kenneth Green	Deer Park
*W. A. Weniger	Beeville
R. R. "Bob" Doolittle, Sr	La Marque
*Haskin V. Little	Houston
Allen Russell	Cedar Hill
*Wayne Popp	Louise
Vic Einspahr	Beeville
Richard Van Winkle	Alvarado
Les Bunte	College Station
Allen Scopel	Rosenberg
Barbara Marzean	Austin

*Deceased

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

110.....	1986.....	Austin	*James L. "Jody" Evans, Eden
111.....	1987.....	Amarillo	Charles Ray Sims, Cedar Hill
112.....	1988.....	Beaumont.....	*Tom Watson, Haskell
113.....	1989.....	Arlington.....	*Les Collins, El Campo
114.....	1990.....	El Paso	Clayton W. "Bill" Day, Kermit
115.....	1991.....	Longview	Jerry Lee Rust, Del Rio
116.....	1992.....	McAllen.....	*Gary Alan Tilton, Richmond
117.....	1993.....	Waco	*Alfred E. Gerik, West
118.....	1994.....	Beaumont.....	Carl Teaff, Sonora
119.....	1995.....	Abilene.....	Mike Hafer, Richmond
120.....	1996.....	Amarillo	Johnny Merrill, Winters
121.....	1997.....	Galveston.....	Alex Kvapil, Ballinger
122.....	1998.....	Wichita Falls	*Donnie Pickard, Ovilla
123.....	1999.....	Lubbock	*Fred Ramirez, Raymondville
124.....	2000.....	Waco	Don Pullin, Refugio
125.....	2001.....	McAllen	Jerry Mutschler, Seminole
126.....	2002.....	Beaumont.....	Ken Kvapil, Ballinger
127.....	2003.....	Galveston.....	Kip Workman, La Vernia
128.....	2004.....	Corpus Christi.....	Matthew Cornell, Pecan Grove
129.....	2005.....	Wichita Falls.....	Patrick Hlavaty, El Campo
130.....	2006.....	Waco	Perry Thomson, Jr., Anson
131.....	2007.....	Amarillo	Ricardo Saldana, Mission
132.....	2008.....	Beaumont	Anthony Cargile, Santa Fe
133.....	2009.....	McAllen	Ubaldo D. Perez, Edinburg
134.....	2010.....	Corpus Christi	Richard Drewry, Edinburg
135.....	2011.....	Mesquite	Richard Van Winkle, Alvarado
136.....	2012.....	Houston	Clemente Sanchez, Sinton
137.....	2013.....	The Woodlands	Dennis Gage, Kilgore
138	2014.....	Lubbock	David Wade, Deer Park
139	2015.....	Galveston.....	Shawn Snider, Edinburg
140	2016.....	McAllen	Curtis Brown, Dalhart
141	2017.....	San Marcos	Alonzo Morales, Goliad

EMS FIRST RESPONDER OF THE YEAR

136.....	2012.....	Houston	Karen Pickard, Ovilla
137.....	2013.....	The Woodlands	Edward J. Konick, III, Alvarado
138	2014.....	Lubbock	James Carr, Decatur
139.....	2015.....	Galveston	Gerald Weniger, McQueeney
140.....	2016.....	McAllen	Tim Keirn, Chisholm Trail
141.....	2017.....	San Marcos	Scott White, Hartley

**Deceased*

BOARDS 2016/2017

CERTIFICATION BOARD

Gary Williams, <i>Chairman/Zone 6</i>	Pasadena
Frank Marcinkiewicz, <i>Vice Chairman/Zone 3</i>	Cat Spring
R.J. Thomas, <i>Secretary/Zone 4</i>	Ingleside
Brian Scheffer, <i>Zone 1</i>	Brenham
Edwin Baker, <i>Zone 2</i>	Stockdale
Ubaldo Perez, <i>Zone 5</i>	Edinburg
Will Rains, <i>Zone 7</i>	Lumberton
Patrick Dooley, <i>Zone 8</i>	Henderson
Mick Moffitt, <i>Zone 9</i>	Burleson
Nate Mara, <i>Zone 10</i>	Decatur
Clay Deatherage, <i>Zone 11</i>	Anson
William Tidwell, <i>Zone 12</i>	Crosbyton
Pending Appointment, <i>Zone 13</i>	
Brent Allen, <i>Zone 14</i>	Ballinger
Scott Garris, <i>Zone 15</i>	Pleasanton
Joshua Constancio, <i>Zone 16</i>	Olden
Paul Loeffler, <i>Zone 17</i>	Alpine
Andy Dexter, <i>Zone 18</i>	Spring
Curtis Brown, <i>Zone 19</i>	Dalhart
Cary Roccaforte, <i>TEEX Representative</i>	College Station
Steven Carter, <i>Texas A&M Forest Service Representative</i>	McGregor
Henry Perry, <i>Executive Board Liaison</i>	Bastrop
Mike Richardson, <i>Executive Board Liaison</i>	Decatur
Richard Van Winkle, <i>Executive Board Liaison</i>	Alvarado
Kevin Creamer, <i>Staff Liaison</i>	Austin

TEXAS INDUSTRIAL EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Keith Russell, <i>Chairman, SLOT - 04</i>	Longview
Robert Moore, <i>Vice Chairman, SLOT - 20</i>	College Station
Gerald Sherman, <i>Secretary SLOT - 08</i>	Channelview
Brett Steed, <i>SLOT - 01</i>	Baytown
John Hollaway, <i>SLOT - 02</i>	Baytown
Todd Johnson, <i>SLOT - 05</i>	Cibolo
David Atkinson, Jr., <i>SLOT - 06</i>	Longview
Brett Boren, <i>SLOT - 07</i>	Sweeny
Paul Hannemann, <i>SLOT - 09</i>	Fredericksburg
Steve Pepper, <i>SLOT - 10</i>	Humble
David Cave, <i>SLOT - 13</i>	Corpus Christi
Mark Garvin, <i>SLOT-14</i>	Friendswood
Gordon Lohmeyer, <i>SLOT - 15</i>	College Station
Mark Turvey, <i>SLOT - 16</i>	League City
Michael Barley, <i>SLOT - 17</i>	Mount Pleasant
Jeff Hoffstadt, <i>SLOT 18</i>	San Antonio
Peter Greco, <i>SLOT - 19</i>	Houston
Richard Van Winkle, <i>Executive Board Liaison</i>	Alvarado
Tommy Anderson, <i>Past President Liaison</i>	Santa Fe
David Wade, <i>Past President Liaison</i>	Deer Park
Dallas Renfrew, <i>Past President Liaison</i>	Harlingen
Chris Barron, <i>Executive Director</i>	Austin
Kevin Creamer, <i>Staff Liaison</i>	Austin

FIRE MUSEUM BOARD

- Charles Eugene Gee Jasper
Dennis Gifford Lumberton
Cecily Varner Mauriceville
David Wade, *Executive Board Liaison* Deep Park

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER
FIRE COUNCIL

- Chris Barron, *State Director* Austin
Dallas Renfrew, *Alternate State Director* Harlingen

TEXAS A&M ADVISORY
BOARD

- Mike Montgomery Humble
Keith Russell Longview
Bill Gardner Leander
John Kiracofe Austin

2016-2017 COMMITTEES

COMBINATION DEPARTMENT

Lynn Bizzell	Frederickburg
Jason Scheel	La Vernia
Greg Rosenberry	
Shawn Snider	Edinburg
Lanny Armstrong	Pasadena
Tim Gothard	Anna
Richard Van Winkle, <i>Executive Board Liaison</i>	Alvarado
Mike Richardson, <i>Executive Board Liaison</i>	Decatur
Chris Barron, <i>Executive Board Liaison</i>	Austin

CONFERENCE TRAINING & SPEAKER COMMITTEE

Cary Roccaforte, <i>Chairman</i>	Bryan
Brian Scheffer, <i>Co-Chairman</i>	Brenham
Mike Montgomery	Humble
Gerald Weniger	Seguin
Frankie Joe Salinas	Edinburg
Ubaldo Perez	Edinburg
Chuck Richardson	Brazoria
Danny Hurt	Bloomburg
Mark Wobus	La Grange
Roy Mercer	Rosenberg
Tim Smith, <i>Executive Board Liaison</i>	West Carlisle
Gabi Glass, <i>Staff Liaison</i>	Austin

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

COMMITTEE

Dennis Gifford, <i>Chairman</i>	Lumberton
Cary Roccaforte	Bryan
Louise Watts	Luling
Ruben Balboa	Harlingen
Frankie Joe Salinas	Edinburg
Maricruz Tovar	Edinburg
William Crawford	Channelview
Donald Shoemaker.....	Lake Jackson
Marc Nichols.....	Gilmer
Van Fowler	Ennis
Rodney Ryalls.....	Burkburnett
Richard Harmon, <i>Past President Liaison</i>	Wichita Falls
David Luedeke, <i>Past President Liaison</i>	Needville
Harvie Cheshire, <i>Executive Board Liaison</i>	College Station
Tim Smith, <i>Executive Board Liaison</i>	West Carlisle
Gabi Glass, <i>Staff Liaison</i>	Austin

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Danny Hurt, <i>Chairman</i>	Bloomburg
Teri Parkison.....	Brenham
J. Paul Bruhn	La Grange
Dayna Hill	Mathis
Tom Bell.....	Ingleside
Charles "Buck" Stevens.....	Pearland
William Gerber	Alvin
William Crawford	Channelview
Dennis Gifford	Lumberton
Thomas Jones.....	Madisonville

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Clemente Sanchez	Sinton
James Cardoza	Mission

Timothy Keirn	Lockhart
Gerald Weniger	Seguin
Clemente Sanchez	Sinton
Antonio Lopez	Weslaco
Chuck Richardson.....	Brazoria
Dennis Gifford	Lumberton
Karen Pickard	Ovilla
James Carr	Decatur
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Viola McHorse-Potter	Natalia
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Joel Sumrall.....	Santa Fe
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Jerry Taylor	Gilmer
Wayland Price.....	Whitney
Cory Brinkley.....	Burkburnett
Terry Mayfield, <i>Past President Liaison</i>	Seguin
Shawn Snider, <i>Past President Liaison</i>	Edinburg
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Gabi Glass, <i>Staff Liaison</i>	Austin
* Deceased	

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Allen Scopel	Rosenberg
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Ruben Balboa	Harlingen
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Rusty Kattner.....	Santa Fe
James Philp.....	Lumberton
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Daniel Eaton.....	Marathon
Jerry Rust.....	Del Rio
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Gerald Weniger	Seguin
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Curtis Brown.....	Dalhart

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COMMITTEE

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Mike Montgomery	Humble
Christopher Wilson	Tomball
Cliff Meekins	La Porte
Jim Philp	Lumberton
Steven Deffibaugh	Princeton
Jackson Bennett	Decatur
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Rusty Kattner, <i>Executive Board Liaison</i>	Santa Fe

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Gregory Nienstedt	Brenham
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Lynn Bizzell	Fredericksburg

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William Sylestine.....	Livingston
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Timothy Bogisch	Seguin
Roy Mercer	Rosenberg
Dennis Gifford	Lumberton
Donald Lindsey	Terrell
Danny Kistner	McKinney
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Anthony Cargile.....	Santa Fe
Jim Cargile.....	Santa Fe
Steven Loving	Ingleside
Kris Hester	Merkel
Chelsea Perry	Bastrop
Pam Van Winkle.....	Alvarado
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Paul Hamilton, <i>Executive Board Liaison</i>	Potter County
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Donna Loving.....	Ingleside
Dawn Rodriguez.....	La Villa
Richard Alvarez	Harlingen
Frankie Joe Salinas	Edinburg
George Tullgren	Deer Park
William Sylestine	Livingston
Frankie Smith	Madisonville
Kenneth Isom	Ennis
Anthony Fox	Petrolia
DeNisa Brown.....	Dalhart
Maray Cearley	Sonora
LaTresha Allen	Ballinger
Carl Teaff	Sonora
Leslie Nixon	West Carlisle
Billy Ray Mize, <i>Past President Liaison</i>	Burkburnett
Terry Mayfield, <i>Past President Liaison</i>	Seguin

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Tomas Sanchez	Sinton
Gerardo Gomez	Alamo
Anthony Cargile.....	Santa Fe
Elton Thornell	Pearland
James Cargile	Santa Fe
Daniel Hernandez	Lumberton
David Andrusick.....	Center
Derek Thayer	Wichita Falls
Donald "Cowboy" Wiley	Floydada
Pat Olivas	Fort Davis
Rick Cearley	Sonora
Cory Bradley	Natalia
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T★FLAG COMMITTEE

Dan Key, <i>Chairman</i>	Friendswood
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Kent Watts	Luling
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MEMORIAL SERVICE

Procession	San Marcos Pipe & Drum Corps
Honor Guard	Taylor Fire Department Color Guard
Call to Order	Henry Perry , SFFMA President
Presentation of Colors	Taylor Fire Department Color Guard
Invocation	JP Bruhn , Guadalupe District
Memorial Res. Reading.....	Bill Gardner , Past President 2014
Bell Ceremony Reading	Ben Kennedy , SFFMA Chaplain
Musical Selection	Patti Jones
Line of Duty Death Roll Call	Patrick Hlavaty , Past President 1997
Firefighter Roll Call	Patrick Hlavaty , Past President 1997
Auxiliary Reading	Mary Jane Cargile , TFA Chaplain
Auxiliary Roll Call	Mary Jane Cargile , TFA Chaplain
Musical Selection	Patti Jones
Bell Ringer.....	Jim Cargile , Sergeant-At-Arms
Light Operator	Jerry Gomez , Sergeant -At-Arms
Placing Flowers	Chelsea Perry , SFFMA President's Daughter
Placing Flowers	Billie Smith , TFA President
Assisting	Pam Van Winkle , SFFMA 4 th Vice President's Wife
Assisting	Jerri Locknane , TFA Past President
Memorial Sermon	Ben Kennedy , SFFMA Chaplain
Benediction.....	Ben Kennedy , SFFMA Chaplain
Signal 5-5-5	Ben Kennedy , SFFMA Chaplain
Taps	Butch Tolbert
Amazing Grace	San Marcos Pipe & Drums
Recessional.....	San Marcos Pipe & Drums

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

As we set aside a time for a memorial service to honor those who departed from our midst during the past year, we herewith respectfully submit the following resolution.

WHEREAS: We desire to remember before God, our fellow firefighters who departed this life, and

WHEREAS: We desire to express our sorrow to their bereaved families,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commend the souls of the faithfully departed.
- We feel the loss of those who have given themselves unselfishly in the service of others.
- Each white flower placed upon the memorial cross be our hallowed tribute to each departed member, and each blue flower placed upon the memorial cross be our hallowed tribute to each SFFMA past president, and each maroon flower placed upon the memorial cross be our hallowed tribute to each SFFMA executive board member, and each red flower placed upon the memorial cross be our hallowed tribute to each departed member who died in the line of duty.
- Each pink flower placed upon the memorial cross be our hallowed tribute to each departed auxiliary member, and each yellow flower be placed upon the memorial cross be our hallowed tribute to each TFA past president, and each lavender flower placed upon the memorial cross be our hallowed tribute to each TFA executive board member.
- Each chief or representative of each department that has lost one of its members accept a flower from the memorial cross to be presented in turn to the bereaved family, and inform the members of that family of this service held in memory of our beloved departed firefighters and TFA members.
- The memorial cross will be placed at the Firefighter Memorial located at 530 E Hopkins in San Marcos.
- And a copy of this resolution be printed in the proceedings of the 141st Annual Training Conference and Convention of the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Richard Van Winkle, Co-Chairman, SFFMA 4th Vice President

Ben Kennedy, Co-Chairman, SFFMA Chaplain

Henry Perry, President SFFMA

Ernest Reesing Jr., SFFMA Past President 1988

Patrick Hlavaty, SFFMA President 1997

Billie Smith, TFA President

Jerri Locknane, TFA Past President

Mary Jane Cargile, TFA Chaplain

Anthony Cargile, Sgt. At Arms

Jim Cargile, Sgt. At Arms

Paul Hamilton, Executive Board Liaison

Pam Van Winkle, Member

Christopher Loving, Member

Kris Hester, Member

Chelsea Perry, Member

Louise Watts, District Liaison



CHIEF HENRY D. SMITH

Chief of Brayton
Fire Training
from 1957 - 1986

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

The State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association, Texas Firemen's Auxiliary, The Emergency Services Training Institute and all of the Firefighters of Texas suffered a tragic loss with the passing of Chief Henry D. Smith.

WHEREAS: Henry D. Smith served as Chief of Brayton Fire Training from 1957-1986.

WHEREAS: Henry D. Smith oversaw the Spanish Fire School and growth of the Industrial Fire School.

WHEREAS: Henry D. Smith served the citizens of the State of Texas and dedicated his life to providing the best training possible to the firefighters of Texas.

WHEREAS: Henry D. Smith showed us all how to be the best we can be at everything we do.

WHEREAS: Henry D. Smith was an Honorary Life Member of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that this Association expresses its sincere appreciation and heartfelt condolence to the family of Chief Smith and do hereby respectfully and reverently dedicate this 141st Annual Memorial Service to the memory of Chief Henry D. Smith this 11th day of June 2017.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE



THOMAS BLEDSOE

Past President 1987

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

The State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas, the Texas Firemen's Auxiliary, and all of the Firefighters of Texas suffered a tragic loss with the passing of Past President Thomas Bailey Bledsoe.

WHEREAS: Thomas Bailey Bledsoe served as President of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas at the 111th Annual Convention in Amarillo in 1987.

WHEREAS: Thomas Bailey Bledsoe served as Fire Chief of Lone Star Steel for 33 years.

WHEREAS: Thomas Bailey Bledsoe served the citizens of the State of Texas and dedicated his life to the service of his fellow man and training firefighters.

WHEREAS: Thomas Bailey Bledsoe was a devoted family man that served all who knew him.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that this Association expresses its sincere appreciation and heartfelt condolence to the family of Tommy Bledsoe and do hereby respectfully and reverently dedicate this 141st Annual Memorial Service to the memory of Thomas Bailey Bledsoe this 11th day of June 2017.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

In Memoriam 2017

LINE OF DUTY

Buffalo VFD

John Kendall Reynolds July 3, 2016

Wink VFD

Coby Slaughter September 7, 2016

San Antonio FD

Scott Deem May 18, 2017

NON-LINE OF DUTY

Abbott FD

Darrell Strickland January 16, 2017

Alamo FD

Hilaro Quesada March 29, 2017

Anson FD

Robert Foster February 24, 2017

Bedford FD

Keith Long December 8, 2016

Beeville VFD, Corpus Christi, NAS FD

Ismael Villa Franco December 11, 2016

Beeville VFD

John L. Miller July 30, 2016

Belton FD

Ben Lee Curtis May 14, 2017

Bexar County Fire Marshal's Office (Gonzales FD)

Kevin Walton April 20, 2017

Blackjack FD

Herman Tessman January 13, 2017

Bootleg VFD

Ernest Brown May 16, 2017

Brownsville FD

Derek Sheldon February 3, 2017

Buckholts FD

Frank A. Tomascik January 3, 2017

Burkburnett VFD

Royce Vaughn July 10, 2016

Tommy Olds March 22, 2017

Canyon FD

Bill Tirey September 8, 2016
Darrell Burris December 24, 2016
David Marshall February 28, 2017
Wayne Jenkins March 30, 2017

Cat Spring VFD

Luis Mata July 30, 2016

Center FD

James William Forbes July 7, 2016
A.M. Bo Scott, Jr. July 14, 2016

Clarendon FD

Delbert Robertson January 26, 2017

Colorado City FD

Joel White June 27, 2016

Copperas Cove FD

Scott Worsdale June 17, 2016

Christine FD

Earnest "Cotton" Seiffert August 6, 2015

Dalhart FD

Terry Kibby April 28, 2017

Dallas Fire Rescue

Tracy Beard December 10, 2016

Edgecliff Village FD

Ernest Glen Dial December 14, 2016

Eden VFD

Jimmy Brightwell February 18, 2017

Edna VFD

Douglas Kelly April 1, 2017

Elsa FD

Ciro Caceres January 30, 2017

Falfurrias VFD

Jerry Cantu December 28, 2016

Floresville VFD

Leslie W. Baumann June 16, 2016
Paul Robert Friesenhahn March 12, 2017

Freer FD

Chief James Finney, Sr. November 21, 2016

Gatesville FD

Earnest Cole July 2, 2016
Jamie Erwin October 29, 2016

Gilmer FD

James Hall March 15, 2016

Hallettsville VFD

Frank Lukeunknown
 Robert "Bob" PesekNovember 22, 2016

Harlingen FD

David MetzgerJune 16, 2016
 Rosendo LedesmaAugust 19, 2016
 Alberto CantuJanuary 23, 2017

Harmony VFD

Randall CovingtonApril 15, 2016

Hawley FD

Richard MasseyMarch 19, 2016
 Wesley ArmstrongJanuary 20, 2017

Hitchcock VFD

Tim L. TurnerNovember 30, 2016
 Walter Sanders, Jr.January 11, 2017
 Chief Autman "Country" J. PerryApril 12, 2017

Jim Ned VFD

Larry SadlerAugust 6, 2015

Jourdanton FD

Charles Lee UlcakJanuary 19, 2015

La Grange VFD

Oscar "Cookie" CookJanuary 25, 2017

Leming FD

Juan RodriguezJune 30, 2016
 Adam McKinleyMarch 21, 2017

Leroy FD

Ray Alexander.....April 24, 2017

Liberty Chapel FD

Kalyn MooreJuly 15, 2016

Linn-San Manuel FD

Enrique ZamoraMarch 31, 2017

Los Fresnos FD

Richard MeynSeptember 17, 2016

McAllen FD

Jerald Wiley WeaverFebruary 1, 2017

Merkel FD

Lee Roy SchultzMarch 19, 2017

Mission FD

Jose Manuel CastilloMarch 8, 2017

Myra VFD

Leon Fuhrmann August 5, 2016

Natalia FD

Carol Francis October 20, 2016

Nueces County ESD#2

Jimmie Martinez November 7, 2016

Nursery FD

Samuel Banda January 8, 2017

Oplin FD

Pam Rumfield July 2, 2016

Pantex FD

Buddy Stoner November 16, 2016

Pasadena FD

Chief Everett Williams June 17, 2014

Robert Allen Hunt December 14, 2014

Joe Hogue March 6, 2015

Chief Jay Goyer June 16, 2015

Bill Newberry December 20, 2015

James May March 22, 2016

David Kitch March 23, 2016

Marvin "Bud" Conrad June 13, 2016

Chief Jerry Gardner November 22, 2016

Penelope FD

James Green December 13, 2016

Peoria FD

Roy Riddle January 22, 2017

Pharr FD

John P. Riley January 3, 2017

Pleasanton FD

Jeff Miller October 13, 2014

Paul Castillo, Jr. June 11, 2015

Catherine Capps July 27, 2015

Archie Pena December 18, 2016

Benjamin "Bennie" Reyes January 27, 2017

Raymondville FD

Terry D. White February 1, 2017

Retreat VFD

Volney Hughes January 3, 2017

Rosebud FD

Melvin Wright May 31, 2016

Rotan FD

Jack C. Price August 18, 2016

San Saba FD

James Calvin Reavis December 23, 2013

Sandia VFD

Abel Perez May 4, 2017

Schulenburg VFD

Roy Christ January 8, 2017

Seabrook VFD

Richard "Dick" Walter March 11, 2017

Seguin FD

Paul Stollewerk August 16, 2016

Shallowater VFD

Henry White March 31, 2017

Snyder FD

Kenneth Wood October 3, 2016

Tanglewood FD

Henry Ehrmann Mooney January 11, 2017

TEEX

Billy Marquis August 1, 2016

Temple FD

Virgil Deaver September 5, 2016

Michale Gulley December 17, 2016

Carl Drake January 20, 2017

Terrell VFD

Captain James (Franko) Horton September 27, 2016

Thorndale FD

Edmund Larry Tiemann March 28, 2017

University Park FD

Robert Poynter September 10, 2016

White Settlement FD

Trevor Malcom Gage June 26, 2016

Winters VFD

Jack Burton Davis, Sr. November 20, 2016

Texas Firemen's Auxiliary Members

Brownfield FD

Nancy Johnsondate unknown

Edinburg FD

Sylvia Espericueta Flores.....date unknown

Gatesville FD

Nathalie Ivy April 16, 2017

Killeen FD

Estelle Henze February 15, 2017

Menard VFD

Gettie Danford..... April 11, 2016

Lou Ann Rogers November 14, 2016

Schulenburg FD

Jerry Jochen April 15, 2016

Thorndale FD

Vila Niemtschk December 3, 2016

West FD

Nita Gerik December 26, 2016

MEMORIAL SERMON

SFFMA CHAPLAIN BEN KENNEDY: I'd like to take an opportunity today to tell you what an honor it is to stand up here and speak to you and to the families that are hurting right now.

I want you to know that your fire service family is hurting too. The loved ones that we have lost this year, those that have left us, will be sorely missed and I made this statement before and I firmly believe it: firefighters who die in the line of duty are not heroes because they died, they happen to be at that place at that time when things happen. It's part of the job. But they, along with the other firefighters who we've lost this year, are heroes because they lived.

They are heroes because they served. They were heroes because they actually were willing to give everything and put everything on the line on a daily basis, and for that we appreciate it, for that we honor our fallen brothers and sisters. And hopefully with some of words that we use today, we can give you, the living, the comfort that you so definitely need and desperately need. They were leaders, each and everyone of them were leaders in their own way.

They were the best they could be at what they did. With the fire service, hopefully you're forward, sometimes we slow down, sometimes we stop and sometimes we have to take a step back. But with each one of those items, we learn something. And we become more -- we become better. We become more dedicated and more desire the training that we need to continue to get better. And those who have left us, had that type of service and had that type of diligence in them.

You know, we've got a picture of Tommy Bledsoe up here. If you didn't know Tommy, come up here and take a look at those eyes. And if you want to use the word impish, go ahead. But Tommy Bledsoe always had something good to say, he always had something positive to say, Tommy served well in his life. And Tommy was always good for a laugh, and even if it was taking a bit of heat over being the only person on the golf course with an eraser with his score card, but that was Tommy, he never denied it. So I guess you could say he made a fudge and he didn't lie about it. We'll miss Tommy.

Then there was Chief Henry E. Smith, always a gentleman. Yet there are some stories I won't tell up here that I heard about him after he passed away from some of his closest friends, but Chief Smith was not always prim and proper for those of you who believed he was. At one time he used to smoke a cigar. And he got off of a boat or fell off a boat, actually, while a group of men were kite flying at a contest down in Del Rio. And he went up the water and he came up sputtering and spewing with the cigar still in his mouth. And Chief

Hershal Sharp looked at him and said, "Well, I'll be, Henry, you can walk on water. I won't say exactly what Chief Charles knew ** about him, I guess *** could guess". But all these people were visionaries. They cared. Many of them were in the fire service for many, many years, probably started off with the three-quarter boots and long skirt and coat and a plastic helmet and cotton gloves. Things have changed. They've changed because of their vision and what they did. And they served their communities well; they served their families well. And folks, I don't care how you slice it, when you lose one of those fine people, it leaves a void. It leaves a void in your heart, it leaves a void in our heart. And with a void that they left is going to come grief.

We all grieve differently. Some people fall apart, some people blow up from the inside out because they try to hang it all up, but they're holding it all in. Some begin to question themselves of what they did and how they did it and why they did it. They blame others, they blame themselves, they blame the person that they lost. But folks, we need to fight, so we can deal with it. And one of the ways we can is through our memories. Grief is a natural process, it's been going on for years. At Lazarus's grave, Jesus wept because he grieved that that man had to die and yet he led him through the damn *** but - he didn't -- to go back in. But grief is a natural process. I hate to tell you this, folks, you're not going to get over it. You're going to learn how to cope with it, you're going to learn how to deal with it and you are even going to learn how to share with others, so they may deal with it better than what you've dealt with it because that's what we do. That's life. And folks, the reality of life is death. We're not going to get around it, we can't *** we get older, we get a better realization of it. We're no longer bulletproof. We understand how fragile life is, we see how fragile life is on a daily basis. And we strive to help people get through. There's not a magic formula, not a magic formula anywhere. I'm going to tell you right now that without love, there is no grief. Without grief that it brings, there's no love because love is that product that brings us to grief. So we have an opportunity to share. We have an opportunity to help people get through it and get past it and I assure you that everybody in here that has lost somebody close, probably still has a tear or two every day.

And they think about those loved ones and they smile every day through those tears, because of love and the memories are there. Over time, you will learn to cope with it better, you will learn to deal with it better. Don't ever let anybody tell you you'll get over it because it's not going to happen. I'm sorry to tell you that, but I will tell you that there are people here that love you, that care for you and are there to support you when you have those bad times because they're going to be there.

CHAPLAIN BEN KENNEDY: You know, we don't get to pick the time that it's going to happen. We don't get to use it and enter it on our terms, sometimes it just happens.

But, you know, people, it is easier to deal with grief when you have that love and that caring relationship that says this is not the end. It is not goodbye, it is till we meet again. And it helps to get you through, it's never going to get you totally past it, no, it won't. But until you meet again, it helps you get through it. There is hope.

Jesus, in the 23rd Psalm: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. They're lead beside still waters, all of those things. And that gives us strength to know that Jesus walked through that valley of the shadow of death and he overcame it. Lazarus was raised, but he went back in the grave. Jesus was raised, but he didn't go back. His tomb is empty even today as we speak. It helps you get through. Garth Brooks sang a song about a dance. I'm not going to sing, you ought to be thankful for that. But looking back on the memory of a dance beneath the stars, and then the song goes on, it talks about those things, if he didn't put -- if he knew how it ended, what would he do? And we don't know how it's going to end, we don't know when it's going to end. But folks, the one thing that's there is love. The good, the bad, the pain, the joy, we all feel, we all remember. After someone is gone, we seldom remember all the bad things about them. There's always good things we remember, because that gives us the strength to carry on, that gives us the strength to be who we are and what we are and do what we do and carry on with what we do because there is that love that keeps pushing me to do what is better, to keep pushing me not to give up, but forever and ever, push myself to be the best that I can be at what I'm doing, because of the love that was shared with me. None of us has a clue how it's going to. None of us has a clue when it will end. But there's one thing I can say about my friends and my loved ones that I have lost: I wouldn't trade it all for the life we lived together, for the joys we had together, for being able to care, for being able to love.

And it is those memories that sustain all of us. Remembering the memories of those that will last with us through a lifetime. The friends that we had that will hold us up, stand by us and that will love us, will help us to stand up through those times, when we want to just give up and say no more. It's because the love they shared, the love that we shared, was going to sustain us through the rest of this year until we come back here again next year and remember people that are gone. I assure you that everybody here has talked about somebody on this list today, since they got here on the way here, before they left to come here, and remembered some part of that dance. We've got to remember that even though we miss them, even though we hurt, they loved us and we loved them.

But we're only here for a little while and God has promised us nothing, not how long we're going to be here. So live to the fullest, love to the fullest, give to the fullest, folks. And I say to the folks who left us, many are younger than what they should have been, many didn't even have a chance to say goodbye to, but thank you for the memories you gave us. Thank you for the love you gave us. And to the families, thank you for giving us the opportunity to say we love you, we care about you, and this family of firefighters loves you and we want you to be comforted by what has happened today.

Folks, if you would please pray with me. Gracious God, we come to you, with humble hearts, broken hearts, and love not only for you but for those we've lost to say thank you. Thank you for sharing their lives with us. Thank you for allowing us to share our life with them. We pray, Father, that we can continue to do that, continue to support, continue to be a strength to those that we love. Let us never forget, Father, that we're never too big, too strong, too tough to tell somebody we love them. Because it may be time before we know it for them to move on and we'll never have that chance again. So, Thank you, Father, for the strength that we get from you, thank you for the strength that we get from each other, the love that we have for each other and the time that we have to share here today to support one another. We ask now, Father, you be with us through the rest of this day. Please comfort and guide those and give those families and lost loved ones that are near and dear to them, Lord, the comfort, the strength, and the people that they need to get through this and continue to move forward. Thank you for Jesus that died for each and every one of us and it's in his blessed name that we pray, Amen. You know, each and every year -- each and every year we end this service on a solemn note and we do again today.

We heard about the bell ceremony earlier today, and a simple tone of the bell, Five, Five, Five signified the end of the firefighter's tour of duty. We have a long list of whose tour is over today. We're going to ring the 5-5-5 * here in just a second to say their tour of duty is over, that their life was lived well, that their job was well done. As we make this *signal 5-5-5, may they all rest in peace. (Bell rings.)

OPENING BUSINESS SESSION

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017 - 1:00 P.M.

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: Ladies and Gentlemen, at this time I will open the 141st Annual Conference and Training Convention, San Marcos, Texas. Your presiding officer today will be the 1st Vice President, Harvie Cheshire.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: Good afternoon.

AUDIENCE: Good afternoon.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: Everybody have a good lunch?

AUDIENCE: Yes.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: This is excellent. I'd like to call to the podium to offer the invocation, Chaplain Ben Kennedy.

CHAPLAIN BEN KENNEDY: Before we pray, I'd like to remind everybody that we're missing the past president, who probably hadn't missed a board meeting since, what, 1925. Doc Reesing, his wife, Jo, is not doing well at all, so we need to remember Doc and Jo in our prayers and their families. So if you would bow with me, please. Gracious God, we come to you today thanking you for the life you've given us and the opportunity to serve and to share. We pray now, Lord, you be with Doc and Jo as they're going through some tough times and be with Jo especially as things are not going well. We pray that you would touch her and give them the peace and comfort that only can come from you. We ask now that you be with us as we go through this business session and through this conference and strengthen us always, keep us from harm, in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

AUDIENCE: Amen.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: Would you please remain standing? In honor to our country, we will have Ms. Patti Jones sing the National Anthem. (Ms. Jones sings National Anthem.)

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: And at this time we will call Ms. Ashlynn Wobus, the mascot, to lead us in Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

MASCOT ASHLYNN WOBUS: Please join me in the pledges to the flags.

(Pledge to American flag.)

AUDIENCE: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. And to the Republic for which it stands, one nation,

under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

(Pledge to Texas flag.)

Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: You may be seated. Ya'll were confused about that, weren't you? Thank you, Ms. Ashlynn, I'm sorry, I mispronounced your name. Anyway, at this time we will call Secretary Joe Ondrasek to give us the delegate protocol and the rules for the convention.

SECRETARY JOE ONDRASEK: Thank you. Again, I want to remind everyone to silence their cell phones or put them on vibrate. First off, with all of -- if this is your first time here, would you stand so we can recognize you. If this is your first time at the conference. (People stand, applause is heard.)

SECRETARY JOE ONDRASEK: We're very happy you guys are here, you gals, and hopefully this is the first of many for you, we look forward to seeing you at many more ahead. So the Rules of the Convention, they're on Page 12, I'm just going to go through it real quick, if you don't have your program in front of you. While the convention is in session we ask that you stay seated, so that everyone can see, hear and participate in the business of your association in an orderly manner.

We ask that you do not move around any more than you have to, that's necessary during the meeting, on the convention floor or especially up around the speakers' stand, *or do anything that would regularly distract other attendees. We are required by the Constitution and By-Laws to keep a record of the convention proceedings. Please keep that in mind, we -- when you come up to speak, the *recorder is right down here. So just a reminder, if anytime you're going to speak, if you haven't been introduced, just say who you are and where you're from so we can properly transcribe that into the -- record that into the minutes. We are, again, depending on recordings for our sessions to be transcribed later. All right. Delegate Protocol. So if you're a delegate, you should have on your name badge, it says Delegate. You want to make sure if you think you're a delegate, that you have that, and if you don't, you may want to check the registration or check in with your chief, because if you don't have that Delegate on your name tag, then you're not going to be able to vote come Wednesday. So, again, Delegate Protocol when we read it on Wednesday morning, if you're a registered delegate of this convention, then you will need to see a Sergeant-At-Arms to receive a ballot and then mark your Delegate name badge and give your ballot. So, again, if you believe you're a delegate, make sure it says Delegate on your badge. That's all I have.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: Also, to speak to you about protocol, we have Sergeant-at-Arms, if you would please -- here we go.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS CHAIRMAN ROBERT KLEEN: I'm Robert Kleen, Chairman of the Sergeant-at-Arms. I don't get around as well as young men, but I've done this a few years. In fact, Gerald Matheaus over there, laughing already, appointed me in 1989 to take over because we didn't have a chairman on the reserves. I sit the chairman there. So I've been there since. Now, I want to welcome all of you. The convention should be a very pleasant time for you, you shouldn't have problems. At any time you do have a problem, find one of the Sergeant-at-Arms to help you, that's part of our job, trying to get you-all through very good. Now, there are some things you have to know. We have amnesty for certain things. Other things, if you pick it up, where somebody lost it, or set it down and walked off, you bring it to us them, that money will go to our mascot for MDA. If you let your phone go off, my sergeant will come talk to you. Now, the amnesty, number one, the president's gavel, and I'm not even going to -- he's been total amnesty. You mess with him, you pay double, he doesn't. The -- that they have on stage is all that amnesty, so they have now been -- they don't have to find or worry about that. In their office, over there, it's in amnesty. All those past presidents' stuff is in amnesty. The Sergeant's table is amnesty. Mine, yours, the states will give you, they don't have time to worry about playing games. And I would hope that everybody follows it, but we kind of hope you don't totally, because we love having -- a hand of the MDA. All of you that are in districts that don't have a representative walking around -- you see the red vests, get with your district board, if you feel like you want to come and you're going to be coming every year, and you would like to help us, we would love to have you. I would love to see one member from all 18 districts on my committee. Thank you.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: And now to give you an official welcome to the 141st State Conference and Convention of SFFMA, President Henry Perry.

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: Thank you, Harvie. First off, welcome to San Marcos, I know TC is over here to get up here and give you the very welcome to San Marcos, but on behalf of the Austin office, myself personally, my family, it's awful nice to be close to home when we're having a conference. And just -- I'm glad you-all are here, I hope you have a great time, we've got some good events planned for tonight and tomorrow night, great training for the next two days, but thank you all very much for being here and enjoy your time while you are in San Marcos.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: Thank you, Mr. President. Now, I would like to call to the podium Executive Director, Chris Barron, to offer sponsor recognition.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS BARRON: Good afternoon, everybody. My name is Chris Barron, Executive Director for the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association. Thank you for being here. First off, before I recognize some speakers as Robert said earlier, there's some -- when things get lost, we expect things that are lost to be turned in and one of those that have already been lost is fairly expensive, Merrie Noak was in the atrium the other day, after -- evening, and she had a Lenovo laptop that was there and then it suddenly vanished. So if you've seen someone carrying around a new laptop and they don't have a power cord for it, give it back to Merrie, that way she can get her stuff. This conference would not be possible without the sponsorship, support and contributions from numerous sponsors, and at this time I'd like to recognize those sponsors, and if you're here representing those organizations, please stand up as I call your organization. First of all, as Platinum Sponsors, we have Texas Farm Bureau, I know John Stephens is here. VFIS of Texas and WinStar Group, Barbara Marzean, there she is over there. Thank you very much, Barbara and John for being sponsors. At Gold Sponsor levels, we have Budweiser -- Mike Hopkins distributing; California Casualty, and lastly but certainly not least, TEEX is here. I know that you guys are here, so please stand up and be recognized for your contributions. (Applause.) As Silver sponsors, we have CASCO Industries, Government Capital Corporation, Siddons Martin, Gulf Coast and Tri-Rivers District, Guadalupe District, thank you so much. Is anybody here from those organizations? No? Okay, well, thank you to those folks. (Applause.) For Brass Sponsors, we have NFPA, I know Randy Safer is somewhere here, Randy. There you go. Thank you, Randy. We have Affordable Drill Towers and Shell Pipeline here as Brass Sponsors. Thank you very much. As Copper Sponsors, we have TML and Vic Einspahr, I know Vic is here somewhere -- Vic, are you-all here?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: In the back.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS BARRON: In the back, Vic. Thank you. Lastly, many of you are here based on your application to the House Bill 2604 Program, Grant Program that they have. And I cannot thank Tom Boggus and the Texas Forest Service enough for recognizing our conference and the training that we do here as a valid training entity, so Tom, thank you very much and the Texas Forest Service.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: Thank you, Chris. At this time we would like to call the vice president of legal claims for the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance, Mr. John Stephens to say a few words.

VICE PRESIDENT OF LEGAL CLAIMS JOHN STEPHENS:

Thank you very much. I just want to take a minute to let you guys know how pleased we are to be a sponsor of your program and your organization. It's really done out of a sense and a way of gratitude for the services that all of you and all the firefighters across Texas provide us. We -- we feel like our mission and your mission are pretty close in line, protection of property and life. And we also sponsor tuition, scholarship program, volunteer firefighters attending school at the Texas A&M this summer and we make regular contributions to the volunteer departments that responds to fires in our insured properties. So, I just wanted to say thank you for all the things that you and your members do every day, 24/7 across the state, protecting all of us. I appreciate it, hope you folks continue to have a great conference. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: On behalf of everybody, I'd like to present and share a small token of my appreciation.

MR. JOHN STEVENS: Thank you very much, I appreciate it.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS BARRON: For many years -- Chris Barron, again with the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association, and by the way, when you come up to the microphone, please, state your name for us so I don't have to. For many years, The Texas Farm Bureau has sponsored our memorial service luncheon. And we have finally got them here in order to properly recognize them for their sponsorship. Because of Mike Gerik, which is Freddie Gerik's son who is with West Fire Department is one of vice presidents over at Texas Farm Bureau, and so we've had that connection for a long time and for numerous years, Texas Farm Bureau has stepped up to the plate and sponsored this memorial service luncheon. So Texas Farm Bureau, thank you very much, and John, we appreciate your support and we also have another small token of our appreciation. So, John, I hope you can get this back safely and hang it on the wall somewhere in the headquarters of Texas Farm Bureau. So thank you very much for your support over the years and we look forward to continue to work with you.

MR. JOHN STEPHENS: It's beautiful. Thank you very much.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS BARRON: All right.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: At this time we'd like to call to give the official San Marcos welcome, Fire Chief Les Stephens from the San Marcos Fire Department, and I believe the assistant city manager is here also, Mr. Steve Parker.

FIRE CHIEF LES STEPHENS: Good afternoon. Steve likes to prepare notes and decided that you-all probably have better things to do than listen to us, so I'll keep this fairly short.

On behalf of the men and women of the San Marcos -- excuse me, San Marcos Fire Department, it's my honor and privilege to welcome you here this week for your 141st SFFMA Training Conference and Convention. We're excited that you've chosen to attend and help make this year's conference the best one yet. While you're here, please consider yourself part of our San Marcos Fire Department family. Those who greatly serve our community are eager to serve you in any way possible. As we see you throughout the week, please feel free to introduce yourself, ask any questions that you might have. If we can be of service, all you need to do is ask. Please feel free to visit any of our five fire stations located throughout the community, to check out the equipment and to enjoy the hospitality of your fellow brothers and sisters.

Today's fire service, now more than ever before, needs strong leaders, individuals who are willing to step forward, make tough decisions and challenge the status quo. Please take advantage of your time here to network, seek out as many opportunities as possible, listen to speakers whose experiences, perspectives and opinions might well differ from those of your own. Use this time to relax, recharge and reinvigorate yourselves for the extremely important work you have to do when you return home. On a personal note, thanks to each of you for attending this great conference and for the dedication and service you provide every day to your own communities. We hope your stay here will be a pleasant one and we wish you only the best for your conference. Thank you.

(Applause.)

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER STEVE PARKER: Hello, welcome. My name is Steve Parker, Assistant City Manager for the City of San Marcos and I am so honored that I have been given the ability to welcome such a prestigious and honorable organization such as yours. State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association is an organization that has been around since 1876, which is 141 years of dedication and true -- an example of true public service commitment. There's 22,000 or more individuals dedicated to protecting the lives and personal property of your service territories scattered across this great State of Texas.

I've been city manager since 2012 and one of the best parts of my position at the City is I get to work with the -- and oversee the 230 public safety professionals in our organization. I get a firsthand view of their dedication and true commitment to their profession. Just like you, they are dedicated towards training and professional development, but unless you get to work with them on a day-in and day-out basis, people just aren't able to truly realize the commitment these individuals have for their community.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER STEVE PARKER: I've been honored to go through their Assistant Fire Academy, which allowed me to propel down a building, go in a confined space obstacle course, to go up in a high-rise bucket truck, and then ultimately to experience the heat and darkness of entering a live burn building, which is something I'll never forget. It was that moment for me that truly touched my heart that these people are true heroes. And there's not a big enough thank you to express the gratitude for them and the huge risk that they take to protect people they probably don't even know.

So you take everything I just said and acknowledge the amount of respect I have for the people I get to work with on a daily basis and then compare that to many of your volunteer organizations, my level of respect goes up even more. You're examples of what a true public servant is because you're doing this work out of the goodness of your hearts. In your eyes, a paycheck is not a driving factor in protecting innocent lives.

You're on call 24/7 and you're always there to answer a call in the middle of the night. San Marcos is a fire department that has minimum staff, 17 firefighters each day, that's a five three-man station for a petty chief and a driver to protect nearly a city of 60,000 population with a state university that has almost 40,000, and some extremely tall buildings, and an interstate that runs right through the middle of it.

So I know how much we rely on our neighbors at South Hays, Buda, Kyle, and other surrounding communities for mutual aid. And it makes me happy to know that they will always be there to have our back just like I know you were there for your communities. With all that being said, I surely hope that you will enjoy your next four days here in San Marcos. San Marcos is in the middle of an economic boom. Three of the last four years we've been designated as the fastest growing community in the entire country, of a population over 50,000.

Hays county was recently named the fastest growing county in the entire United States. We have had major economic winds, such as Epic Piping, which is the largest-- pipe manufacturer under one roof. Amazon building directly behind us, just built \$191 million facility, which was estimated to have 1,000 employees, within the first four months they hit 3,000 full-time employees and shipped over one million packages in a single day. Pretty impressive. We have been noted as one of the best places to raise a family.

We're also designated as the next metropolis of America, but I would be remiss if I didn't mention we're also designated as one of the best teepee communities. You see, we are very diverse and eclectic, so I hope you will take the time and go out and explore

our community. If you get a chance, we hope you will visit our outlet malls, spend lots of money so I can build in cheaper rates next year. Please visit our vibrant downtown, great shopping, restaurants. We are very proud of our community, we want you to know how welcome you are while you're here, so please let us know if you need anything. Thank you very much for the opportunity to speak to such an impressive organization, and I truly respect each and every one of you and the jobs you do for your communities. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: At this time we would like to call the executive director of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Ms. Marcie McDonald. She's come to say a few words to us.

MDA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARCIE MCDONALD: I think Cadee is having a little stage fright. Cadee, want to come up with me? We stand here very blessed and honored to be a part of this SFFMA conference. I can't thank each and every one of you in this room enough for your efforts of standing out sometimes in the hot sun with those boots and filling the boots to make a difference for the families that we serve. We always talk about camp, and our kids actually just left camp yesterday, so you can know that last week you were truly making a difference. These kids were having a blast. But what I want to talk about today is the huge strides that we're making in research. I don't know if you're aware, but with an over 60 years of partnership with the firefighters, we're making huge strides in research.

We have three drugs to-date: one for Duchenne muscular dystrophy, one for ALS muscular dystrophy, and one for SMA muscular dystrophy that will slow the progression of the disease. I stand along with my friend Shannon here, and Cadee, I think she's tucked over there somewhere, and she is going to be going at the end of July for her first round of tests to slow the progression of this muscular dystrophy. So I want you to know that it's more important now than ever to keep continuing to fill those boots. I want to stand as part of the generation that we can say we either beat MD or we are slowing the progress down for these families. So thank you very much for all of your efforts. At this time we would like to present Ashlynn Wobus for your dedicated efforts on behalf of the fight against muscular dystrophy through your fill-the-boot campaigns and being a mascot, on behalf of the thousands of families served by the Muscular Dystrophy Association a big Texas thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: On behalf of the SFFMA I would like to present you with a token of our -- one of our coins and also if you could give this to Cadee.

MS. MARCIE MCDONALD: Yes, yes. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: Thank you for everything you-all have done.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: At this time, we will call Past President Shawn Snider, to recognize all the other fellow past presidents.

PAST PRESIDENT SHAWN SNIDER: Good afternoon, everybody. It's my distinct honor as the chairman of the past presidents club to introduce our members, and as we introduce them, you-all need to walk across here, and we can hold our applause until the end to cut as much time as possible -- I know we've got a long agenda. I would like to make it known that we have 25 past presidents. We have 18 that are here today, and we have eight that were not able to be here, and we have one that's in the application process. So we'll find out between here and Wednesday whether he's accepted. So without further ado, I'd like to introduce your past presidents of this great association, we'd like to thank the City of San Marcos and the district for hosting the State convention here, and we wholeheartedly support our executive board and their endeavors to provide the association that you need and want and you'd be proud of. And we're greatly proud of the association here as past presidents.

PAST PRESIDENT SHAWN SNIDER: 1985, excuse me, 1986, Bob Looney, Mansfield; 1989, Gerald A. Matheaus, Rosenberg; 1991, Billy Ray Mize, Burkburnett. Yeah, keep on going that way. 1995, Deloss Edwards, Abilene; 1997, Patrick Hlavaty, El Campo; 1999, Terry K. Mayfield, Seguin; 2000, Dallas Renfrew, Seminole; 2003, Tommy Anderson, Santa Fe; 2004, David Luedeke, Needville; 2007, Kyle Stephens, Decatur; Shawn Snider, 2009, Edinburg; 2010, Kent Watts, Jr., Luling; 2011, Bryan Rickert, Carthage; 2012, Rex Klesel, Alvin; 2013, David Wade, Deer Park; 2014, Bill Gardner, Leander; 2015, Rusty Kattner, League City. And our applicant, Paul Hamilton, Potter County, come on down here and stand next to us. This is your past presidents club of the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association.

(Loud bang.)

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: That's not cool. How many LTCs have we got here? That's not cool. Thank you, presidents, Past President Snider. At this time, in recognition of our Texas firefighters Auxiliary -- I would like to call to the podium to introduce the board, President Billie Smith.

TFA PRESIDENT BILLIE SMITH: Thank you, President Perry and all the fellow members on the board -- my name is Billie Smith, I am the TFA president for 2016-2017 and I would like to introduce my board. These ladies have been with me for the last several years, and I couldn't have done it without them. They are awesome. We have 1st Vice President Vice President Angie Sumrall; 2nd Vice President, Brandy Tidwell; 3rd Vice President, Leslie Nixon. We have a 4th Vice President, which is Cindy Kennon and she isn't going to be with us this afternoon. Immediate Past President is Jerri Locknane; and then we have Secretary, Donna Svatek; Treasurer Kendra Charbula. And then we have parliamentarian, Brooke Palermo. And Mary Jane Cargile, who is our chaplain. We have Penny Horelica, as our historian, and Kaitlin (Flisowski), and I'm sorry, I'm not even going to try it, and she is our sweetheart. This is the most amazing board that I can honestly say that I've been honored, honored to work with for the last several years. This is your board for the TFA for 2016-2017.

We, as the TFA, have recently learned that there was a need for something that the guys really needed on the board, and after much contemplation, we decided that we were going to purchase a particular item for them. Some of you already know what it is, and it is the most beautiful thing I think I've seen. We researched the idea and to solve the problem, we bought this. The TFA would like to present this beautiful brass bell that was made in Sweden and we would like to dedicate it to you, and to the SFFMA. We hope that this bell will assist in helping and honoring all of those that are no longer with us. President Perry, the executive board, and the entire membership, we are pleased to provide this bell to you. On the bell, it has the State Firemen's logo. On the front, it has a plaque and this couldn't have come out at a better time because all throughout the whole entire memorial service, I kept hearing this, and I kept hearing this, and nobody on the board knew about this. And it just kind of seems *true that it just kind of fell right into place. The plaque says: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. And then it is also has another one, it says that it's donated by the TFA San Marcos 2016-2017. So we hope you guys can use it. I'd like to give credit where credit is due also, the beautiful case that it's got, my husband did not know he was building it for you-all, I kind of tricked him into it, but his handy artwork is the -- the case for it, so come look at it, it's your bell, we hope you guys use it.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: Thank you, Ladies, I've said it before and I'll say it again, you've truly outdone yourselves, that's amazing right there. At this time, I'd like to call back to the podium to recognize the mascots and sweethearts, former mascot, this will be former president or the past president, Henry Perry.

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: Yeah, I'm up here again. You'll probably see me I hope a lot this week. But something that's near and dear to my heart, I started on that end of the board, been over here, now I'm working my way back to the middle. But if I could, if you-all would let me do this right quick, I want all former mascots to please come up and stand right over here to my left, you-all's right, all former mascots that are in the crowd, please come up. And any former sweethearts, if you-all would at least come up and stand over here on my left, excuse me, on my right, or you-all's left.

Does anyone have a list of when everybody served over here, and what year they went out? I don't. But I can tell you this, I'm Henry Perry, and I was mascot at Lubbock in 1978. Chris Anderson, Galveston, '97. Jana Ammons, Abilene, '95. Dawson Maples, Houston, 2012. Blake Locknane, Woodlands, 2013. Michael Perry, Abilene, 1982 Kylie Maples, Lubbock, Texas, 2014. Brooke Sumrall-Palermo, Wichita Falls, 2004. JoDee Ondrasek 2013.

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: You-all come over here, we're going to get a picture. (Signaling to get a picture; taking pictures.)

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: I don't know about you-all, but I'm getting all my stands in, you-all getting your stands in? You got one of those watches, okay. At this time, we'd like to call to the podium, from the WinStar Insurance Group, VFIS of Texas, president Barbara Marzean, and from Texas Mutual VP of Marketing -- and Engagement, Jeremiah Bentley to offer the volunteer fire department recognition.

VFIS OF TEXAS PRESIDENT BARBARA MARZEAN: Good afternoon. I'd first like to give you an update on our workers' comp group that many of you are part of. We created the safety group for emergency service organizations with Texas Mutual Insurance Company in 1999. By setting up this safety group, we've been able to offer competitive workers' comp rates, a premium discount of 12.3 percent, specially designed safety resources and programs, and performance-based dividends. This past month, we paid out over \$511,000 in dividends to our good members. Since the start of our group, our members have received more than \$2 million back in group dividends. These dividends are in addition to the general dividends Texas Mutual pays each year to eligible policyholders, which will be \$260 million in the next few weeks. In 2013, VFIS of Texas and Texas Mutual partnered to establish a need-based grant program for emergency responders in Texas for safety, training, and wellness. This concludes \$228,000 that we awarded this year to 90 departments.

Since 2013, we have awarded over half a million dollars in grants to 274 departments in the state. We're pleased that over 54 percent

of these grants were awarded for health and wellness programs. The benefits of these programs will go a long way in preventing on-the-job injuries in this work. We have heard from some of the grant recipients about the difference that these grants have made and that really helps us understand and appreciate the value of this program. We have a poster showing the 90 departments that were awarded grants this year, it's by the registration table out front. Are any members here that received a grant this year? Anybody here? Well, great, great, keep applying, we're happy to help you with those grants and I'm glad you're using that money for a good cause. Now I'd like to introduce Jeremiah Bentley, Texas Mutual VP of Marketing and Customer Engagement.

VP OF MARKETING AND CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT

JEREMIAH BENTLEY: Thank you very much, Barbara, and thank you for the partnership we have in Texas with Texas Mutual over the years, and, you know, personally thank you for keeping me, wherever you are, back there, for the most part, yeah, you, have been a great influence on me. So at Texas Mutual we believe strongly in keeping everybody safe on the job. We have a large nest egg dedicated to the State which is dedicated to providing everybody here with resources they need to keep their -- keep their team safe in the unfortunate event that people do get hurt, and that happens. You know, we believe in giving injured workers the best care possible to get them back on the job and back to their every day life activities, that's a big part of our mission, it's a big part of what we do-- all of our 900 employees want for every employee in the state of Texas so this grant program helps us do just that. The grant recipients are able to purchase safety equipment and wellness activities that help them keep their employees safe. I've got to say as part of the grant review committee, it's about the most fun thing I get to do all year long, it is really be able to make decisions about ways of putting money back in the community, support all the great things you-- all do and help keep all those employees safe, it's -- you know, as an insurance guy, you don't get a whole lot of opportunities to do a whole lot of really, really meaningful work in the community where we feel like we're making a difference and this really a program where we feel like we do, so it's been successful over the years, you know, the needs continue to grow, so I'm proud to announce that this year's safety and wellness grant program has been increased to record of \$180,000. The grant application period will be from August 1st to December 31st, with the funds being distributed in the spring of 2018, VFIS of Texas and Texas Mutual will post information about the grants on our websites, and we'll also identify -- it will be in an e-mail.

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JEREMIAH BENTLEY: So once again, we look forward to helping as many people as possible, we're responding to reduce the number of emergency responder deaths and accidents. Thank you very much.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: At this time, it's a great honor for me to introduce the next two speakers, because one of them happens to be my boss at my full-time job, and the other one happens to be his boss at our full-time job, so at this time I'd like to call to the podium to give a TEEX update, director Gary Sera and to give the TEEX- ESTI update director Chief Robert Moore.

TEEX DIRECTOR GARY SERA: Howdy -- Aggies -- thank you very much. Hook 'em.

MR. GARY SERA: I'm Gary Sera, I'm the director of the A&M -- Extension Service and, first of all, just let me say -- last night and yesterday we celebrated the 20th anniversary of Texas Task Force One. For those of you who remember how it was started, it was started after the Oklahoma City events, and since that time, we are the most deployed FEMA task force in the nation. Sometimes I think that's a good thing, sometimes it's not, because it suggests that there's a lot of things that happen these days, but I want you to know that we're very dedicated to that and those of you that are involved in Texas Task Force, thank you very much for your service. Let me also say that we can't do any of this without your support and the support of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association, and let me call out Chis Barron and he's been a trusted advisor to my advisory council and a very big supporter, Chris, thank you very much. So the agency itself is doing very well. We have a couple of new initiatives going on. First of all, we're getting very, very big and active in cybersecurity, unfortunately, that's the next terrorism, and so we're doing a lot of training, a lot of technical assistance in that arena, and we probably trained close to 10,000 students in that area in the past year or so. The other part we're doing, we're doing a great deal of outreach in manufacturing. We have a very strong sense that we really need to help get America back to work and we think manufacturing is one area, so we've opened an office in Houston, have five full-time manufacturers -- down there, standing out manufacturers, and trying to help them to be more competitive. So we do more at TEEX than fire service and emergency response, but that being said, emergency response is still a very, very critical and important part of what we do. Proud to say that your fire school is a standing under Emperor Moore's leadership. He'll come up and say a lot more about that in a few minutes, but I just want to say thank you very much for all your support for TEEX.

This is my tenth time I've spoken in front of you, and there's some strange things happening, you-all are getting younger, so thank you very much.

CHIEF ROBERT MOORE: Howdy!

AUDIENCE: Howdy!

CHIEF ROBERT MOORE: You-all can do better than that. Howdy!

AUDIENCE: Howdy!

CHIEF ROBERT MOORE: There you go. Gabi, I'm going to try this, I'm going to see if it works. Okay. How's that? I'm Robert Moore-- I'm the chief and the director at the fire school. I have the great pleasure of being up in front of you-all at each conference, and also the pleasure of working real close with Chris and a lot of you guys from the board to make sure that fire service of the state of Texas is well-trained, well-certified, and -- you know, we just want to support you guys. But as I say, I have the pleasure of being up here and being the director. But the guys that do the work, the TEEX guys, can you-all please stand, those that are in here, I know we've got a bunch that are out working right now, but these guys -- I want to talk to you a little bit about what's going on at the school is -- as Director Sera said, we are in the process of trying to do some upgrades, some expansion and things like that. Those of you that come to the fire school year after year, you-all have probably seen a lot of it already taking place, and, you know, we -- you know, our vow to you is to continue to do that and continue to make it better and better for you each year, to -- you know, accomplish your goals on stuff that you need. We have an advisory committee that you can see. We have four positions on that advisory committee are from SFFMA, okay. Gary Sera -- serves as the chairman, Deputy Director Al Davis is also -- Director Tom Boggus from the forest service plays a role on our advisory board; John Kiracofe from Jollyville; Mike Montgomery from Houston; Bill Gardner from -- Leander; and Chief Keith Russell from Longview are all the SFFMA representatives. Chief Juan Gloria from McAllen who was also highly involved with this SFFMA. But he's the Texas Commission on Fire Protection representative. And then Chief Mark E. Lee from Garland FD represents the Texas Chiefs Association. These guys meet once a quarter, they give us, you know, good advice, direction on what they see needs to be accomplished at the fire school, and we appreciate each and every one of them. Are there any other members present in the audience? Please stand.

(Applause.)

CHIEF ROBERT MOORE: All right, certification program, you know, the SFFMA certification program is -- is very important to the volunteers of the State of Texas. It's a great program, and it's -- you know, equivalent to any other certification program out there. What we do, we have the pleasure of being able to be your third party testing provider, so we go around the state, a lot of my extension guys are out there all the time doing certification exams. I think there was 31, if I remember right, 31 different tests scheduled for this year, across the state of Texas. And, you know, I'm happy to say that -- that, you know, we try to be a good partner in this and all that, and we're -- we don't charge SFFMA for this service, okay. So it's something that -- that we felt was -- we could contribute was our part in making sure that the firefighters of the state of Texas got what they needed as far as training and certification. Annual school report, okay, we held our symposium, our leadership symposium, anybody in here attend that? Okay. We've got a few. One thing I would like to do is invite each and every one of you to attend that. If you are a firefighter in the state of Texas, then you can attend that at no charge. And this next year, we'll be right here, back right here in San Marcos. And we're very happy about that, very -- very excited to put that on. So it's a great symposium, folks, and you can hear speakers from a lot of different disciplines, and they're all talking about leadership type functions. Our spring school, we held that already this year.

We had 359 attendees this year, down a little bit from our previous year which was the largest that we had ever had. So spring school, you know, 359 is still a success. Okay, anything we do is a success. So I want to make sure that, you know, we're not just looking at numbers, we're looking at successes. Our annual arson investigation, our investigators seminar held in Austin, Texas. We had 251 attendees at that. Again, down a little bit from last year, but still very much a success. Okay. We're hoping though that's not a trend. Okay. We're hoping that our summer schools that we're planning for now and are trying to get ready for, trying to make sure that -- that we have everything in place, but if you'll take a look at it, this will be our 51st Spanish school, our 55th Industrial school, and our 88th Municipal school. Those were the numbers of the attendees that we had last year at these schools. Currently, we're going through the pre-registration phase of the schools, and these are the numbers that we have pre-registered. The 51st Spanish school is 139 students. Okay. Down a little bit. But, the difference with the Spanish school is not a whole lot of them pre-register because they're from all the different Spanish-speaking countries around the world, and they just happen to all merge on us and want to register right then and there, so it's a pretty big registration day.

55th Industrial school, currently, we have 378 pre-registered, that's a pretty good number. That's actually up from where we were at this time last year. So we're really happy about that. Our 88th municipal school, 539. Okay. Now you saw we had 1700 and something students last year. Okay. So we have a lot of ground to make up, right, between now and the last week of -- last full week of July. But I'm happy to say that we're -- we're about where we were at last year when we did have that 1700. Tuition assistance opportunities, I mean, you would be surprised at how many people do not know that these opportunities are out there in the fire services of the state of Texas. We go out and about, our extension guys go out and about and talk to people all the time. You know, you talk about these different opportunities and they're like what, how do we do this, and it's not like they're new, folks, they've been going on for a long time. So I need each of you to go out there and also let people know there's opportunities out there, that they can get free training, or at least training at a very, very little price. You have the 2604 money that is -- you know, it's managed by our Texas Forest Service. That's huge for us. Okay. That's a huge process for us, because we utilize that or you-all utilize that, a lot, at Municipal school, that summer school. Okay. I think that last year was like 700 and eight -- \$80,000, or something -- somewhere in that neighborhood, or -- Barb, you would probably know better than I do.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: I think it's \$820,000.

CHIEF ROBERT MOORE: Oh, he corrected me, \$820,000 last year came from the Forest Service on 2604 money. Okay. So it's a huge opportunity. Hazardous materials training, we have the TDEM grant that we administer every year. You can go to a website called *For Perry Texas and, you know, register for a class, if you want to sponsor a class, you can do it that way also. But that's free training. And then ECA-EMT training for the rural counties of the State of Texas, TxDot has a program. So don't let the cost of training stop you from continuing your education. Okay. Because there's opportunities out there. And we want you to take advantage those offers. We want to spend all of these funds down to zero every year. Okay. So please if you have any questions about it, catch one of the TEEX guys at this conference, we'll be -- you know, explain to you and tell you how -- How you can get involved? On the horizon, only a few things, okay. F-games, okay. We have an online course now that you can go out there and get, we have a grant, and you can go out there and register for this online course that covers -- commercial grade fertilizers, is that what it's called.

CHIEF ROBERT MOORE: Fertilizer grade ammonium nitrate.

CHIEF ROBERT MOORE: I can't hear you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fertilizer grade ammonium nitrate.

CHIEF ROBERT MOORE: Fertilizer grade ammonium nitrate. Basically the problem we have with fertilizer, okay, the problems we have with fertilizer, with the storage and all. We have an online program that you can register and take that training. State for SFS -- we've had a booth set up or a table set up out here for everybody to attend TEEX training, go out there and get you registered up on your student -- Bob, what's your number?

CHAIRMAN ROBERT KLEEN: I don't know.

CHIEF ROBERT MOORE: You don't know. You registered?

CHAIRMAN ROBERT KLEEN: I registered.

CHIEF ROBERT MOORE: Okay. You registered. Okay. We've got to write right it down, put it in your --

CHAIRMAN ROBERT KLEEN: but I'm legal.

CHIEF ROBERT MOORE: But you're legal, he's finally legal. After -- I don't know, 60 something years. But, go out there and -- to the table and go ahead and sign up and get your number, okay, that's how you're going to be -- and it's also going to give you the opportunity that you can go back and you can print your own history of training that you've taken, you can -- if you lose the certificate, you can print a new certificate, you can do a lot of things on that portal. Events: -- start training on the horizon, we're running a pilot, which is going to start tomorrow for an advanced *-- storage class. That is actually done, that class is delivered during our industrial annual school, which is the third full week of July, and -- but you can -- we invite you to come to any of our schools that we have. And I'm sure we'll be running some open enrollment classes throughout the year with this. Fire service, leadership, development *tactics unique to the fire -- to firefighters. FLSD stuff, okay *-- that is going to be what you would register for, okay, for annual schools. So those are some of the new stuff, and future testing sites and additional certifications that we're working with SFFMA to, you know, provide you-all. So the new things drill tower, we just -- I mean, we completed that at -- in August last year at our annual school, but we have the new drill tower located on the backside of the field in what we call our rescue campus. In front 47, we have a huge 45 foot diameter API storage tank, I mean, it's -- the most realistic storage tank fire training prop that you will ever -- ever be involved in. Okay. It's built all to specs. And I'm happy to say that most of our people at school train, this is really the only tank fire that they'll ever deal with. Okay. Most firefighters don't deal with the big tank fire. And -- for -- or if they do, it's unusual.

But it's good -- really good training, and I'm happy to say it's the largest tank training prop in the world. Okay. We wanted to make sure the training facility had the largest up until we built this, it was 42 foot, so we went three foot wider, okay, just so we could say we had have the biggest. SCBAs. Those who come to our school know that we have three different brands of SCBA on our field. To give you variations we also -- there's no -- we have over a thousand SCBAs that we take care of and we maintain for your use. Okay. So we thought it was important that we upgrade that facility, we built a new building. It should be completed by the end of -- or before annual schools. So that we can maintain those self contained breathing apparatus properly, make sure they're clean, make sure they're ready for you-all's use, okay. So about a \$2.4 million project right there. We went out and, you know, needing a ladder truck, we haven't had one at the field in a while, so we went out and got a ladder truck. Now I'm happy to say, you see it says Moore Fire Department. Hey, I told Gary, we're going to leave Moore Fire Department up, we're going to put a little bitty TEEX on the back of it, you know. But we were able to work a trade with the City of Moore, Oklahoma and get this truck. Okay, 75 foot, same alignment, rear axle, that this will work great on the field, it will work great for you-all's strength, okay. As most of you-all know that come all the time to the school, we have paramedics on duty anytime we have anything going on on that field, okay. We want to make sure though that -- that our paramedics also had facilities and they could provide you the good proper training that you needed. So we upgraded our first aid facilities there on the field, and if you look at that, I mean -- really, that looks like an emergency to me. You know, they should have at the hospital. They have all the equipment, they have everything that they need, and they're on duty anytime you're out there training. So I just want to make sure that all you-all have that comfort level that, yes, we are going to provide you with training, in the event that you do have an issue, okay, we don't want to have any injuries and we don't want to have any issues on the fire field, but you know, the nature of the beast, you do have that from time to time. Okay. Same thing with preexisting health conditions and stuff, that -- that we tend to get from time to time. Our guys can help you and they can handle that. Another new project is going to start right after it, well, hopefully they'll be doing some work during annual schools, but this got delayed several times in the process. What you're seeing is an elevated platform under a building, and it has every type of rail car or transportation type or protective housing on that platform.

CHIEF ROBERT MOORE: And we're going to be able to cause those to leak in many different ways, and as far as HAZMAT training and responding the rail or transportation-type incidents, you won't find this anywhere else in the state of Texas for sure. And not one built to this standard anywhere in the world, okay. So we are making sure that it was something that -- that our -- students and customers said we need, so we're going to build it. It struck the memorial wall that everybody knows we do a memorial on Wednesday of each annual school. It's sad to say these are the names that we have from last -- you know, since last year, that are going to go on the wall for this year. You can see Chief Henry Smith, Chief JD Gardner, Billy Barber, I mean, there is a lot of folks on there and I don't want to leave anybody out -- Chief Tommy Bledsoe, there's a lot of folks that are going to go on that wall that now sit right on many occasions. Okay. So these are the names -- if you don't see someone's name that's an instructor, Texas A&M -- if the instructor is Texas A&M, please let us know. On behalf of TEEX and my staff and everybody else, I just want to say thank you. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your life, your fire service life, and, you know, please utilize our services as much as you can, training is the key. It's -- you know, it's what keeps you safe. Thanks a lot. (Applause.)

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: Want to stand up and stretch just a little bit? Everybody all right? All right. At this time, I'd like to call to the podium the director of Texas A&M Forest Service -- Chief Tom Boggus.

TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE DIRECTOR TOM BOGGUS: Good afternoon.

AUDIENCE: Good afternoon.

DIRECTOR TOM BOGGUS: Glad to be here, I appreciate -- always appreciate the invitation to come and visit with you-all, and I hope we're going to be able to spend some time looking -- reviewing the events of last year and where we've been and look a little ahead, also talk about the legislative session and what happened -- well, you know, it's not quite over yet, they're going to go back, but so far, so good and we'll talk about that. Since we talked last year, we've had -- 8700 fires for about -- a little over three-quarters of a million acres, and -- but what's important about this -- this is -- from 2005 until now, the number of fires, but if you'll notice a percentage of fires within two miles of a community has gone up, we started a little bit noticing this back in 2005, and kind of started paying attention to it, and we noticed it was about 80 percent of our fires, you know, everybody thinks Texas is a big wide open space, we're urbanizing, you know, an urbanized state and there's people everywhere out

there and stuff, you know, and it's changed -- the environment and landscape has changed, but now it's gone from 81 percent to -- now it's close to 87 percent, every fire you go on is within two miles of a community. So that's important for our fire -- elected officials and other folks to know that it's not the Wild West out there anymore, you know, we are out there protecting homes and lives and valuable property, so thank you. This a real favorite -- of mine because the big difference -- since we started taking and you-all started turning in fire reports, we started keeping record of all the fires across the Texas wild scape not just the ones we went to. The blue dots are you-all. And I tell my counterparts across the southeast and across the nation that you-all are number one -- and interstate too, they just don't admit it yet, you-all are the number line of defense, period. And so if you look at those blue dots, that really tells story. Red ones are fires, blue ones are you-all. So you-all go to 100 percent of the fires and we love to support you, but you're still number one, and you-all are still the backbone and the main reason that we're safe in Texas. So I appreciate that. This is a map that shows something happening in the southeast last fall, Gatlinburg and *-- Forge made the news, we able to send some folks out there to help in our Appalachian states, and I've met a couple of times with folks across those five states -- region since then we've had some *after-the-act reviews and some different things, but they learned, they were saying up until last fall, it always rains in November. You know, we've been trying to tell them, it don't always do nothing. And now they know, that it's not always going to rain in November and when predictive services and *Rick Roberts and all those guys start saying, Hey, it's getting bad, and it's going to get bad, and -- you know, and you better pay attention. And so, now they know that they can have fires any time of the year as well. And so, it was a good learning experience for our work and continue to work with them, but we were able to send some folks out there. They've come to our aid a lot of times and we were able to send some folks to help them. But things are accurate -- I think talking about Texas Task Force One, you know that Gary talked about, always something going on in Texas and he's exactly right, we're -- we have some mobilizations and a number of mobilizations, anything from NASCAR to tornadoes to the Super Bowl to fires, to rescue, and so there's just always something going on. We are a natural disaster state and with the 27 million people and growing, there's always something going to go on. So, you know, we need to stay ready. That's why our conference is like this and the training that you've had Chief Moore just talked about is so important that you stay up on it, because there's something always -- and it changes, you know, we will keep finding new ways to get in trouble. So keep training. Preparedness.

DIRECTOR TOM BOGGUS: This is one -- again, a thing I like to brag about across the state and to elected officials, when we talk about building capacity of Texas and that's what we do, continue to partner with you and whatever comes along and you'll notice when there's a VFD training that we just talked about and things that go on, or TIFMAS or incident management teams or aircraft, I really appreciate, Henry, I appreciate your support. This year we opened up a new portable air base for our tanker base in Austin. It wouldn't happen without Bastrop support and they're really pushing it and that's -- now we've -- since we've opened it, we had the grand opening, and the news thing, just a news deal, they don't want it to be portable, they want us there permanently so we put some structures in there that they weren't really pleased to have initially but now they're glad we're there, and it's very good support, and it will help us in the long range down the road to Texas. February and March were pretty tough times and months here in the state of Texas, especially in the Texas Panhandle and northwest Texas, and we saw about 3792 fires for over 600,000 acres. Now, you know, you ask why, you think it hasn't been that bad a year, but we grew a lot of grass, had two great growing years, wet years for growing grass and forest, which is good for Texas, good for cattle, and good for farmers and ranchers, but then when it dries out and it gets -- and it cures up after the frost and then you start having high winds like we always have in that part of the world, then, you know, it -- the two didn't mix very well, and we had some really extreme fire whether. Here's a good list of resources that we had out there. And it's good bragging rights, you know, it's how you keep Texas and Texans safe. Now unfortunately we still had four fatalities, but people just don't understand how fast and how rapidly -- when you have a good grass fire and a 50-mile-an-hour wind, how fast it moves. And so we have a lot of education and training still to do. We had some injuries to first responders as well, and so our job is not over. Now one thing that does kind of irritate me a little bit, is that we wind up over half-a-million acres in a month and we can't get, you know, news coverage on it, you know, nationally. Denver had a fire, a 65 acre fire, didn't do anything outside of Denver you thought the world was falling apart, you know, every news media shows up there. And so, you know, we've still got a lot of -- you know, I work with them all the time, I'm on national fire committees, and I try to tell them -- they keep saying fire season, they mean June 1, because that's out west, that's when they start having their official opening of fire season. And I tell them, you know, don't -- you know, I always correct them, no matter who it is, because we have fires 12 months a year, you know, and we have fires every year, and it's not just June to September, and this was good proof, so we still have to tell -- it's a lot of business to go on in our state, we've got a lot of education to do yet for those folks. Now, what I thought I'd do is a picture is worth a thousand

words, so I just want to scroll through some -- I keep getting -- people send me pictures all the time, you-all do, our folks do. Some of the activity we had this fall, I mean, this winter and so I just wanted to -- to kind of go through and end with some of my favorite ones, so I'll just let you look at some of the work you-all are doing out there to keep this state safe (Showing pictures onscreen.) Okay, just ran out of gas. There's my PowerPoint, can you switch slides? There you go. Just slowly go through those -- I like this. I raised a child, this is a PowerPoint. That's a nice red line. There's a school behind there somewhere. All right, stop right there. This is my favorite slide, because -- that one and the one before it, because nothing better than a picture like this to show people that -- that you-all -- you know, people -- most Texans are not there and thousands of people -- because of what you do, get to go home and sleep in their bed every night, you know, and there's something about that. Because in a wildfire, when you lose a home in a wildfire, you lose everything. You don't have time to do anything, get anything, all the pictures, all the souvenirs, all things you value are gone, and people have to come back and sift through it. But because of that right there those people can go home and sleep at night and they still have all their belongings and their memories and that sort of thing, so thank you for what you do, that's I say, you folks are my heroes and I appreciate you. Now we'll see if it will -- did I do that or did you do it? You did? Okay, I'll just -- we also like to help our neighbors if we can, put -- you might have probably saw the news, the Okefenokee was burning, and they've come to help us and so we tried -- we hurried up and we finally did, and we cleaned up and had a little break and we'll send folks out, we had about a hundred -- a little over a hundred folks go out so far this year and help Florida and Oklahoma, but mainly in Georgia in the Okefenokee. Now I want to talk about the legislative session. The 85th session was a tough one, it was one of those you don't want to ask very much, but we took a four percent reduction to our agency budget along with everybody else. But the good news is -- when we started out they were going to cut the 2604 program by \$23 million, and because of you-all's effort and the great work you-all did, and the citizens always need more than an agency director talking to them, and also because of the work that Trent Ashby did. Representative Ashby was on our House Appropriations Subcommittee for Article III, and he really went to work, and he went to that, and drew some lines in the sand, and he was able to get us -- he wanted the whole 23 million restated in a session where you don't get anything, everybody was getting cuts, he got us 11 and a half million for the *-- about 5.7 million back, for the -- per year to the grants program, so this year we're going to have about 17 million in 2604 and 1.4 million in workers' comp, the insurance program and so that's a win.

DIRECTOR TOM BOGGUS: Another thing that he did which is really important is we had to go -- we're in *-- which is more detail than you want to know, but he took out a rider and put it in our base budget, so we don't have to go back and beg for it every year, it's going to be there. So he did really a great enormous task and he deserves a thank-you. We had some other great legislation. The TIFMAS grant, which we went after, we tried to double it, that didn't happen. But we also had the house bills -- especially 919, we've been working for a long time to try to get workers' comp for our incident management team. It's a TIFMAS, just like Texas Task Force One has and other folks have, and Representative *-- helped get that passed for us. So that was really good news. Pretty successful, you know, we took a hit, but the grants program, came out -- and again, it shows the value that the elected officials understand how important the work is that you do and the important work that the training, it goes on out there in the equipment for you-all, so I'm really proud that we were able to -- to get that back. All right. Based on *NOAA and some other models out there, looks like we're going to have -- they keep saying above average temperatures, which how can you tell in Texas what an above average temperature is in the summer? But *-- activity, you know, that's probably going to stay about the same, about a 50/50 equal chance whether it's going by dry or wet, but what does it mean for summer fire season, it means we think it's going to follow similar patterns that we've had in the past few years. So it means -- Texas always has a four to six week dry period in the summer, probably late summer, and -- so we just watch that and, again, unless we have, you know, tropical patterns -- things that happen. And if you look at El Nino versus La Nina, you know, El Nino is good for us, La Nina is bad for us, it was expected to either be a little bit stronger El Nino, we don't know of any *-- unusual, either way, we look at the last 20 years, our fire predictive folks who watch that, they went back 20 years and said, under these conditions, you know, we're going to have probably an extended fire season kind of like we did last February and March. So again, keep your power drive because it ain't over. We'll probably have another little fire session -- maybe end of summer and a little bit in September, so just be ready for that. The other thing I want to do, the rest of time I just want to say thank you to you-all. We've had a lot of press releases out there. We've been working hard to get you-all's -- what's happening out there and the equipment that's out there and the work you're doing with it, whether it's the federal fire assistance program or the 2604, that helps to make sure you're in the press. We had 287 press releases and 88 big-check presentations, which resulted in Austin news articles and TV reports and 20 radio shows. And so, the main thing is your willingness to stand out there in front of your

trucks. I know you're all proud of them, and sometimes we're asked to bug you, we want you to get out there with a big check or somebody -- elected official to get out there and get their picture made behind you, with a great backdrop for them. But grip-and-grin shots really mean a lot and I think that's another reason that you don't want -- people know about you, when Austin got there and want to cut something, they said, you know, why don't you leave that for me, they see these pictures and they understand the work that has gone on and the work that you've done on -- for your own trucks. And the final thing is we've had this pilot program going where we can line the federal excess property with the 2604 program -- where the departments that needed it the most -- they said they couldn't afford and couldn't raise the matching part for their grants program, we said, okay, we'll get -- your matching will be sweat equity, and so it's been really, really successful in getting trucks out there, and here are some examples in these pictures. We've had 130 trucks, rolling stock that have been put in those departments over the last two years, and it's been a really, really strong success getting some very good fire fighting equipment out there on your behalf. So again, like Chief Moore said, we had -- we set aside about \$2 million a year for training and we -- we haven't ever topped it yet. We topped it -- we put in two hundred -- two million whatever it is, because we want you to keep training. That's our most important thing that we do, and I'll tell you one quick story. You know -- I was so touched this year in the cafeteria, the first year *cut half of our budget, we knew it was going to be tough, we're talking about a \$23 million cut -- and Gary Sera comes over to me and he was so concerned and about the -- you know, tell me about, you know, going into this, anything he can do. He's concerned that \$800,000 was just going to his shop, you know, for -- and so I say, "Oh, I know why he's concerned about my well being", I was so touched there for a minute. But then I realized that he didn't care a squat about me, but he did care a lot about you-all so you can sleep well knowing that I don't sleep too well, but you-all can sleep well knowing that he cares a lot about you-all, but Gary, it's safe, it's safe. Thank you all. Thank you for what you do.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESIRE: All right, the next presentation that we have is from our firefighter of the year and EMS responder of the year committee, which is Chaplain Ben Kennedy and Ms. Barbara Marzean.

CHAPLAIN BEN KENNEDY: You-all will get the better half of this committee in just a minute. I am now going to read all the names of the things I do read for firefighter of the year and EMS responder of the year. If you are here, please stand so the audience can recognize you.

CHAPLAIN BEN KENNEDY: The first one is 1987, Charles Ray Sims, Cedar Hill; 1990, Clayton W. Bill Day; 1991, Jerry Lee Rust. Jerry here? 1994, Carl Teaff; 1995, Mike Hafer, from Richmond; 1996, Johnny Merrill, Winters; 1997 Alex Kvapil, Ballinger. 2000, Don Pullin, from Refugio; 2001, Jerry Mutschler, Seminole; 2002, Kenneth Kvapil, Ballinger; 2003, Kip Workman, La Vernia; 2004, Matt Cornell, Richmond. He's back there in the back. 2005, Patrick Hlavaty, El Campo, also firefighter of the year for the NVFC that year; 2006, Perry Thomson, Jr., from Anson; 2007 Ricardo Saldana, from Mission; 2008, Anthony Cargile, from Santa Fe; 2009, Udaldo Perez, Edinburg; Richard Drewry, 2010 from Edinburg; 2011, Richard Van Winkle, I don't know who he is, we probably shouldn't recognize him, just because, from Alvarado. He's got the docs. Which he shouldn't have. Somebody out there should. Just saying. 2012, Clemente Sanchez, from Sinton; 2013, Dennis Gage, Kilgore; 2014, David Wade, Deer Park; 2015, Shawn Snider, from Edinburg; 2016, Curtis Brown, from Dalhart. And our EMS responder of the year in 2012, Karen Pickard, from Ovilla. Karen was here earlier. Thank you, thank you. 2013, Edward Konick, III, from Alvarado. *Why didn't you bring them, Richard?

4TH VICE PRESIDENT RICHARD VAN WINKLE: *He wanted to walk to --

CHAPLAIN BEN KENNEDY: Oh, okay, that answers that question. 2014, James Carr, Decatur; 2015, Gerald Weniger, from McQueeney, way in back; and 2016, Timothy Keirn, from Chisholm Trail. Let's give these folks a round of applause. Congratulations to all of you. Now there are six families sitting in here kind of shifted from one side to the other waiting on the better looking of this duo to get up here and talk so that she can announce this year's winner of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Firefighter and EMS Responder of the Year.

MS. BARBARA MARZEAN: All right, hello again. On behalf of the VFIS of Texas, it is our pleasure and privilege to once again sponsor the Firefighter of the Year award. This year we had ten nominees for Firefighter of the Year. To be nominated for this award, and to be selected from all of the firefighters in the State of Texas, is a huge honor and we commend all of the nominees for being selected and recognized by their districts. Our committee reviewed all the nominations and selected three finalists that were interviewed yesterday morning. This is a very tough job that we take very seriously in selecting one deserving firefighter to represent this great state of Texas. Do you want all of them to come forward, all nominees -- yeah, let's bring all the nominees up here. I'm going to announce them in alphabetical order. The 2017 Firefighter of the Year nominees were Brent Wayne Allen, from Ballinger Fire Department, Hill Country District; Wylie Douglas

Chaney, Randall County County Fire Department, Panhandle District; Bill Gardner, Leander Fire Department, Central District; Charles Edward Garriss, Pleasanton Fire Department, Winter Garden District; Matthew Ray Graves, Alvin Fire Department, Gulf Coast -- District; Kristopher Shannon Hester, Merkel Fire Department, Midwest District; Loyde Wayne Junkin, Barry Fire Department, North Texas District; Christopher Glenn Mercer, Decatur Fire Department, Red River District; Alonzo A. Morales, Jr., Goliad Fire Department, Guadalupe District; and our 10th nominee, is Jose Javier Perez, from Pharr Fire Department, Rio Grande District. These are our nominees, let's give a big round of applause. The three finalists that we selected from the nominees are Bill Gardner, Leander; Chuck Garriss from Pleasanton; and Alonzo Morales from Goliad. So these are our three finalists, let's give them a big round. They look really nervous right now. But not as nervous as in the interviews yesterday, that was pretty tough. As always, selecting that one winner is so hard, and I know we say it's hard every year, but I think this was one of hardest I can remember in a long time. We spent a great deal of time in doing this and tried to make right decision. So we're very proud to present this year with a check from VFIS of Texas for \$500 for them and their department, as well as a nice helmet trophy up here from Casco Industries. Without further ado, it gives me great pleasure to announce this year's Firefighter of the Year is Alonzo Morales. Alonzo, would you like to come up here?

CHIEF ALONZO MORALES: Sure.

MS. BARBARA MARZEAN: And say some words. And I have a check for you.

CHIEF ALONZO MORALES: First of all, I'd like to thank my local community, my local group. This is quite a -- quite an honor to receive this. I want to thank my peers and my district -- for this award. This is one of my greatest achievements that I've received through the fire service. I live for the fire service, that's what I love to do, and hopefully, I will be doing it a lot longer. I've been in the business 37 years already, and I would like to thank the committee for selecting me this year as your state Firefighter of the Year for 2017. Thank you very much.

MS. BARBARA MARZEAN: All right. And this is our sixth year to sponsor the distinguished EMS Responder of the Year award. As the Firefighter of the Year award, this award honor recognizes outstanding EMS responders. We commend all the nominees for this award for their leadership, accomplishments and involvement in the emergency services. This year, we have four nominees for this award, I think that's the most we've had ever, for this award. And I would like to introduce them to you at this time. And again, if you'd come forward when I call your name.

MS. BARBARA MARZEAN: Jonathan Elving, Chisholm Trail Fire and Rescue, Guadalupe District; Brady Murphy, Decatur Fire Department, Red River District; Billy Joe Williams, Gilmore Fire Department, Northeast District; and Nathan Scott White, Hartley Fire and Rescue, Panhandle District. These are our nominees for EMS Responder of the Year. Let's give them a round of applause. These three gentlemen also happen to be our three finalists, and they were interviewed yesterday morning as well. And I know they're anxious to hear the results. So I am very pleased to announce and present the winner and their department will again receive a check from VFIS of Texas for \$500 and a beautiful Eagle award that's sponsored by Government Capital. I'm very pleased and proud to announce that this year's EMS Responder of the Year is Scott White. Scott, would you like to come up?

MR. SCOTT WHITE: Thank you all. I'm very -- proud. My wife, Julie, my daughter Elizabeth, thank you to all of you, it's very special to me. I work for the firefighting service and we try to do all we can. I urge everyone to go home to your districts next year and think about who in your service you'd like to honor with this award, because it's pretty special to some of us to get this. Thank you all.

CHAPLAIN BEN KENNEDY: To the recipients of the award, if you would help me right after the meeting, we want to get a photo-op with you, so please hang around so you can get your trophy photo-- thank you.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: Okay, and now it's a very tough act to follow, to give the president's report, president Henry Perry.

MR. HENRY PERRY: Let's see if I've got enough time to get through all of it. My report as required by the constitution and by-laws, is that I get up here and give you a synopsis of what happened last year. So here we go. I got moved into the presidency in June of last year and in about two days I'm going to be out. So, no, I think we've had a very productive year. I know we've had some issues in the Austin office this year. Chris will go over that in his report on Wednesday, but we've had some trying times up there with some former staff that's no longer with us. We've had to make some drastic decisions for budget issues, but, you know, when I sit back and look at this, I was asked last night by a past president, if I had to do it all over again, would I still campaign for the office and want to be on this table. And I told him absolutely and I would do it two more times. So it has been an experience that I cannot -- or will never forget. I feel as happy right now as both of these folks that just won Firefighter of the Year and EMS Responder of the Year. It's been a 51-year journey

for me to be where I'm at right now. As you saw earlier I was a mascot and very proud of that, and very proud to be here. But some of the good things that's happened throughout my tenure, we have taken the certification program by direction of the board, from what we had to NFPA standard straight across the board. We are equal to or better than any training program in the United States. We have a third-party vendor testing for us now, which makes our program as good or better than any program in the state of Texas. I want to say that you can take our program and go to the Texas Commission on Fire Protection and take their test and become a paid firefighter. Our program is equal to what the paid firemen have to go through. So as we've said through -- for many, many, many years, fire doesn't care whether you get a paycheck or not. It will still kill you. Now we're training our folks to the same standard as everybody else in the United States, if not better. And I want to thank the executive boards and previous executive boards for having the forethought to get us where we are at today. We do have a little -- some stumbling blocks we're working with on the certification computer program, 3.1. But the certification program itself is very viable, it's very good. Our training academies that people -- or departments using across the -- across the state, is -- is good as any other in the state of Texas. And can take that and go straight to TCFP to test, if these young firefighters that are volunteering want a job, or want to be certified at that level. Can't thank the board enough for everything they've done for me throughout the year and throughout all the years being on the board, the leadership from the past presidents, the leadership from the vice presidents and the rest of the board. Thank you all, thank you-all very much. It's been my honor and privilege to serve you-all, you, the firefighters of the state of Texas. Thank you very much.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: At this time on the agenda is to go through the nomination procedures, so at this time, I'd like to call secretary Joe Ondrasek to give us the nomination procedures.

SECRETARY JOE ONDRASEK: Thank you. I'm just going to -- your pamphlet on Page 12, the nominations procedures very simple, follow Robert's Rules of Order, executive board has decided that at the nominations for officers and mascot will have a total of seven minutes each. This will be to make a nomination, second it, and any presentation you may need for that nomination, will be in alphabetical order, the best we can figure, on your own, and -- will be -- will take place today, and then we'll vote on -- on Wednesday. Before I forget, those that are nominated today after the business meeting make sure to see me so we can talk about validating for your nomination.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: Okay. At this time, we will start the nomination procedures, so the chair would like to recognize past president, Deloss Edwards to speak at this time.

PAST PRESIDENT DELOSS EDWARDS: Thank you. One thing I'd like to say is, I'm sure glad I'm here, you know, I'm an old retired fire chief, and a lot of people threatened to shoot me in my life, but I never thought I'd get shot by our mascot. It's okay, though. I've been expecting it for a year. It's my pleasure today to make a motion -- This motion includes the following: Henry Perry, immediate past present, Harvie Cheshire, for president -- Mike Richardson, first vice president, Tim Smith, second vice president, Richard Van Winkle, third vice president, Joe Odrasek for secretary, Jim White, assistant secretary, Ben Kennedy, chaplain. I'd like to make a motion that we elevate the chairs in this capacity. Thank you.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: It has been moved by past president Deloss Edwards to elevate the chairs.

PAST PRESIDENT KYLE STEVENS: Kyle Stephens, past president, Decatur Fire Department, I'd like second that motion.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: Second has been made by past president Kyle Stephens. This motion is amendable and debatable and requires a majority vote, any discussion of the motion at this time? Hearing none, we shall vote, all those in favor of elevating the chairs as described by Chief Deloss Edwards, say aye.

AUDIENCE: Aye.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: All those opposed say nay. (No nays.)

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: The ayes have it, motion carries. Are there any other nominations for positions of fourth vice president of the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas?

PAST PRESIDENT KYLE STEPHENS: Mr. President, executive board, guests, delegates, Kyle Stephens, Decatur Fire Department, past president, it gives me great honor to stand before you this morning and nominate this afternoon, sorry about that, to nominate to fourth vice president a gentleman that I think is worthy have it, his name is Chuck Richardson, he comes from the Wild Peach Volunteer Fire Department. He is the fire chief there. He currently has 33 years in industrial firefighting. He has 26 years amongst his county firefighting with a -- BS in Occupational Safety and Health in fire science. And AAS in Instrumentation. He's a certified industrial emergency response specialist, with a -- Texas Engineering Extension Service, he is

certified in fire protection from a little university across the river, OSU or something like that. We won't hold that against him, but -- certification, certified fire protection specialist, a licensed paramedic and an SFFMA master firefighter. Again, I submit to you Chuck Richardson for fourth vice president.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: Nomination for Chuck Richardson.

PAST PRESIDENT REX KLESEL: I'd like to second that motion, Rex Klesel, past president 2012, also Alvin fire chief, I've had the pleasure of knowing Chuck for about 25 years. I've served with him, fought fires with him, trained with him, I am in the same county that Chuck serves so I get to see him pretty regular. Chuck holds many awards, certifications. He's a commissioner with his emergency services district number two. He is on our county training committee. He serves on the SFFMA EMS committee. He is assistant to zone six certification board. Associate -- member SFFMA speaker selection committee. He formally was on the Texas industrial board for nine years, and past president of Brazoria County Firefighters Association. Past president of Gulf Coast Firemen's Association. Teacher and industrial instructor for 18 years. As you can see, Chuck has been around for many years and come to convention for many years and I would like to nominate or second that motion.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: Nomination for Chuck Richardson and second. Mr. Richardson, would you like to say anything?

FIRE CHIEF CHUCK RICHARDSON: I'm Chuck Richardson, fire chief for Wild Peach, and I am seeking nomination in the office of fourth vice president State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association. And I'd like to answer one question that people always ask, where is Wild Peach. We're just a little bitty spot on Highway 36 about 60 miles southwest of Houston. We're a little bedroom community of 3500. We have a department that runs about 18 members and we run between hundred and 130 calls a year. I got involved in the fire service as you heard from the industrial end of it first and transferred into the municipal end of it, I've worked all the line officer positions in that department from lieutenant and fire chief and all the way back down to firefighter and all the way back up again. I really started pursuing this position 20 years ago in Galveston in 1997, my first convention and always knew I'd have to wait until I retired, well, I retired in April of last year and here I am. I'd appreciate your support come Wednesday in the vote, thank you very much.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: Are there any other nominations for fourth vice president?

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: Are there any other nomination for fourth vice president? Are there any other nominations for fourth vice president? Hearing none, we now open the nominations for mascot. Are there any nominations for mascot?

PAST PRESIDENT DAVID LUEDEKE: Greetings. President, Board, and members of this great association. David Luedeke, past president in 2004 of this association, and I'd like to nominate Daisy Svatek for mascot. Daisy is the past mascot of the Needville Fire Department, past sweetheart of Gulf Coast, Tri- Rivers, past sweetheart of TFA. I believe she will be a very viable mascot for the State association. She is hoping to become a junior member of Needville Fire Department in the near future to further her experience in the fire service. She's the niece of a former mascot, Steven Svatek, in 1992. Daisy is a daughter of Dwayne and Donna Svatek, she is currently on the TFA board, and I would like again to place a nomination Daisy Svatek for SFFMA mascot.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: We have a nomination for Daisy Svatek for mascot.

MR. MORRIS LOCKNANE: Morris Locknane, West Carlisle Fire Department, president Panhandle district, I would like to second the nomination for Daisy. I've known Daisy for several years, find her to be a very sweet young lady with a very infectious smile.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: We have a motion and second for Daisy Svatek. Ms. Svatek, would you like to speak and say a few words --

MS. DAISY SVATEK: I just want to say thank you, and I just want to appreciate you-all's vote on Wednesday.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: Are there any other nominations for mascot?

BRAZOS COUNTY PCT. #4 FIRE CHIEF KENNETH DEVRIES: I'm the fire chief, and I'd like to nominate Shawn DeVries. He's currently the mascot with Central Texas District. He's been going to the fire department with me for the past five years, six years now, very active member of the department, helps to motivate and train the new rookies and does everything with them, too, so I think he would be a great mascot and great supporter.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: We have a nomination for Shawn DeVries.

BRAZOS COUNTY PCT. #4 ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF JOE DANNENBAUM: I would like to second that nomination for Shawn DeVries.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: We have a nomination and second for Shawn DeVries, from Central Texas District. Mr. DeVries, would you like to say anything?

MR. SHAWN DEVRIES: I'm Shawn DeVries from Brazos County Precinct Four, and I would love to run for state mascot for SFFMA.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: Are there any other nominations for mascot? Are there any other nominations for mascot? Are there any other nominations for mascot? Are there any other nominations for any other positions?

FIRE CHIEF RANDY PARKISON: Motion that nominations cease.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: Please stand up and state your name.

FIRE CHIEF RANDY PARKISON: Randy Parkison, Latium Fire Department, motion that nominations cease.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: We have a motion on the floor from Randy Parkison for nominations to cease.

PAST PRESIDENT KYLE STEPHENS: Kyle Stephens -- I second it.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: Second by Past President Kyle Stephens. Motion is second to -- for nominations to cease. Any discussion of the motion at this time? Hearing none, we shall vote. All those in favor of the motion for nominations to cease, please do so by saying aye.

AUDIENCE: Aye.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: All those opposed say nay. (None.) The ayes have it, the motion carries, nominations are now ceased. So now we know who we're voting for. Cool. The next item on the agenda is the constitution and by-laws proposal, we'll call to the podium, the chairman of the committee, Dennis Gifford.

MR. DENNIS GIFFORD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My name is Dennis Gifford, with East Texas Firemen's Fire Marshals' Association, chairman of the constitution and by-laws committee. It is our committee's job to receive proposals annually to amend and correct our constitution and by-laws. The amendments that we received were published in the latest version of the InfoFire Magazine. We will be taking action on those proposals Wednesday when we place them on the ballot. We -- we had two proposals at this time, the Red River proposals will be on the ballot. In the interest of saving time today, with our agenda, we'll suspend with the reading of the -- each and every one of those detailed ballot proposals, again, since they've already been published to voting members.

MR. DENNIS GIFFORD: Likewise, we thought it would be expeditious with our voting process on Wednesday to suspend with the normal rules of order regarding our ballot, since these proposals collectively all work towards a common goal. The passage of one amendment versus the loss of another, will compromise the amendment's abilities to make the changes that the district is proposing. Therefore, after concurring with the executive board, I would propose or I make a motion, rather, that we suspend with our normal rules of order and place on the ballot the Red River proposal for a pass-fail vote, one vote for, or one vote for against, as opposed to listing each of the proposals out on the ballot. This will surely make the business of the tallying committee meeting much easier as well as the business that we have for our Wednesday business session. So I make that in the form of a motion.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: To clarify, there's a motion on the floor for the Red River proposal to be a pass or fail vote. What that means is that you either want to read the proposal prior to the actual election, and you will put a vote in for it or against it as read. That is the motion that's on the floor --

MR. DONALD SHOEMAKER: Donnie Shoemaker with Lake Jackson Fire Department, also board member of the constitution and by-laws committee, I second that motion.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: Thank you, it's been moved AND second that we will have a pass or fail vote, either a yes or no vote on the Red River proposal as read in the description from the Red River amendment of the constitution and by-laws. Motion is amendable and debatable and requires a majority vote. Is there any discussion of motion at this time? Hearing none, we shall vote. All those in favor of this particular motion, please do so by saying aye.

AUDIENCE: Aye.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: All those opposed say nay. (None.)

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: The ayes have it, the motion carries. Next item on the agenda will be the announcements by secretary Joe Ondrasek.

SECRETARY JOE ONDRASEK: We don't have many, just a couple. Just a reminder, Chief Moore mentioned it, but the TEEX folks have been present all week about your MyPortal account for TEEX. They are -- as explained to me, moving toward a digital certificate, at fire school, at annual school, at all of these courses, so you really -- if you want a certain certificate this week, or at annual school, or anytime, you have to have that MyPortal done.

So they're out there all week, all through the end of session, so make sure you get out there and do that. Gabi, what time are the buses running tonight to the Old Fish Hatchery -- all right, there you go. A note to the districts and committees, make sure you're getting your reports in this week to me or Gabi. Make sure you're working on your committee appointments. Please. And the sooner you can forward them up to President Cheshire, the better off his world will be. Reminder to the mascots, I need -- the two mascots, as soon as we leave, I need to see you-all over here. I have some questions. I want to make sure your parents are with you and your fire department in your district. That's all the announcements I have except one, personal announcement. Next year, 2018, I am stepping off the board as secretary. I've had a really good time. I've enjoyed working with all of you folks, I've enjoyed the hospitality, unfortunately for me, I just can't commit the time that I feel I need to. So next year, I'm stepping off, my one year notice, if I can help anyone answer any questions about this position, please, please, come talk to me. I'll help you out, answer anything I can for you. Again, I really enjoyed it that's all the announcements I have.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: Point of clarification from the parliamentarian on the vote that we just took about the pass or fail vote on the Red River proposal. This is a temporary suspension of Robert's Rules of Order in order to do this. Otherwise, what we would have to do is we would have to vote on each and every line that was being changed. Okay. So in order to make the process clearer and more precise and more streamlined, we temporarily suspended Robert's Rules of Order to go to a pass or fail vote. Everybody cool? Okay. So now, it gives me great honor to be able to begin the president's tribute and for each and every one of you that has something that you would like to be bestow upon our president, Henry Perry, I would ask that you please come from this side and come around and you may come up and make your presentations one at a time. So --

SECRETARY JOE ONDRASEK: President Perry, from the executive board, we would just like to give you a little token of our appreciation, congratulate you on your term as president, and how excited we are for you.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: Try to state your name if you come up to give your gift so she can get it in the record.

MRS. TRINKA PERRY: Good afternoon, I'm Trinka Perry -- 53 years ago, I attended my first convention, it was my honeymoon, so you can understand why Henry is having such a wonderful time. That's all he knows is firefighting.

MRS. TRINKA PERRY: It's with a great honor, Henry, that -- your family is so, so very proud of you, for everything you've done, not just as my son, but for the State of Texas. We hope you enjoy this quilt and it keeps you nice and warm. We love you.

PAST PRESIDENT RUSTY KATTNER: My name is a Rusty Kattner and I'm a past president of the state association also on the board of Galveston County Firefighter Association, been that -- on that board since 1988, so it's been a long time. But every year we present a special token to all presidents who come up, but this year I wanted to do something special for. You've been a Longhorn -- many a year.

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: Nine or ten.

PAST PRESIDENT RUSTY KATTNER: And they are Aggies. They're not University of Texas. They don't have a *-- fire -- just Texas A&M University. So I made you a helmet, it has the University of Texas, which I know he's very fond of --

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: Absolutely.

PAST PRESIDENT RUSTY KATTNER: So, Henry, I hope you enjoy that -- and so wear it proudly at A&M.

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: I will.

PAST PRESIDENT RUSTY KATTNER: And there's a token from the Galveston County Fire Fighters Association.

PAST PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: Thank you, sir.

PAST PRESIDENT KENT WATTS: Kent Watts with the Guadalupe District. I am currently the secretary, also past president of the district, my wife Louise is a president. She's the one that should be giving this plaque to president Perry, however, she is out getting ready for his reception. So on behalf of Guadalupe District, I give you this plaque for your service.

PAST PRESIDENT DAVID WADE: David Wade, past president 2013. Henry, when you came on the board, I was in my -- presidential year, you were the fourth vice president...ten years, so I guess in essence you're kind of the last of my board -- and even though you'll be -- you'll still be up here -- on the table, with the rest of the guys, it was a pleasure working with you. We already mentioned the work that we had done, through your years coming through the board -- where it started, for me, we carried that work on, I appreciate everything you've done, you did for me as a board member, and all the work you've done for this association, firefighters of Texas. So you've done an excellent job, I appreciate that, and I'm going to enjoy working with you, as past president of -- so -- just a little something from -- just to share, just to show our appreciation. Now it's not quite UT orange but is the best I can find. (Hands over a gift.)

PAST PRESIDENT PAUL HAMILTON: Panhandle District -- Potter County Fire Department, my wife, and -- fourth vice president and your wife staying with us. And love knowing you, appreciate you - a little something. Spend some money --

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: Thank you.

MS. APRIL HUDSON: I'm April Hudson with the Bastrop County ESD#1 -- I work with Henry now, he was my instructor five and a half years ago, got me through the academy, and I'm *-- love you, honor you *--

CENTRAL TEXAS DISTRICT PRESIDENT RYAN HUDSON: Ryan Hudson, president of the Central Texas District. Mr. President on behalf of the Central District, we'd like to present you with this token of our appreciations for all your hard work and thank you, very much.

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: Thank you.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY PAST PRESIDENT FRANKIE JOE SALINAS: Good afternoon, my name is Frankie Joe Salinas, immediate past president for the Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg Fire Department. Also with me is the president of the Rio Grande Valley, Ruben Balboa to do the presentation for this year's president -- all the time, and I saw the hat that they put on them, I don't know about that hat-- for him, but I think with the quilt that -- this would be very helpful for him, doing what he wants to do with this hat, it's all about orange and Longhorns, so Mr. Perry, on behalf of the Rio Grande Valley District --

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: Like here.

RGV PAST PRESIDENT FRANKIE JOE SALINAS: That is a case five -- from our local vendor in the Valley and the casing is actually a braded handmade by our local vendor -- city vendor at the hardware store. Hope you enjoy.

GULF COAST/TRI-RIVERS PRESIDENT ANDY VANDINE: Andy VanDine, president of Gulf Coast/Tri Rivers --I'd like to thank you Mr. President, thank you for your service. (Hand a gift over.)

SPEAKER: What was it, Henry?

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: A lamp. Coffee mug. First off, I want to thank everybody that came up here, humbly, when folks get to come up and give you something like this, when this is not why we're here, why I'm here, but I very much do appreciate every gift that has been given to me and don't forget, go out to the park, enjoy the festivities tonight.

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: I'm grateful to have you-all, I'm not going to sit here and tell you that Billie and I did anything other than say, can you all help us and the Panhandle District, West Carlisle, Guadalupe District, Central Texas District, Bastrop Fire Department, Bastrop County ESD#1, and numerous other fire departments are working out there tonight. We had a great time last year with the Taste of the Valley, and this year you're going to get a pasture party -- party from Central Texas, so I hope you-all enjoy it tonight. Thank you all again.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: All right. To close out the meeting today, we're going to call back Ben Kennedy, chaplain, to offer the benediction.

CHAPLAIN BEN KENNEDY: Father, we ask that you be with us this evening, keep us from harm and bring us back, at the next meeting we need to conduct business, may our training be good, may our conference be good, and may You truly watch over all of us, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

AUDIENCE: Amen.

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: We'll recess until 8:30 Wednesday morning. (End of function.)

CLOSING BUSINESS SESSION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017 - 8:00 A.M.

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: At this time, I will reconvene the 141st Annual Conference and Convention of the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas. Your presiding officer today will be 2nd Vice President Mike Richardson.

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: Welcome. At this time, I'd like to ask Chaplain Ben Kennedy to come up for the invocation.

CHAPLAIN BEN KENNEDY: This sheet of paper does not mean I'm going to talk for an hour, folks, so relax. I just have to write myself some notes or I forget what I'm going to say.

Allen Scopell had valve replacement and, according to Matt Cornell just a moment ago, Allen is now home and doing well, so we need to keep Allen in our prayers. Also, I'd like to ask you to keep Doc and Jo Reesing in your prayers as things progress with that and, you know, that one is not going to get any better, folks. So just pray for comfort and peace for that family as they move through this process. So if you would, bow with me, please. Gracious God, we're thankful to you for this day that you blessed us with, for the opportunity that we have to serve, serve our great cities and this great state. We ask, Lord, that as we go through this business meeting that it would be conducted in a way that that would give glory and honor to You and be the best for our citizens. We ask now You go with us through the remainder of this morning. It's in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

AUDIENCE: Amen.

PAST PRESIDENT BOB LOONEY: Mr. Presiding Officer, I have some very important business to bring forward this morning. (Laughter).

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: Presiding officer recognizes Chief Looney, Past President Looney.

PAST PRESIDENT BOB LOONEY: Bob Looney, L O O N E Y. Folks, we got a security problem in this building that won't quit. I started down the hall this morning, was accosted by two great big dudes and forced this shoe box in my hand. Said, You must take this in and we can't go any further. We can't have our fourth vice president seated until this matter is completed, as you understand. Now, my friend and neighbor, who's got a goofy look on his face right now, doesn't understand what's going on, but sergeant-at-arms here are going to help me out a little bit and I want the sergeant-at-arms to know right now that this was an inside job. When y'all start investigating how he lost the box, that will be the first place to start. Come here.

4TH VP RICHARD VAN WINKLE: Friend and neighbor.

PAST PRESIDENT BOB LOONEY: Friend and neighbor. They made me do it, Richard.

4TH VP RICHARD VAN WINKLE: I know they did.

PAST PRESIDENT BOB LOONEY: I was good all week.

4TH VP RICHARD VAN WINKLE: I understand. I understand.

PAST PRESIDENT BOB LOONEY: Okay. All right. I appreciate you not pulling some trash like this on when I was in your position. I just had to do it.

4TH VP RICHARD VAN WINKLE: I understand. Nothing brings a bunch of people or unites a bunch of people like a common enemy. I don't know what y'all got against that box, but this is the biggest conspiracy I've ever seen. My friends and neighbors bad enough, but my own kinfolk. The will will be rewritten.

(Laughter)

PAST PRESIDENT BOB LOONEY: Are you saying that the whole deal, the inside deal, came from Jimbo?

4TH VP RICHARD VAN WINKLE: Pam didn't do too good a job raising him.

PAST PRESIDENT BOB LOONEY: You didn't do too good to a job taking care of the box either. Enjoy the rest of this. Take care of that for Chuck. Where is Chuck?

4TH VP NOMINEE CHUCK RICHARDSON: Down here.

PAST PRESIDENT BOB LOONEY: You got me (indiscernible). Thank you. And here she comes.

(Applause)

4TH VP RICHARD VAN WINKLE: I got to pay my rent.

(Laughter)

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: At this time, I would ask the 4th Vice President Nominee, to give him ample opportunity, to step up and discuss his campaign and nomination. There's the microphone.

4TH VP NOMINEE CHUCK RICHARDSON: Thank you. Good morning.

AUDIENCE: Good morning.

4TH VP NOMINEE CHUCK RICHARDSON: I was really going through the manual yesterday and I saw that little line in there that said I need to get up and talk about my vision of where this organization is going to go. And, honestly, I don't know where it's going to go, but I know where I want it to go.

I want each and every one of you out here that's a delegate to come back next year with another delegate so we can double the

size of this. I need us to work together to get the youth involved in this organization because if we don't get the younger members involved, we're going to go away, and that's going to be a sad day when that happens.

How we're going to do this, I don't know. I'm open to suggestions. Anybody that has ideas how we're going to take and keep this rolling down the road for the next 141 years or so, please, visit with us, let us know what we need to do.

The election is going to happen here in a little bit and hopefully somebody will vote for me and I'll wind up on the stage with these guys. There's some big shoes up there to fill, but I'm going to try to do my best to fill them. If anybody has suggestions what we need to do, please write them down. Because you can tell me all day long, but I got a good memory but it don't last long. So please write it down, get it to me and let's see what we can do to take and work together to make this a bigger, better conference next year and the year after and the year after. Does anybody have any questions of me?

PAST PRESIDENT BOB LOONEY: Do you take care of the shoe box?

4TH VP NOMINEE CHUCK RICHARDSON: I have a feeling I won't have that shoe box till the end of the day. I just got a feeling that's gonna happen.

PAST PRESIDENT BOB LOONEY: If I was you, I'd watch that guy.

4TH VP NOMINEE CHUCK RICHARDSON: I think my son in law is the biggest threat. I think he'll break into the room and get it. Thank you so much for your time.

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: Thank you, Chuck.

At this time, I would like to have our executive director, Chris Barron, come up and do two special recognitions.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS BARRON: Good morning, everyone.

AUDIENCE: Good morning.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS BARRON: For those that were involved in a small, little fire in the Panhandle earlier this year, couple hundred thousand acres or so, actually 180,000 acres I believe, if you're in here, would you please stand up? Is there anybody? Okay. Great. Couple a few. Great. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS BARRON: As y'all know, that was a fairly large fire that killed, what, four individuals. Some firefighters got burned in it, and it was quite destructive to property up there, but we're grateful for the job that firefighters in that region did.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS BARRON: As a response to that, AT&T stepped up to the plate and wanted to do something special to help those fire departments in that area repair or get back on their feet, if needed, due to responding to those fires. And with that being said, AT&T Foundation reached out to us as an organization to try and start a campaign or to start a campaign. There was no "try" about it. They wanted to start a campaign to help those fire departments out.

With that being said, I want to introduce and give a little short bio on Vice President of Legislative External Affairs Leslie Ward. Leslie Ward is responsible for developing and executing the strategies impacting AT&T's participation in the Texas political processes. Her responsibilities include the state legislative policy and initiatives for the State of Texas, development of a legislative, political strategy, as well as the management of AT&T external affairs. Ms. Ward was appointed to her current position in 2008 having previously served in numerous legislative and regulatory positions within AT&T. She has been ranked as one of the top corporate lobbyists in Texas since the inception of the ranking system by the Capitol Inside. Ms. Ward joined SBC, now AT&T, in 1998 following ten years serving in government relations division of Spring. Ms. Ward holds a B.A. in political science having attended Texas Tech University -- yes, Kyle, I know she's a fellow Texas Tech-and St. Edward's University in Austin. In addition, Ms. Ward completed work in corporate community relations at Boston College. Ms. Ward currently serves as Secretary of the Board of Texas Taxpayers Association, as well as Secretary for the Texas Cultural Trust. She is on the Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institution Board, the selection committee for the Texas Medal of Arts, and is a sustaining member of the Austin Junior League. Ms. Ward was appointed and served on the Texas Supreme Court Emergency Preparedness Task Force and previously served on the Board of the National Foundation for Women Legislators.

In 2014, Ms. Ward was appointed by Governor Rick Perry to serve in the position of chief executive officer for the Texas Economic Development Corporation. She is also currently on the executive committee for the Texas Civil Justice League and serves on the board of directors for Dress for Success. Ms. Ward resides in Austin, Texas with her husband, Don, and they have two children. It's my pleasure to introduce Ms. Ward, along with Randy, if you will come up here also.

Randy is my go-to guy. Randy, you can just say hi. He's the one that reached out to us. And I'd like to ask Ms. Ward to say a few words. Thanks.

MS. LESLIE WARD: Thank you, Chief Barron, for inviting me to join you today and for the recognition for AT&T. It's our privilege and honor to work with the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association to provide this financial support for our volunteer firefighters. Our job was the easy one. It's the first responders, volunteers or not, who go above and beyond the call of duty to keep our communities and families safe. When the public calls 911, we expect someone to quickly respond to our emergency, but we rarely stop to think about the brave individuals who make personal sacrifices to be there when we need it most. So we want to, first of all, say thank you for all that you do. Responding to these emergencies is not cheap and we know many of these departments go underfunded, so it's important that we support our volunteer firefighters in every possible way. It should not fall to those who are risking their lives to fund themselves at the same time.

We are honored at AT&T to do our part. We are equally proud to have been chosen recently by the First Responders Network Authority to build and manage the first broadband network dedicated to America's police, firefighters, and emergency medical services when they need it. The FirstNet Network will cover all 50 states, five U.S. territories and the District of Columbia. It's a much needed investment in America's communication's infrastructure to support millions of first responders and public safety nationwide who protect and serve all of us. As you can see, whether it's contributing financially or working to build and manage FirstNet, we at AT&T want you to know that we have your back. In closing, thank you, Chief Barron and all the association, for the important work you do being the critical resources for our firefighters across the state of Texas and allowing us to partner with you to help our volunteer firefighters. Thank you all.

(Applause)

(Plaque presented)

MS. LESLIE WARD: Oh, wow. Thank you. That is amazing. Thank you so much.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS BARRON: We want to say thank you on behalf of the Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas for the kind donation and the program to kickstart off what we hope is a long lasting donation campaign to help firefighters out in Texas. So, AT&T, thank you very much.

MS. LESLIE WARD: Thank you.

(Applause)

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: At this time, one other bit of recognition we'd like to make is one of our members in here has come to this conference 50 consecutive years and we'd like to have him stand and everyone recognize him at this time. Duane Henry.

(Applause)

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: We'd like to ask the president of the TFA to come up and perform the recognition of their officers. This is TFA President Anggie Sumrall, Texas Firemen's Auxiliary.

TFA PRESIDENT ANGGIE SUMRALL: Good morning. I'm Anggie Sumrall, President of TFA. I'd like to introduce my board at this time. First Vice President, Brandy Tidwell; Second Vice President, Leslie Nixon; Third Vice President, Patti Jones; Fourth Vice President, Melissa Thompson; Immediate Past President, Billie Smith; Secretary, Donna Svatek; Treasurer, Kendra Charbula; Historian, Penny Horelica; Chaplain, Mary Jane Cargile; and Sweetheart, Kennedy Sumrall.

(Applause)

(Photographs taken)

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: Sorry, Billie. Oh, you're right here. I thought you walked back there.

IMMEDIATE TFA PAST PRESIDENT BILLIE SMITH: No, Gabi got me.

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: Billie's done a really good job this year. She's brought some things forward with TFA that have opened our eyes and we've seen some things done that maybe hadn't been done in a while, and we just want to show her a little bit of our appreciation from this organization.

(Applause)

4TH VP RICHARD VAN WINKLE: That may be a good thing. I'd thought I'd chase him that way and I'd get the box.

IMMEDIATE TFA PAST PRESIDENT BILLIE SMITH: Thank y'all very much.

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: All right. Next on the agenda is the site selection report. The report was placed at the front and had the three listed hotels and the breakdowns of each individual element of it. Excuse me, Mr. President.

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: We would like to ask if there are any questions relevant to the site selection report. Hearing none, then we will move forward: At this time, I'd like to ask Secretary Ondrasek to come up to provide the Election of Officers.

SECRETARY JOE ONDRASEK: Thank you, Mike.

Again, I want to remind you that all the delegates should be seated up front as we move forward with our election. Just to review, we have the constitutional by-law amendments on the ballot that will require a two-thirds-majority vote. With regard to the mascot and conference site, that is more than a 50 percent vote. So just a reminder, since we have three cities, one of the cities will have to get more than 50 percent. Or if we don't, if one of them does not do that, then the top two cities will go back on the second ballot. So just a reminder of that. Also a reminder for those that are on the ballot, the candidates, that you all you can have a representative go with the tally committee. So if you have that representative, a person you want to send, just after election follow Chaplain Kennedy and his group out to where we're going to vote. So with that, I want to remind everyone that you're going to be placing an X on what you're voting for. So again, at this time if everyone would take their ballot and put an X on what they're voting for, we would do that. And then after you do that, the sergeant-at-arms are going to collect them. Pass your ballot to the center aisle and the sergeant-at-arms will collect those. Thank you, Mike. Just a reminder, on the ballot is a front and back so look on both sides of that. And also a reminder that even though there's only maybe one candidate, if you're voting for that, you want to vote for them.

(Chatter among the members.)

SECRETARY JOE ONDRASEK: Just a reminder, after you're finished voting, we want to pass everything to the front to the center aisle. I'm sorry, to the center aisle. You going to collect ours, too? Is everybody done this way? Has everyone voted and passed their votes in? A few still in the middle. And that looks like they've all been collected. Has everyone voted and submitted their ballot?

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: You got them?

SECRETARY JOE ONDRASEK: All right. Looks like we're done with that portion.

SECRETARY JOE ONDRASEK: Just a reminder, if you're a candidate, we're gonna take a representative with Mr. Kennedy, they can follow him out to the tally.

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: All right. At this time, I would like to introduce a gentleman that's been a good friend to our organization. We've had several years now of extremely good working relationships, someone that we're very proud to have come and visit us today and I consider a good friend I believe it's a man that's done a tremendous amount of great work for this for the fire service in the state of Texas.

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: I'd like to introduce the Texas Commission on Fire Protection Executive Director Tim Rutland.

TCFP EXEC. DIRECTOR TIM RUTLAND: Good morning.

AUDIENCE: Good morning.

TCFP EXEC. DIRECTOR TIM RUTLAND: Chief almost has his foot on this box down here, on top of the box. I was going to grab it as I walked past, that wasn't going to happen.

Well, thanks again. I appreciate just taking a few minutes. I've got just a few items that I'll touch on while I'm here. First, my congratulations to y'all for your completion of your 141st conference. 141st conference. That is something that y'all really should be proud of. What a legacy that you've created and I know I know there are plenty of good times yet to come.

Unfortunately, I didn't have a chance to be here at all this year. I've made the last few conferences and here it is right down the road from my office and I didn't get down here one time, so shame on me. But I appreciate the opportunity to come in. I know that many of y'all will leave a little better than you came. If you leave worse off than you came, then you need to cut back on your partying. A few quick items. First of all, end of May came around and of course the circus left town, so they're gone for right now. The legislative session ended the end of May. Unfortunately, they will likely be back within two years. Looks like the end of July, or some time in July, they'll be back.

The only thing that we have requested as part of the session this year, our only request to the legislature unfortunately, wasn't approved. We were trying to still get rid of the rider, that revenue amount, that additional revenue amount, and they did not see fit to do away with it. We had the same situation this year where we had the House budget striking it, removing it. The Senate version of the budget had not, and then unfortunately the Senate version prevailed. So but with that, my thanks to this organization for your support in trying to do away with that thing and all of our stakeholder groups. We are not giving up. We will get rid of that at some point. At some point, they will see the wisdom of doing away with that, so we'll keep hammering away at that one. No bills really of any real consequence for us this time. We had a couple that will make some minor changes, but nothing major, so we didn't see anything there. We will keep an eye on the special session. It didn't appear that there was going to be anything there, but like they always say, you never know when those folks come into town, so we'll see how that goes.

Testing stuff, let me let me touch on this one right quick. January 1st, as of January 1st, the commissioners passed a new rule that requires anyone taking a multi-section exam to pass all sections of

the exam in order to qualify for certification. So in our case what we're talking about is the structure exam and the inspector exam, both exams of which there are bridges for SFFMA personnel. So beginning January 1, everyone taking that exam has to pass all four sections in order to qualify. As expected, we have seen a dip in the pass rate, which is to say people passing all four sections on the first attempt. We have seen a dip in that. We actually, at this point though, are already seeing training facilities and personnel making the adjustments that need to be made in order to pass all four sections.

What we're seeing at this point is the hazmat sections seem to be the areas that by far we see the most failures. And relatively speaking, that's a fairly easy adjustment. It's a fairly small part of the structure exam. We had some training facilities who had personnel testing in January that didn't do particularly well. They've already come back through with a second group and they did much, much better, so they are making those adjustments.

Just a word to y'all; for those of you who are training officers for your departments out here, I can tell you that personnel who have been taking advantage of that bridging mechanism from State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association have been keeping pace with the rest of the state, historically for a long time now in terms of pass rates. So my compliments. You're doing something right, and don't let anybody tell you that the way y'all are training doesn't work. It does work.

So, again, my congratulations to y'all on that. I know that you as training officers, you'll make the adjustments as well for those two exams. I didn't mention much on the inspector, but let me mention this. There is currently some proposed rule language that you can see on the commission website for inspector. The commission board has proposed language that would create a new and additional inspector certification, a more basic inspector certification than currently exists. The other one won't go away. They're not doing away with our current inspector certification, but they're creating a new one that would be more basic.

Essentially, it would be inspector one. So our current inspector certification is Inspector I, Inspector II, and Plans Examiner. They're looking at proposed language that would create an Inspector I certification. The idea behind that being that engine company personnel could perhaps get that certification. We understand and, you know, in my conversations with Chris, he said it would probably be a great benefit to smaller communities, smaller departments that have places that need to be inspected, and they just don't have the personnel or the resources to go get that full certification. So we're really hoping that it will benefit that as well. We'll see how that goes.

TCFP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TIM RUTLAND: Again, the rules have been proposed. You can see those on our website. The Firefighter Advisory Committee will meet later this month. They will review it and then it will come back to the commissioners in their July meeting for possible final adoption. So please take the time if you have an interest, especially in this, take the time to go look at that proposed language and let me hear from you. Anything that y'all submit to me, I'm committing to you here, anything that you submit to me, I will make sure that our commissioners get that in their July meeting. I'll make sure of that. Other new certifications, we got a driver/operator aerial certification that has been adopted, already in place now. In fact, I talked to my testing supervisor earlier this week and she said we got our first applicant to test on that, so we're we're off and running for driver/operator aerials.

We just formed the ad-hoc committee for what is called Fire Life Safety Educator Certification. Brand new certification that we're going to begin developing. We'll actually have a Level I and Level II on that, two different certifications, two levels of certification, if you will. It will be geared for the person who spends a lot of time going out doing public education types of presentations to schools, to businesses, and that kind of thing. That's really what this one is geared for. So they'll be developing that, putting together the curriculum information, developing the state exam. My guess is we're looking at a number of months and we'll have that one off and running as well, probably after the first of the year will be my guess. With that, I tell you I've got plenty more notes that I could touch on but, I don't think I will. Let me mention one other thing though, and that is if you would, have a look, if you get a chance, at the 2016 injury report. It is now out. Again, you can you get to that on the agency's website. If you will go right now it's in draft form. If you'll go to the meeting minutes from the commission's April meeting, you can see that document there. It's a real interesting read. Lot of good statistical information there. We have been now doing the injury program since 2010, so we're now putting together some good data for the Texas Fire Service. And I say that because what I'd love to see happen, I would love to see the volunteer community get involved in this. We are gathering data for the Texas Fire Service. That means y'all, too. And so anything that you're willing to do to provide data to us for injury information I think is good, valuable information for all of us. It's easy to do. At this point, all you would do is you would contact us. We would create an ID number for your department. You could assign one person in your department to be the person who would go in and submit an injury report and it's as easy as that.

This information is confidential. All we're doing is gathering general information regarding types of injuries and that sort of thing. Again, it's as easy as that. More generally speaking, let me let me encourage y'all really to plug in to what we're doing. Again, our commission board is committed to working for the Texas fire service as a whole. No exceptions. Everybody is involved. And I remind y'all that you do have two people on that commission board who are nominated from this organization who are always there watching for your interest and providing that very valuable perspective that we have to have for the Texas fire service. So please, plug in, let me know what you need. You know where to find me. Feel free to contact me and I'd love to hear from you. Again, congratulations on your conference this year and be safe going home. Thanks.

(Applause)

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: Next I'd like to ask Chief Stephens to come up so we could recognize the San Marcos Fire Department, City of San Marcos. We have a plaque for Chief Stephens from the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas to the San Marcos Fire Department for the contributions to the 141st Annual SFFMA Training Conference and Convention, June 14th, 2017, San Marcos, Texas.

CHIEF LES STEPHENS: Thank you, sir.

(Applause)

(Photographs taken)

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: Next I'd like to ask Executive Director Barron up for the executive director's report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS BARRON: All right. Well, good morning, again. This is the 2017 Executive Director Annual Report that I'd like to make to you today. First off, on your way home I wish you safe travels. But also, if you're going north, please stop by our office which is about two miles off of the interstate. We do have some staff there today that will be giving tours. And if you've never seen our offices, it gives you a great opportunity 20 minutes up the road to stop by our offices that you helped us build. So thank you very much. I wanted to start off with kind-of a recap of our membership ending in 2016. And I know the past presidents don't throw darts at me, Bob Looney, but there are 25 past presidents and for some reason this report shows 20, but there are more than that bringing our total year to date membership at the end of 2016 to 23,492 members.

As y'all know, we've gone through some major updates, upgrades, and a lot of frustrations with the online certification program.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS BARRON: But towards the end of last year, we spent a lot of money and time and effort and sweat and tears in some respect to developing a class entry page to the certification program. And I'd like to point out here that you see now you also have the ability to print out your membership card if you happen to lose yours. So this is kind of fuzzy. That's strange. I don't guess we have focus capabilities. But in the fuzziness over here is the class entry page in which you can go in there and enroll multiple people counting for multiple objectives when you do a class in your fire department or some other type of training. And then on the right-hand side, you have the ability, once you log in, to renew your membership but also print out your membership card if you happen to lose that. And if you needed a replacement membership card, you can always contact us. Part of the rollout of the upgrade to the certification page is the guide that is now available. We have user's guides, and also a YouTube video which will walk you through how to do the class entry page and enter your training appropriately. So I wanted to point that out to make sure that you're aware that if you have questions, first off, you know, download the guide or look at the video, which is available to you. Part of the requirements that the board made last fall, because we were getting numerous folks that were saying the system's broken and literally at a budget workshop we walked through the system and we couldn't find where it was broken. But the perception out there was that it was broken and that you know how rumors spread within the fire service. The fact that it wasn't broken didn't quite get spread as fast as it was broken. So the board made a request that all certification coordinators must attend a webinar, including and starting with the certification board. And so in the fall, we set certain dates that they must have that that webinar done by and then we put by the end of the year that all certification coordinators were to go to and attend this webinar for the Online 3.1 certification program. At the end of the year, we also started a data migration program in which it will move all of the 14 million records that we have in our old database into the new database. The old database is on an old 2008 server and it is crippling along at this point in time. We are moving just as fast as we can to get that data off of there before it craters and decides to kick the bucket, as it's sometimes referred to. But converting 14 million records is a pretty time intensive and labor intensive task for a program to run, especially when there's multiple servers running also in that environment. A special program had to be written. We focused on getting the 2016 data moved over first and that was completed earlier this year. We then focused on the 2015 data, which was moving right along, and then all of a sudden within the last couple of days or last couple of weeks, we ran into a couple of roadblocks.

First off was the wheel sign where you clicked on something and the little wheel spun and spun and, you know, we waited and waited and then finally it, you know, did what we wanted it to do. And then ultimately at some point in time we reached the critical bonk, as it's sometimes referred to, when you key up a radio, you can't get on your channel, and the computer program wouldn't work. It actually had shutdown errors and, for the staff, that became a very frustration-intensive environment. Not real pleasant to be around. But we notified the programmers that something was going on, that whether it was, the data migrating over or something else was going on, but we had to fix whatever it was because we couldn't do our work in a timely manner. They stopped the data migration at that point in time about two weeks ago. They decided to go in and do some research on what was causing the errors. They found what it was and, at this point in time, beginning tomorrow, that's Thursday, we will be going through an upgrade. We found that there were some bugs on the current version of the program that we're on that we believe are causing some some of these errors that were coming up and why the data wasn't moving over as fast as anticipated. With the upgrade tomorrow, they are expecting that the data migration will get restarted. It will increase in speed from four to six times the speed that it was currently running at, which hopefully will yield that the 2015 data, and all the other previous years will move over faster and hopefully we can get this project closed here in the next few months. We did spend about \$84,000 last year just on the update to the certification program. Of course that was over budget over anticipated budget. In 2017, we have \$50,000 budgeted for this data conversion of moving all the old previous records to the new system and also a new progress report. This progress report is expected to run much faster, is expected to be more automated and will do some data checking that physical human beings had to check in the past. It will basically eliminate the need to have an additional staff person within the certification program that was solely dedicated, if you remember, just for progress report verification. In 2017, I will make the announcement we have already started looking for a potential new software program which will be more stable, which will be based in a cloud environment and will be easier, better, and have more features available to you. I hope that this time next year we'll make an announcement that we have either moved or are moving to a new system. Not to cause any panic, there will be no instance and no reason for us to take a step backward. The goal is to not make life more difficult for you or the office staff. The goal is for things to be easier and better than what they are and for that we are doing a research project. We are looking for proposals. We are highly and very strongly looking at what other systems are out there.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS BARRON: Let me also make notice, and I've said this before, there is really not a fire association management software out there. We're having to take basic association management softwares and then customizing it for our needs. As you know, the fire service is a little unique and for that we have to look for software that's going to be compatible and capable of doing what we need it to do. This last year, we teamed up with TEEX once again to do the legislative day at TEEX at the July fire school in which we brought a bus of legislators over to the fire school. We did a tour of the Texas A&M Forest Service headquarters, the emergency operations center, the TEEX headquarters and then took them over to the fire school for a demo. And then, also, we put them in bunker gear if they decided to do that. So Chief Moore and Gordon Lohmeyer, thank you so much for making this possible. I can't tell you the excitement these folks had on their faces once they loaded that bus to go back to Austin and how they talked about it the whole way home. This is something that's just very unique and I think is both beneficial not only for TEEX, but the fire association and fire service of Texas because it brings a new perspective to these legislators and staffers. When they go over there and they see what we do on a daily basis, they're able to put the bunker gear on and see how hot of an environment it is, and then to get out there and fight fire, that is just like going to a carnival I guess. Last year, with the help of Texas Mutual Insurance Company and VFIS of Texas, we were able to roll out the fire chief development program for its inaugural rollout. Would the graduates of the fire chief development program from year one, if you're in here, please stand? One, two. Great. Thank you so much. If you will find these folks later on, I think you will find that this program has been both beneficial to them and to our organization for gathering input into what we need to do to make sure our leaders of tomorrow and today have the tools and resources they need to make their fire department better, more progressive and safer to make sure everyone goes home. Would the instructors of the Fire Chief Development Program who are in the audience also please stand. The instructors, Chief Gardner, Richard, Mike? Where did Richard go? There you are. Thank you, Richard. Thank you very much. We have Chief Snider, Chief Snider in the back. We have a great pool of talent and there's numerous other ones that are not here that are helping teach this program. We are in year two of it. We just finished up weekend number two over the past few weeks. Weekend number three will be in July after fire school. And if you are interested in this program, please send me an email and I'll put your name on the waiting list. We already have a waiting list for basically the next two years. If funding were to become more available, we'll certainly look at offering a second

class each year, but already it seems like we don't have enough time throughout the year to make sure that we do it properly. And with all the subject matter that we need to cover, we're doing our best to make sure our folks are trained well.

Last year we also teamed with Manchaca Fire Department, McAllen Fire Department and TEEX to offer our international training. We partnered in January again this past year to do yet another round of training in McAllen and to offer these international firefighters training that they don't get in their home state, their home country.

We enabled and initiated a new lobbyist group last year with Allen Blakemore & Associates and this was their first legislative session with us. We will be doing some analysis after this session to see how good we did on our efforts that we wanted to get passed this session and to look at future endeavors.

We did perform a rapid intervention team training in July prior to the Spanish fire school in my hometown of Manchaca and we had about 18 or so international firefighters come over and get trained in rapid intervention teams.

I'd like to recognize our staff. Last year we went from eight staff to six staff, and for a number of different reasons. We decreased in size because of budgetary reasons for one thing, performance reasons for another. But I wanted to say with our dedicated staff is I think someone mentioned the other day, I think there's one staff per 3,300 members, so we do have our hands full sometimes representing 23,000 members, but we are here for you. The phone, when you call in, it will get picked up and someone will answer it. It might even be me on the other line. In fact, here lately I've gotten the, "What are you answering the phone for?" I'm like, "Helping out, you know." We're kind of short staffed, but we're here for you and here to help out. But I wanted to make sure to point out the dedication of the staff that you see up here, we have years of service with the organization. And it's not on my slide, but I wanted to point out that Kevin Creamer who is not here, he's back at the office working on your update and program to the certification program, has 15 years of service. Gabi Glass, eight years of service with us. Julie Beauchamp has ten years of service with us, going on 11 years. Our new membership coordinator and international relations liaison, Luis Martinez, is just a rookie so, you know, he's under a year. And then lastly, Jon Barron has five years of service with us, and then I think I'm going on 13 years of service. So I want to, number one, recognize the staff. Thank you very much. If you're in here, please stand up.

(Applause)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS BARRON: Gabi loves when I do this. Gabi and Julie. I know Julie is here, too. Come up, please.

MS. GABI GLASS: I'll wait for Julie.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS BARRON: Okay. Wait for Julie. You'll see here in a minute when I start giving the financials for the organization how important these two individuals are, but on behalf of the executive board and the staff, I want to say thank you to these young ladies for the job that they do in the office. As you can tell from their years of service, they're quite committed to the organization. And, along with the rest of the staff, even though they're not here, Jon Barron, he's not here either, he's loading trailers or taking trailers back. So Gabi and Julie, thank you so much for what you do for the organization. Small token of our appreciation for what you do and all that you for the membership.

(Applause)

EXEC. DIR. CHRIS BARRON: I can't tell you the number of times it is beyond office hours and those two, in addition to the other staff, are still working. When projects have to get done at a timely basis, sometimes there is no end of the day and oftentimes they just do it, don't even charge the association overtime or comp time because they are dedicated to the association and to you. So give them a pat on the back if you see them and tell them thank you when you call them up. So thank you very much. Okay. I don't know why it's so fuzzy, but I'm going to go over this anyway. I want to kind-of bring a visual representation of where we're at with our budget and where, when we do annual budgets and each and every fall where the income goes to and where the expense go to. So if you're not aware, our income is composed of 45 percent driven from dues. Certification fees make up a very small percentage, only 4 percent of our income come from certification fees. The conference makes up for 8 percent of our annual income. Advertising and the..for those folks who advertise in our magazines and on our newsletters only make up for 1 percent. Sales, and that's Julie, 36 percent of our income come from sales. So those who buy from our organization, thank you very much; those who don't, you need to buy from us. Miscellaneous, which include some royalties and some donations that we get, only makes up for 6 percent of our annual income. Here is where our expenses go. Salaries, benefit and taxes to the state and feds account for 25 percent of our annual expenses. The buildings operations, including utilities, insurance, et cetera, makes up 14 percent of our annual expenses. Publications and merchandise make up 29 percent of our annual expense. Legislative, including our lobbying that we have to contract with,

our lobbyists that we have to contract with and the legislative days whether it's at the TEEX or at the capitol make up 4 percent. Our executive board travels to district meetings. The coats that we wear, that type of stuff, only makes up 1 percent of our expenses. Training and travel for staff makes up only 1 percent. Insurance, which is insurance on automobiles, commercial insurance, that type of stuff, is 2 percent. Automobile - we have two vehicles, if you're aware and two trailers makes up a whopping .5 percent. So if you're wondering sometimes how much, you know, goes to fuel, it's only 0.5 percent of our annual budget. Office expenses, which includes office supplies, copier, maintenance, rental on postage machine, that type of stuff, makes up 3 percent. And lastly the great, old, government taxes, property taxes, make up 3 percent. We're looking at a way to try and reduce that. We are now at over \$50,000 a year we pay just in property taxes to Travis County. Utilities make up 2 percent. Printing and mailings 2 percent. Software and IT makes up 7 percent. Sure does seem like a whole lot more than that. Sometimes I want to pull my hair out because I feel like I'm just throwing money away. And then lastly our conference makes up 7 percent of our annual expenses. We are on a zero-based budget, which means that every year when the board and the finance committee meet, basically the budget equals out where the income equals the expense. And we try and predict that, which is oftentimes difficult to do. We don't necessarily have a rainy day fund. In fact, we don't have a rainy day fund. We don't have a savings account and we don't have any type of investments and sometimes that's a little scary.

As an executive director, I am making the request to the executive board and the board has acted to develop a by-law proposal to go up on dues. And it wasn't until one of the recent fire chiefs academy that it was made pretty clear by Chief Snider that we haven't really gone up in dues since about the early '90s. And I thought, Okay, how is that possible since we went up on dues? But it was dedicated toward the building fund. It was dedicated for our office. And if you recall several years ago, what, in 2012, Rusty, or so, we went up \$10 dollars per year from \$20 a year to \$30. For the future, I think you'll see some by-law proposal to hopefully flat line out. The organizational dues, whether it's an industrial organization, a fire department organization or sustaining membership towards a flat line dues, in addition I think you'll see some increases in the individual membership dues going up. Now you may think, "Oh, my gosh, how are we going to afford that?" We are going to show you, because we have our homework in front of us as staff, to make sure you see the value of your membership. If we go up on dues and when there is a proposal to go up on dues, we're going to show you the value of our membership. We're also going to look at some increased benefits to you.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS BARRON: For example, we have an AD&D and LODD policy right now, as it stands, where it is \$2,000 per year, AD&D policy, if you were to crash, on or off duty, \$2,000 go to your family. In this day and age, \$2,000, I don't even know if it will buy you a hole in the ground, but we're looking at some other options that will increase that to five or \$10,000, and including the line-of-duty- death benefit. We have a line-of-duty death benefit of \$5,000 as it is right now. And we don't know from one year to the next, and it's a self-funded program, how many line-of-duty-deaths we're going to have. So with a possible dues increase will be possible new benefits coming to you at reduced rates. And we intend to work with some of our sponsors and benefit providers to make sure you are aware of the value of your membership in our organization.

AT&T, as you just heard earlier, started this text-to-donate campaign and it went along with a 20,000 dollar donation to the foundation which we plan to turn that back around to you as fire departments out there. We're going to focus particularly this particular grant on the Panhandle region. There will be announcements ahead about a grant program to help you with your organization. But, with that, the text-to-donate campaign, we hope to have a standard non expiring program that helps to give back to your organizations and your fire departments.

We will upgrade and stabilize the database program in the months ahead, hopefully the weeks ahead. As ya'll heard, we will be going through an upgrade tomorrow. The online system will be down. We won't even be able to access it in the office.

It is my goal that within the next week we...I hope we are back on full, solid ground with that program and that things are running much smoother. Luckily, to you, you didn't see a lot of disruption in service externally, but internally we saw a lot and that's not real fun. We'll be going through the software analysis, as I spoke to earlier. We'll be going through the dues survey analysis and evaluation of not only our program, but also other types of fire service associations throughout the United States and where they're at with their dues and what all benefits they provide to their members. And then in July, prior to the fire school, we're doing a vehicle extrication training at our office and in a south Austin wrecking yard. We have the ability to get wrecked cars for free and with some assistance from our fire department, Manchaca Fire Department and the Austin Fire Department, we're going to be able to offer this training class to the international members. TEEX has also stepped in there to offer their services regarding registration and certification, so we appreciate that.

That is going to conclude my state report....almost. Forgot about some new membership benefits. I didn't print this out in time.

So some of the other things we're going to be looking at in addition to possible dues increase is the new membership benefits. Now I know there's a few of you in here that tote guns or something along those lines. You might have some in here now. I will watch what I say. But one of the new benefits that is rolling out, and you'll see more information here soon. I was made aware of this company, thanks to Tim Rutland. PBR Ammo, Parabellum Research as it's referred, offers ammo at a much reduced rate. And if you send them your credentials, your fire department ID badge, you get an additional 10 percent off. You can order online. You can pick it up in their store located in Kyle, Texas or their manufacturing facility located in Kyle, Texas. And I think Tim and I can vouch that it's great ammo and there's been no misfires. Right? Yes. Tim and I go shooting every once in a while so we have a good time with that. Thank you, Tim. But we've made a membership affiliate program, pbrammo.com, and if you need to place an order on your way out today, just give them a shout. All right. Now moving on.

The National Volunteer Fire Council Report, as y'all know, I am now serving as the Texas director or assistant director, I'm not quite sure. Dallas and I, we just go there and we represent Texas, so we do our best in representing Texas, but also bringing information back from the National Volunteer Fire Council. I'm going to start off with a radio and wireless report because that's one of the committees that I vice chair on. As y'all heard earlier from Ms. Ward, AT&T has been awarded the FirstNet RFP for a nationwide data system. They will be building it out. It's billions of dollars. They will be building that out over the next several years. They're going to be working with state and local officials, with those folks that want to sign up under the FirstNet data. So when you hear about it, make sure your county judge or emergency manager is aware of that if you plan to participate in FirstNet or not. We are also working on a new subcommittee to the radio and wireless as I'm going to refer to as a technology committee for UAVs. That is the drones basically. As y'all know, drones are becoming popular in emergency services. In fact the City of Austin Fire Department has a complete robotics section which has drones for water, land and air, and so they use those robotics to help them with emergency response. There is a committee because there's really no standards or policies out there for the emergency services, and so there is a committee composed of FAA, National Volunteer Fire Council and all sorts of other emergency organizations, including I-Chiefs, that will focus on policies regarding drone usage.

NVFC is also on a goal and I think they have finally succeeded, in reaching 20,000 members. Just in 2017, I think they have finally reached that goal.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS BARRON: I want to remind you of the additional line-of-duty-death and AD&D benefit that you have if you decide to join as an optional benefit to your organization. That \$10,000 AD&D policy and \$20,000 line of duty death policy available to any of your members, as long as they check that box at the end of your dues statement for NVFC optional benefit. I want to remind you of the Globe Gear Giveaway Program. In fact, I haven't seen many Texas fire departments that have been awarded that, so I don't know if people just aren't applying. For some reason, we haven't been on the hit list, so to speak, to give out those awards. I think there was maybe one Texas fire department recently that did get an award for Globe bunker gear. And this is free bunker gear available to your fire department. All you have to do, when you see our newsletter go out, and then you see the announcement about the Globe Giveaway Program, go to it and fill out the information. Some of the other things that National Volunteer Fire Council has been working on and offers to you as a benefit as a member of NVFC is a free online training. They have numerous online training classes creditable for CE hours through their virtual classroom. The NVFC staff has been working on national legislation to help you as first responders. And it seems like it's a broken record every time we go to Washington, D.C. and submit for the same things, whether it is funding for U.S. Fire Administration or funding for the AFG or SAFER grants. Things don't seem to move real fast in Washington, D.C. but yet the message is always the same when we go there, to help emergency first responders across the nation. And NVFC staff continue to work on those legislative efforts on a daily basis.

They also have the recruitment and retention program called Finding the Firefighter in You. You have the ability, as a local fire department, to set up your own marketing material using their program, customized marketing material available to your fire department just by logging in and then choosing which posters you want, which fliers or postcards you want to use, printing it out locally at a local print shop. And all you have to do is log into the NVFC site, Finding the Firefighter in You, and hopefully use some of those recruitment retention tools. As end users, local community members can actually go to their site and find where their nearest fire department is and their contact information so that they can get directly in touch with you as the local fire department. In conclusion, I want to say thank you. You have given us the support, your membership, and your patience over the last I don't know how many years and, for that, we are very grateful as staff and executive board to you for your patience, for your membership in our organization and for believing in us for what our cause is and what we do for you.

I'm glad and proud to represent you as the executive director, and if there's anything I could ever do for you, please let me know. I can't bring you sacks of money, but I'll do everything else possible within the scope of my job duties to help you out. So thank you very much for being here. I look forward to continuing to work with you and the organization, and I'm proud to be an SFFMA member. Thank you.

(Applause)

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: For the legislative update, I'd like to ask Executive Director Barron to give us a summary.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS BARRON: Back again.

Okay. Let me log in real quick because our lobbyist was not able to be here and then I just got notice that Dan Key had to go back home early. He has a wife that is home sick and he had to split town. So bear with us. Or bear with me more like it. All right. First off, this was the legislative session that was quite busy. If y'all were aware, it seemed that there was a lot of focus on things unrelated to what I think is what the legislative body is meant to be doing, and that includes bathroom bills. For the life of me, I cannot understand why so much time was spent on things that I feel that doesn't need to be spent on; however, that took up a lot of time. This was the legislative session in which the second-most bills filed ever was there. There were more bills filed this past session than the second time, highest ever, and it was also the legislative session in which the fewest bills were passed. The 2604 program, we gave some directive to our lobbying team this past year that we wanted that fully restored to \$30 million per year. It's what they've been collecting for years. It's what should be given out back to the fire service of Texas. And we're getting some conflicting reports. Our lobbyist says that it was fully restored and then we got some reports the other day, if you heard from the Texas Forest Service executive director, in which basically the funding is basically the same. So we have requested some updated information on that program, where exactly the funding level is at. And as soon as we find out, we'll get back to you. There is also a new EMS assistance program at about \$3 million per year. It will be administered by the Department of State and Health and Human Services which will give back to emergency responders across Texas in the form of grants. Representative Ashby, Representative Zerwas were instrumental this past session in making sure our 2604 funding program was not significantly cut as it has been in past.

Unfortunately, this past session we did not get the job bill job protection bill passed. That was reintroduced again and we had some testimony given, but because there was so much focus on other things in the legislature, it was not brought out of committee.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS BARRON: So I anticipate these two representatives and senators will bring this job protection bill out again next legislative session, and that's protecting your job when you go out on a deployment. If you're called into action, whether it's a TIFMAS response or any other type of response and you're deployed, and it's a government declared disaster, and you get back home and your employer decides to punish you or terminate your employment, this job protection bill would have protected you from that type of action.

The other focus that we had this legislative session came from our industrial emergency services board and that is to bring about line of duty death benefits on the state level to industrial first responders in Texas. And what we found is that there are actually some constitutional changes that has to be made to the Texas Constitution in order for that to take place. So, in the meantime, our lobbyist will be working in the off-period of the session to see what can be done to get that constitutional change made so that we can offer line-of-duty death benefits for our industrial first responders across Texas. Over the next few months we will be sending out some summaries and updates to you. Please make sure that if we make a request out to you to say thank-you to your local state representative, that you do that. They like hearing from the Austin office but, better yet, they like hearing from you who are actually out in their district and who have that first representative to the state legislature. So, please, if we ask for the request to say thanks, just pick up the phone and call the state rep to say thanks. And I'm not going to go down every bill that got passed. You'll see a summary in our upcoming newsletters. If you have any questions, feel free to ask us once that summary goes out and we'll be glad be to work with our lobbyists to explain those bills. So that is the legislative report for 2017. Thank you.

(Applause)

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: At this time, Gary Williams will come forward and give a report from the certification board.

CHAIRMAN GARY WILLIAMS: Good morning. I'd like to thank Chris for doing a big part of information for me a while ago.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS BARRON: You're welcome.

CHAIRMAN GARY WILLIAMS: That's a good deal. I've been asked a couple of times why did we start a certification program. And I'm going to go back to November of 1974 when the state association started a couple of committees and they developed a certification group to look into it. And just to give you an idea, in November, out of Zone 01 was Jesse Lozano; Zone 02 was Charles Orsac; Zone 03, Ray Williamson; 04 was John Sheldrin;

Zone 05, B.E. Cooke; 06, Eugene Fink; 07 was Quintin Pervis; 09 was Charles Ray Simms; 12 was Jack Jennings; 13 was Jim Webb; 15 was Wendell "Windy" Acosta; 16 was William A. Bill Taylor. In October of '75, they added Zone 08, Jack Taylor; Zone 11, Alfred Cole; Zone 14, Marvin Bedford; and in January of '76, Zone 10, Sydney Smith. Those guys started the certification program and implemented it in 1976. Since they implemented that first certification program, man, has it changed. But they were the ones that got us started. Today, I would like for the certification board members that are here, when I call your name, if you would, please stand. Frankie Marcinkiewicz, Zone 03, which is our vice chairman; I got R.J. Thomas, secretary out of Zone 04; Brian Scheffer, Zone 01. How about Zone 02, Edwin Baker?

EDWIN BAKER: By myself.

CHAIRMAN GARY WILLIAMS: Zone 05, Ubaldo Perez. There he is. Zone 07, Will Rains is not here; Zone 08, Patrick Dooley; Zone 09, Mick Moffitt; Zone 10, Nata Mara, Zone 11, Clay Deatherage; Zone 12, William Tidwell; at the present time, Zone 13 is open; zone 14, even though he's walking in, Brent Allen; Zone 15, Scott Garris; Zone 16, Josh Constancio; Zone 17, Paul Loeffler, not here; Zone 18, Andy Dexter; Zone 19, Curtis Brown. And then along with that, the TEEEX rep is Cary Roccaforte; the TFS representative is Steven Carter; and the executive board representative, Mike Richardson and Richard Van Winkle. That's part of the board that has been working on all of this certification trying to get everything up to date. A little time line. June of 2009, Donnie Pickard and Shawn Snider gave an update from the executive board regarding the regulation of volunteer firefighters and kind-of laid out a plan to counter any legislative proposals. January 2010, the review committee provided a side-by-side comparison of the SFFMA certification and curriculum with the TCFP and the NFPA 1001 Firefighter I and II standards. That started a lot of discussion. July 2010, Chairman Pickard set up a schedule of workshops for board members to meet and revamp the program. March 2011, the board voted to align the firefighter program to NFPA 1001 Firefighter I and II. That also required the written and skills examination. They required Courage to Be Safe coursework and the guideline for recrediting to the new framework established. There was several committees that worked on that for a couple more years. Breakdowns for Modules 1 and 2 approved. The department was directed to begin transitioning trending records. January 2012, the skill exam documentation was approved. 2013, new edition of 1001 issued. 2013, NFPA committee presented proposals for a new breakdown to align the new standard. February of 2014, SFFMA Executive Board directed the certification board to align certification to NFPA standards with the end result of full TCFP reciprocity.

CHAIRMAN GARY WILLIAMS: Announcement of written exam agreement for TEEX began. June of '14, SFFMA received notice that software language of current online program no longer supported. That's when a lot of our trouble started. And as Chris said a minute ago, we're still working on that issue. January 2015, database companies advertised new certification module that appears to meet all requirements. Would be available in June. December, new certification module software finally became available. Found several shortcomings. January 2016, initial access to on line 3.0. November '16, major update to 3.1. January 2017, data training transfer from old program begins, which Chris talked about. And I had it down here that some data transfer was complete, all of 2016 and about half of 2015. And then that's when it shut down. But that's kind-of the time line of where we're at. Chris said that we're still working on a lot of things. The only other thing that I have starting in July of 2016 was the Master recognition of firefighters from across the state of Texas. In July, out of Zone 12, Idalou Fire Department, to Kriss Donley Paschall; 02 to, Refugio, Don Pullin. And, if I may at this time, I think we all need to keep Don Pullin in our prayers, too. He was given some bad news that none of us ever want to hear, so he's fighting that battle right now. So, if you would, also keep him in your prayers. November of '16, Zone 01, Paige Volunteer Department, Julian Schwartz, III; Zone 03, East Bernard, Douglas Wade Hancock; Zone 04, Ingleside Fire Department, Lawrence Mills. And I'm going to butcher this name: Norotsky, is that correct?

MR. LARRY NOROTSKY: Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN GARY WILLIAMS: Thank you. Zone 08, Reno Fire Department, Matthew Barbee; Zone 18, Cy Fair, Amy Ramon. January 2017, Zone 06, Pasadena Fire Department, Jason Andreno; Zone 08, Flint-Gresham, Keith Tate; Zone 09, Eagle Mountain, James Davis; Zone 12, Slaton Fire Department, Shane Parker. January 2017, also, at this meeting, and the rest of them was Zone 01, Merrie Noak; Brenham Fire Department, Brent Sauble; Zone 05, Laguna Vista Fire Department, Marcus Smith; Zone 06, Brazoria Fire Department, Duane Stahl; Zone 06, Chevron Phillips Pasadena, Larry Sellers; Zone 06, Forest Bend, John Norris, Jr.; Zone 06, Pasadena Fire Department, Arturo Aleman; Zone 08, Wills Point Fire Department, Ray Thompson; Zone 09, Azle Fire Department, Steven Lemming; Albany Fire Department, Clay Deatherage; Zone 18, Cypress Fire Department, Tim Gibson. Mr. President, that is my report.

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: Thank you, Gary.

Next will be president Henry Perry for committee recognition.

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: First off, I want to say, again,

thank y'all for coming to this conference. We've had a wonderful time. To tag on to what Gary said right there, would everybody that has earned a Master Firefighter certification from SFFMA please stand up.

(Applause)

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: I know he read the list of all the ones that have been recent, but congratulations to all of y'all. At this time, it's my privilege to get to say thank you to every committee that works for this association. If you're a member of a committee, would you please stand up? These are the folks that do all the work behind the scenes. Thank y'all very much.

(Applause)

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: I've got a couple of things we want to do right quick. If I could, could I get Mark Wobus, Louise Watts and a representative of the Guadalupe District? Or, Louise, you can do that, too. While they're coming up here, these folks if y'all don't -- didn't know it, did everything they could to make this convention a great success, from the Sunday night Presidents' Reception to assisting with the pumper races to the training speaker selection committee, assisting with that. These folks have made it possible. So it is my pleasure to present them a plaque. Thank y'all very much.

(Applause)

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: And one for the Guadalupe District, the same thing. Thank y'all very very much.

(Applause)

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: Chairman Robert Kleen, sergeant at arms recognition, if you'd come forward, please.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS CHAIRMAN ROBERT KLEEN: I'm Robert Kleen, chairman of Sergeant-at-Arms. I want to thank all of you for coming and enjoying the convention and to let you know that the crew that's coming right over here, they're the ones that do one heck of a lot of work to see to it that everything runs smooth. If there's some kind of a problem, they will work it out. They will take care of it. And we don't have a person from every district yet. That is one of my real goals is to set up and have one from every district so that you can represent your people. So, district boards, I challenge you to find somebody in your district that is willing to come and be active and stay with it. I have got people here that have been with me since 1990. They are that committed. And I'm going to start on my left side over here.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS CHAIRMAN ROBERT KLEEN: Matt Cornell; Jimmy Cargile; Sara Harborth; Ricky Cearly; Melissa Sanchez; Elton Thornell; Tommy Sanchez; Jerry Gomez; Pat Olivas, and he comes all the way from Fort Davis to be with us; Daniel Hernandez; and Cowboy Wiley, and Cowboy comes from Floydada every year. This is the hardest working committee at conference. Other committees here do a lot of stuff through the year. When we get here, this bunch is the hardest working committee you can find. I appreciate every one of them. I'll just tell all of you, getting old is fun. Getting old and decrepit ain't worth a hoot. Thank y'all.

(Applause)

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: If Nancy Hall will come forward, we'd like have the poster conference recognition.

CHAIRWOMAN NANCY HALL: My name is Nancy Hall and I'm the chairwoman of the committee. And if my committee would come on up here. As they're coming, next year if y'all will, make sure when you write on the back if it's kindergarten, put "kindergarten" on it. We had one turned in and it was an eighth grader, and yet they put on the envelope "kindergarten". These are the winners, first and second place winners this year.

FRANKIE JOE SALINAS: All right. I'm going to go ahead and start with the 2017 Poster Committee. Third place, kindergarten division goes to Cru Pearson, Anson Elementary, Anson Fire Department, Mid-West, Texas. Third place. Mid-West District.

(Applause)

FRANKIE JOE SALINAS: Anybody here, representation up here? If you can give it back to your respective winners. Second place, I knew she was going to do this. Second place, I'm not even going to start to pronounce the name, but it's a weird name. And it's probably as close as to Frankie Alphabet's name, so Frankie, you got competition. So this is from the Plano Fire Department and goes to the North Texas District. So, North district, if you're here, come and get your second place trophy for kindergarten division. (Varshini Arukumaran). All right. This is first place, kindergarten, David Fernandez, from Moulton, Guadalupe district. Louise Watts. Move on to the next division, primary division. Third place is going to go to Ms. Calderon, Apache, Fort Stockton, Permian Basin district. Third place, primary division. Second place, primary division, Yarel Flores, school, Judge Oscar de la Fuente, San Benito, Rio Grande Valley. First place, primary division, Presley Henke, St. Philip's Catholic, El Campo, Guadalupe. Intermediate, first place goes to Neal Acharya, school is Bethany, fire department is Plano, North Texas District. Second place, intermediate division, another name that has

competition with Frankie, school is Hunt, Plano, North Texas district. (Aarkash Arulkumaran) Third place, intermediate division, Trinity Hernandez, Anson, district is Mid-West District. Mid-West. All right. Mid division. Third place, Belinda Dong, School, Rice, Plano, North Texas District. Second place, Felicity Duran, Manzano School, Brownsville, Rio Grande Valley. First place, Lucy Cai, Plano, North Texas District. All right. We're going to go with third place junior high. Olivia Fan, Rice, Plano, North Texas. Second place, Justin Espino, school, Jackson, fire department, Pasadena, Gulf Coast. First place, Josh Wang, Robinson School, Plano, North Texas. I'm just going to give everything to Plano.

FRANKIE JOE SALINAS: They had an art class.

FRANKIE JOE SALINAS: Third place, Alexandra Jackson Johnson, excuse me, school, Orange Grove, fire department, Orange Grove Volunteer Fire Department, South Central District. South District. All right. This is going to be high school. Second place, Victoria Prevost, school, Ball, fire department is Galveston, Gulf Coast. First place, Jennifer Escalante, school, Ball, fire department, Galveston, district, Gulf Coast. That presents one more? That's it? All right. That's the winners for this year's 2016 2017 Poster Committee Winners.

(Applause).

FRANKIE JOE SALINAS: Just a reminder. All you saw was fire department posters. This great organization, as you know, we feed both EMS and fire, so go back to your districts and involve the EMS side of it because just as we are proactive in the EMS in the fire department side and the prevention side, we need to be proactive on the EMS side because we both work hand in hand together and we both feed lines, both sides of it. So, please, go back to your district and tell them to submit something for the EMS. Thank you.

(Photographs taken)

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: I'd like to thank the poster committee. There's some outstanding posters out there, a lot of them. Next, I would like to have Executive Director Chris Barron come up for the photo contest winner.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS BARRON: We're looking to see if we have these photo contest winners available on our powerpoint, but we don't, but they've been displayed by our registration desk all week. So for third place in education and public safety from Community VFD, Lauralee Veitch. Anybody here from Community VFD or nearby? Okay. Second place we have in education and public safety, I know he is here from Dalhart Fire Department, Curtis Brown.

(Applause)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS BARRON: For first place in education and public safety from Potter County Fire Rescue, Angela Kendrick. Is Angela -- she's not here, but somebody is. Craig Jusiak will accept on behalf of Angela.

All right. Life saving, third place. Life saving, third place goes to Greenwood-Slidell VFD, Adam North. He was here yesterday. Is Adam here today? Adam North. No? Okay. Is a Greenwood-Slidell representative here? No? Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I can take it.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS BARRON: Oh. Okay. Second place, life saving acts, goes to also Adam North, Greenwood-Slidell, accepting on behalf. First place, life saving acts goes to Community VFD, Lauralee Veitch. Okay. Third place, fire related acts goes to Pharr Fire Department, Pilar Rodriguez. Pilar, are you still here? There you are, Pilar. Great. Awesome photo by the way.

PILAR RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

(Applause)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS BARRON: Second place in fire related acts goes, once again, to Lauralee Veitch from Community VFD. Lauralee is evidently a photographer or loves photography because she also won first place in fire related acts. Congratulations, Lauralee, from Community VFD. Lastly, we have Best in Show. Best in Show goes to Xavier Garcia from Pleasanton VFD.

(Applause)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS BARRON: Is that the right spelling or pronunciation?

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: I'd like to ask Jim White to come up and present the resolutions.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY F. JIM WHITE: Good morning. If you'll open your program to page nine, you'll have printed resolutions one and two. At this time, I'd like to have a motion from the floor, and would you please stand and state your name, your district or your fire department to accept resolution one?

MARC NICHOLS: Marc Nichols, Northeast Texas District, Gilmer Fire Department. I'd like to make a motion that we accept it.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY F. JIM WHITE: Do we have a second? Frankie.

FRANKIE JOE SALINAS: Frankie Joe Salinas, Edinburg Fire Department. I second that motion.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY F. JIM WHITE: Thank you. Is there any discussion?

SECRETARY JOE ONDRASEK: Can you repeat that for her? Who made the second?

ASSISTANT SECRETARY F. JIM WHITE: Frankie Joe Salinas. Edinburg?

FRANKIE JOE SALINAS: Yes.

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: I have a motion and a second. Is there any further discussion? None being, then call for a vote. All those in favor, say aye.

AUDIENCE: Aye.

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: All opposed, say nay. Motion carried. Thank you.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY F. JIM WHITE: I call for a motion from the floor to accept resolution two. Would you also please stand and state your name and/or district and fire department to accept resolution two?

MARC NICHOLS: Marc Nichols, Northeast Texas District, Gilmer Fire Department. I'd like to make a motion that we accept resolution number two.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY F. JIM WHITE: Do we have a second?

KYLE STEPHENS: Kyle Stephens, Decatur Fire Department, Past President. I make a motion or I second.

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: We have a motion and a second. Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, then I'll call for a vote. All those in favor, say aye.

AUDIENCE: Aye.

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: Any opposed, say nay. Motion carries. Now I'd like to ask, if you're prepared, Secretary Ondrasek, for the election results. Are they brought forward?

SECRETARY JOE ONDRASEK: I don't have them yet, sir.

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: I'm going to ask President Perry and 1st Vice President Cheshire come up and we're going to have a presentation for our past finance chairman.

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: We had a discussion at the previous board meeting and we came to the conclusion that we needed to do something for Allen Scopel. Those of y'all that know Allen, as Chaplain Kennedy said this morning, he's not in good health, but he is out of the hospital. But the board has made the decision that we will present Allen at some time in the future. We have his card here right with the title of Honorary Life Member in the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas.

(Applause)

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: Relative to elections, we'll bring forward Secretary Ondrasek for an announcement.

SECRETARY JOE ONDRASEK: We're going to have to have a runoff ballot election so we need to take care of that real quick, and I'll give you directions once you get your ballot. So to get your ballot, I need all of the voting delegates, you have to go out the door, come back in and a sergeant-at-arms will give you a second ballot. So if you're a voting delegate, make your way out the door, please, come back in and they're going to give you a second ballot. We're going to be voting on a host city.

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: To all the delegates, I would like to reiterate, please do not fill anything out on this ballot until you have received instructions from the secretary.

SECRETARY JOE ONDRASEK: Is everybody back in? Everybody have a ballot? Please don't mark on it for a second. Confirming everyone is in, everyone has a ballot. Looks like it. So the first thing I need you to do is to scratch through Amarillo. Scratch through Amarillo. The two cities we are voting on on the runoff are Lubbock and Wichita Falls. So at this time, I need you to place an X on the city that you're voting for. Again, we're voting between Lubbock and Wichita Falls. Place an X on the city you're voting for. When you have voted, please pass your ballot to the center aisle and the sergeant-at-arms will collect it. Do you have to vote still? Have all the delegates voted? Last call. Have all the delegates voted? Raise your hand if you still have a ballot. All right, sergeant-at-arms. It looks like we're good. Thank you, Mr. President.

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: We have another couple of recognitions. I would like to have our conference photographer Jim come up.

SECRETARY JOE ONDRASEK: Somebody take a picture.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Let him take a selfie.

SECRETARY JOE ONDRASEK: Gabi, can you do it?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Let him take a selfie.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS BARRON: Yeah, a selfie.

(Applause)

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: Is the Bud man here? John Schulze. We've got a gift for him. We'll get it to him. Is there anyone from Brenham Fire Department here? They've already gone? Okay.

SECRETARY JOE ONDRASEK: Ashlynn, would you come up here? Mom and Dad, where you at? We have something for the mascot. Or anyone else. So, Ashlynn, I'd like you to come on up here to give you your past mascot badge on behalf of the SFFMA

board and all the membership. Thank you for everything you've done. We're so proud of you. And if you have anything to say, say it.

MASCOT ASHLYNN WOBUS: Well, since you asked.

All right. Focus my contacts here. So when I first got my badge last summer, I was told that I'd have ten extra dads, grandpas, uncles to look after me. Lo and behold, it was the truth because they've all been so supportive this past year. When I look or when I took on becoming mascot for SFFMA, my goals were to raise enough money for the MDA to get at least two kids to camp, and to beat my brother's record. I stand here today to tell you that not only have we raised enough money to help two kids go to camp, but we've raised enough money to help three kids go to camp.

(Applause)

MASCOT ASHLYNN WOBUS: And in doing so, we beat my brother's record of \$2,707 and \$2,953.60.

(Applause)

MASCOT ASHLYNN WOBUS: Of course with your help and support of everybody here. Thank you so much for your donations and thank you for allowing me to be your state mascot.

(Applause)

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: I've got a card for Ashlynn on behalf of the Central Texas district for how well you represented us.

1ST VP HARVIE CHESHIRE: Ms. Ashlynn, this is from me and from my bride. We just want to say thank-you for everything you've done. It's been a pleasure and an honor working with you.

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: Ashlynn, this is a little something from myself and my wife. We just want to say thank-you for what you've done for this association and what you've done for MDA.

4TH VP RICHARD VAN WINKLE: Ashlynn, this is from Pam and I. We appreciate what you've done this year. And it did not come from the Dollar Store.

SECRETARY JOE ONDRASEK: Ashlynn, from Jim and his wife Judy, and Missy and I, here you go. Thank you.

PAST PRESIDENT BOB LOONEY: Richard, where is the shoe box?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: You want me to hold it for you?

4th VP RICHARD VAN WINKLE: No.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I was just trying to guard it.

GUADALUPE DISTRICT PRESIDENT MRS. LOUISE WATTS: Ashlynn, this is from the Guadalupe District. You've been our mascot twice.

GUADALUPE DISTRICT PRESIDENT MRS. LOUISE WATTS:

You did a fantastic job, and this is also from me and Kent and Kent says, even though you beat your brother's record and he was his mascot, we are so proud of you.

(Applause)

(Photographs taken)

SECRETARY JOE ONDRASEK: So, President Perry, on behalf of the association, board and the membership, here's your president's plaque for president and the coveted life membership card. We want to thank you for your service to the association and the board and everything you've done for all of us.

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: Thank you.

SECRETARY JOE ONDRASEK: Yes, sir.

(Applause)

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: And I can speak for about 30 minutes. While we're waiting on the ballot results, again, I would like to say thank y'all for everything y'all have done for me. And at this time you want to take about 15? Let's take about a 15 minute break. We'll reconvene I'll say at 10:25.

BOARD MEMBER: Nancy has something to say.

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: Yes, Nancy.

NANCY HALL: If you have not picked up your posters, please pick them up before you leave.

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: She said if you haven't picked up your posters, please pick them up.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I have the posters over here.

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: Posters are over here on y'all's left. Be back in here at 10:25.

(Break from 10:10 to 10:25)

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: If we can have everybody come back in, sergeant-at-arms. If you can come back in, just sit wherever. All right. We've concluded our big break, sergeant-at-arms have the room re-secured. Next, real quick, we'd like to invite Ms. Barbara Marzean of WinStar Insurance Group/VFIS of Texas and ask her to come up. We'd like to present her with a little something.

WINSTAR INSURANCE GROUP PRESIDENT MRS.

BARBARA MARZEAN: Now what? I'm in trouble, right?

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: Yes, you are. Everybody in here knows Barbara. Everybody here knows Barbara started coming to these conferences in what, '83, '85?

MRS. BARBARA MARZEAN: '85 or so.

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: '85? So in Waco. And she has done nothing but great things for this organization since she joined VFIS of Texas. And now as the proud owner of VFIS of Texas, WinStar Insurance Group, Barbara, we thought long and hard, tried to figure out what kind of place we could put you and the only thing we could think of as a board and as an organization is that we would proudly like to present to you your Honorary Lifetime Membership in the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas.

(Applause)

MRS. BARBARA MARZEAN: Oh, Lord. Oh, Lord. This is such an honor. Y'all didn't have to do this.

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: Yeah, we did.

MRS. BARBARA MARZEAN: But I do what I do because I love it. You know, I love it when we can take care of you when you get hurt, take care of you and your family, and I love it when we can put your fire truck back in place when you've had an accident, you know. I just love taking care of you guys. Love giving y'all money, grant money, and so it's fun and I just love it and I love all of you.

You know, y'all are my friends. You're more than that, you're my family. So thank you. Appreciate it.

(Applause)

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: That's the first time I've ever seen Barbara almost speechless. Next we'll have the credentials committee report from Danny.

DANNY HURT: Okay. I'm Danny Hurt, chairman of the credential committee. We met yesterday and we took and tabulated all of this, we have everything ready. We had 11 of the 11 elected officials present; we had 18 of 26 past presidents; we had 203 registered delegates; we had 48 spouses; 40 TFA members; 52 children; 117 nonvoting members. This includes 35 first-time attendees that we've had here. The exhibit representatives numbered 150 and the vendors were 52, giving us the grand total of 664. Last year was 643 attendant. We're up 21 this year.

(Applause)

2017 DELEGATES

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Harvie Cheshire, Paul Hamilton, Ben Kennedy, Henry Perry, Mike Richardson, Jim White,

PAST PRESIDENTS: Tommy Anderson, Deloss Edwards, Patrick Hlavaty, Rex Klesel, Bob Looney, David Luedeke, Gerald Matheaus, Terry Mayfield, Billy Ray Mize, Ernest Reesing, Dallas Renfrew, Shawn Snider, Kyle Stephens, David Wade, Kent Watts

ALAMO FD: Jerry Gomez,

ALVARADO FD: Bradley Hargrove, Adam Sharp, Kevin Van Winkle,

ALVIN FD: Matt Glaves, Jason Habenicht, Kendall Hunting, Gene Maples, Jeff Thomson,

BACLIFF FD: James Wistinghausen,

BAIRD FD: Alexander Smith, Jr.,

BALLINGER FD: Brent Allen,

BASTROP COUNTY ESD #1: April Hudson,

BASTROP FD: Dustin Wobus, Mark Wobus,

BAXTER VFD: Sarah Brown,

BEEVILLE FD: Vic Einspahr,

BAY CITY FD: James Svetlik,

BLANKET VFD: Robert Kleen,

BRAZORIA VFD: Richard Allen, Duane Stahl,

BRAZOS COUNTY PCT #3 VFD: Greg Cross, Nick Hickson, Steven Kehlenbrink, Jerry Merker, Jason Ware,

BRAZOS COUNTY PCT #4 FD: Kenneth DeVries, Joe Ondrasek,

BRENHAM FD: Lang Flisowski, Cody Neutzler, Greg Nienstedt, Brian Scheffer, John Schulze,

BROOKSIDE VILLAGE VFD: Elton Thornell,

BURKBURNETT FD: Cory Brinkley, Rodney Ryalls,

BURTON VFD: Billy Jo Jasinski, Kurt Jasinski,

CAMERON FD: Alvin Fail, Henry Horelica,

CAT SPRING VFD: Frank Marcinkiewicz,

CHAPEL HILL VFD: Steven Acker, Dale Peterson,

CLUTE FD: Michael Doucet, Tito Rodriguez,

COFFEE CITY FD: Chris Moore,

DALHART FD: Curtis Brown,

DECATUR FD: James Carr, Nate Mara, Chris Mercer, Brady Murphree, Cliff Oates,
DEER PARK FD: George Tullgren,
DEVINE VFD: Steve Taichman,
EDGECLIFF VILLAGE FD: Jeffrey Ballew,
EDINBURG FD: Jue Guzman, Ubaldo Perez, Ramiro Rodriguez, Frankie Joe Salinas, Rogelio Tijerina,
EL CAMPO FD: Jimmy George,
ELLIS COUNTY FIRE CORP: Kenneth Isom, Christine Rogalski,
FLINT-GRESHAM FD: Keith Tate,
FLORESVILLE FD: Isidore Moy,
FORT DAVIS FD: Javier Carrasco, Pat Olivas,
FREDERICKSBURG FD: Lynn Bizzell,
FRIENDSWOOD FD: Dan Key,
GILMER FD: Nancy Hall, Jennifer Nichols, Marc Nichols, Jerry Taylor,
GREENWOOD RURAL VFD: William Ingram,
GULF COAST/TRI-RIVERS DISTRICT: Andy Van Dine,
HARDIN COUNTY ESD #2: Daniel Hernandez,
HARLINGEN FD: Richard Alvarez, Ruben Balboa,
HARRIS COUNTY ESD#48 FD: Jean Burg,
HARTLEY VFD: DeNisa Brown,
HAYS COUNTY ESD#3/South Hays: Chas Humphrey,
HIGH ISLAND FD: Orbin Thompson,
HITCHCOCK FD: Charles Edwards, William Pollard,
HUNTSVILLE FD: Fernando Gutierrez, Jason January,
INGLESIDE VFD: Donna Loving, Steven N. Loving, Lawrence Norotsky, RJ Thomas,
JACKSON HEIGHTS VFD: Elizabeth Trotty, Kelcey Trotty,
KINGSVILLE VFD: Adrian Garcia, Baldemar Gonzales,
KLEIN FD: Robert Dexter,
LA GRANGE FD: J. Paul Bruhn,
LA VILLA VFD: Dawn Rodriguez,
LAKE JACKSON FD: Donnie Shoemaker, Vickie Shoemaker,
LATIUM WESLEY GREENVINE VFD: Brian Janes, Randy Parkison, Teri Parkison, Chris Yianitsas,
LEANDER FD: Bill Gardner, Ryan Hudson,

LEON SPRINGS FD: Robert Guest,

LOUISE FD: Scott Charbula,

MADISONVILLE VFD: Clinton Carrol, Brandon Hutsen, Thom Jones, Frankie Smith, Rhiannon Walton,

MCALLEN FD: Rafael Balderas, James Farrell, Jr.,

MANVEL VFD: Brandon Rizzo,

MCQUEENEY FD: Jo Ann Bogisch, Tim Bogisch, Ryan Masse, Gerald Weniger,

MERKEL FD: Kris Hester,

NATALIA FD: Elizabeth Cargile, Don Helton, Russell Johnson, Viola McHorse-Potter, David Sanchez,

NEEDVILLE FD: Michael Richter, Dwayne Svatek, William Svatek,

NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT: Melissa Robinson,

OLD OCEAN FD: Phillip Nelson, Craig Peterson,

OVERTON FD: Dennis Gage, Danny Hurt,

PASADENA FD: Jason Andreno, Les Davenport, Gary Williams,

PECAN GROVE FD: Matt Cornell,

PHARR FD: Octaviano Hernandez, Pilar Rodriguez,

PLEASANTON FD: Chuck Garris,

POTTER COUNTY FIRE/RESCUE: Craig Jusiak, Kevin McCutcheon, Dakota Ratliff,

RALLS FD: Billy Tidwell,

RETREAT VFD: John Robinson,

ROCKDALE FD: Jared Alexander, Ward Roddam, Frank Rubio, Brian Wallis,

SAND HILLS VFD: Steven Simpson,

SANTA FE FIRE/RESCUE: Chris Anderson, Jonathan Burns, Anthony Cargile, Jim Cargile, Joel Sumrall,

SEABROOK FD: Ray Cook, Trish Cook,

SEGUIN FD: David Ablin,

SINTON FD: Clemente Sanchez, Elena Sanchez, Melissa Sanchez, Tommy Sanchez,

SONORA FD: Maray Cearley, Rick Cearley, Peter Duran,

SOUTH BRAZOS COUNTY FD: Andrew Jarrett,

SOUTH HAYS FD: Chas Humphrey,

STOCKDALE FD: Edwin Baker, Dennis Gamer, Joseph Moldenhauer,

SUNSET VFD: Dennis Bailey,

SWEENEY FIRE & RESCUE: Roger Barton, James Christian,

TATUM FD: Rayford Gibson,

TEEX-ESTI: Gordon Lohmeyer, Robert Moore,
Cary Roccaforte, David Rosier, Michael Terry,

TRAVIS COUNTY ESD#5: Chris Barron,

TERRELL VFD: Kevin Hughes, Donald Lindsey, Terry Van Sickle,

VENUS VFD: Richard Allen,

WEST CARLISLE FD: Blake Locknane, Morris Locknane, Tim Smith,

WHARTON FD: Anthony Abbott, Arthur Araguz,

WHITEHOUSE FD: Larry Locke,

WHITNEY FD: Wayland Price,

WILD PEACH FD: Cheryl Dirzanowski, Lonny Dirzanowski, Ernest Johnston, Chuck Richardson.

DANNY HURT: Okay. We'd ask that these numbers be put into the minutes of the meeting.

SECRETARY JOE ONDRASEK: Okay. At this time, I'll offer you the election results. And I'm just going to read the list.

Harvie Cheshire, 182 votes. Mike Richardson, 177 votes. Tim Smith, 176 votes. Richard Van Winkle, 178. Joe Ondrasek, 175. Jim White, 174. Ben Kennedy, 179. Henry Perry, 176. For 4th Vice President Chuck Richardson, 183. For mascot, Daisy Svatek got 101. Shawn DeVries got 88 votes, so our mascot is Daisy. Congratulations. And the constitution and bylaws amendment failed. There was no count. The board just provided that it failed. The host cities, the original first ballot between Amarillo, Lubbock and Wichita Falls: Amarillo got 35, Lubbock, 93, Wichita Falls, 58. So that went to a runoff between Lubbock and Wichita Falls and Wichita Falls got 83 Lubbock got 90. So we're going to Lubbock. Mr. President, that is the election results.

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: At this time, I'd like to ask Past President Shawn Snider to come up for the elevation of officers.

CHAPLAIN BEN KENNEDY: Mr. President, if I may, I'd like to make a motion that all ballots be destroyed.

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: I have a motion that all ballots be destroyed. Do I have a second?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Second.

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: I have a motion and a second that all ballots be destroyed. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor say aye.

AUDIENCE: Aye.

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: Any opposed, nay?

Motion carries. Thank you.

PAST PRESIDENT SHAWN SNIDER: Good morning, everyone.

AUDIENCE: Good morning.

PAST PRESIDENT SHAWN SNIDER: That's pretty silent. Good morning to everybody.

AUDIENCE: Good morning.

PAST PRESIDENT SHAWN SNIDER: Thank you. This is interactive. It's my distinct honor as past president chairman to do the swearing in program. We have a new thing that we'd like to do this year and we'll get to that in a second.

The past presidents love to support the executive board and its membership in the continuation of the state association and its endeavors to promote, unify and educate the fire service of the state of Texas. We stand ready with the new board that comes in this year to continue that support and we ask that every member of the state association consider doing the same. We have a lot of opportunities that are coming towards us in the future. Some have been mentioned to date and it takes a great vision and leadership for these decisions to be made and, along with that, is the support of the membership. The past presidents stand ready and stand by the executive board in supporting their mission to continue our association beyond 141 years. With that, I'd like for the presidents to go ahead and start out. We'll start out with our past president passing the badge to the president and all the way down. Then we'll do some more things. So let's start out with passing of the badges.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT PAUL HAMILTON: Henry, we've been a lot of places and we've done a lot of things and we've had some great times. When I received your badge, the load of the entire association felt like it was on me. When I was given this badge, I went, "Whew", because I got to be an honorary member of Do Nothing Club. So I may be able to be a full fledged member. It depends on whether I get that red coat or not.

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: You already got it.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT PAUL HAMILTON: No, this is my maroon.

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: Oh, okay.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT PAUL HAMILTON: I came on the board in a maroon and I'm going out maroon. As far as tradition, there's only one thing probably on the planet that's more tradition to the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association

than the maroon jacket and that's that Past Presidents' Plaque. So with great honor, I'm going to go out as immediate past president of the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas and my maroon blazer and accept, hopefully, if I washed enough cars to get a red one, and I would like to present you with that badge. Brother, I love you, appreciate you.

(Applause)

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT PAUL HAMILTON: It's a little big.

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: This is a great honor. It's something I've worked for not just the last five years, but 51. So thank you. Harvie, guess what? Buddy, you've made it. You don't know how proud I am to hand you this badge, but more importantly this gavel. This gavel represents several years of service to this organization and the shoe box was a great gift to get when you became 4th vice. But when you hold this, you're holding the organization along with every past president that served in this order. Congratulations, my brother.

(Applause)

1ST VP HARVIE CHESHIRE: Brother Mike, it is my honor to pass the 1st Vice President's badge to you. Along with it comes a lot of responsibility and a lot of preparation for the next step. It's an honor. Honestly, it's an honor to work with each and every one of y'all, and it's my honor to present you with the 1st Vice President's badge.

(Applause)

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: Thank you, Harvie. Being first vice president, I know now I got to let my mustache go a little farther out. And speaking of that. . .

IMMEDIATE TFA PAST PRESIDENT BILLIE SMITH: No. Still no.

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: Our third vice president will step up. Tim, once again, I get to hand a badge to you. We've become great co-workers up here. We've become great friends. And I've enjoyed getting mentorship from you as well as the rest of the board. I look forward to working with you for the next couple of years and I'm just really glad to present this. I appreciate it.

3RD VP TIM SMITH: Thank you.

(Applause)

2ND VP MIKE RICHARDSON: And you do need a mustache.

IMMEDIATE TFA PAST PRESIDENT BILLIE SMITH: No, he doesn't. No, he doesn't.

3RD VP TIM SMITH: To clear up any misconceptions, there probably will not be a mustache.

IMMEDIATE TFA PAST PRESIDENT BILLIE SMITH: That's right.

3RD VP TIM SMITH: For various reasons, my biggest one there. Richard, I remember it was just yesterday that I got the distinct honor of handing you that shoe box. I know you've asked me multiple times over the year if you could carry it one more year and the answer is, unfortunately, no. But I can't tell you how much wisdom you do pass to me and how much wisdom the board passes down to me. It's an honor and truly a privilege to serve with such great people. I also have been told that when we get around to the sayings that you've said twice, which I've not heard the same saying twice out of you, by the time we get around to the same statement twice, we'll be done. So it's my honor to give you the badge of the 3rd Vice President.

(Applause)

4TH VP RICHARD VAN WINKLE: Appreciate it. Chuck. First of all, I'll give you -- you'll be proud to wear this. You're now on the board with some of the finest firefighters in the state of Texas. You will help serve those people out there, getting done what they need done. Second, and unfortunately, over the period of the next 12 months or so, you're going to learn that you've got no friends, you got no family when it comes to this box. There's people in this audience I will trust with my credit card and my checkbook, but don't turn your back on this box. It brings out the evil in people. Take it, please.

(Applause)

4TH VP NOMINEE CHUCK RICHARDSON: I'd like to say thank you to all of y'all for putting your faith in me. I will do my level best to hold on to the box, but I have faith in a few members out there that it's going to disappear. The only thing I ask is if it does disappear, please take care of it until I can get it back. Thank you so much.

(Applause)

MASCOT ASHLYNN WOBUS: Well, Daisy, I've had a blast being on the board. I've had a lot of fun raising money for MDA. I know you will have a lot of fun. It will take you a while to learn how to wheel this around without hitting people in the ankles. It took me a while, too. Here is your hydrant and your badge. Congrats.

(Applause)

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Wait, wait, wait, wait.

(Photographs taken)

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Got it.

MASCOT NOMINEE DAISY SVATEK: I just want to say thank you for voting and supporting me through this election and I will do my best to raise a lot of money for MDA. Thank you.

PAST PRESIDENT SHAWN SNIDER: I like being behind the podium. So, first of all, I think it's a very valiant effort on our new president. I don't know if he talked to his boss Chief Moore, but I think it's great as president what you mentioned, that you're going to allow all Texas firefighters to go to Municipal school for free this year as your presidential year. On behalf of firefighters across Texas, thank you very much.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Harvie, how long you have worked there not counting tomorrow?

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT PAUL HAMILTON: How many years of service?

1ST VP HARVIE CHESHIRE: I'll pack my bags, Chief.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT PAUL HAMILTON: Okay. What we'd like to have is our now new past president where did he go?

PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: Right here.

PAST PRESIDENT SHAWN SNIDER: The plaque is a symbol of tradition and culture in our State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association. Past presidents' plaque goes to every convention across the state. If you haven't had an opportunity to come and look at it to see the signatures that are there, they date back to the president that was in 1922. We had the plaque remade this last year, courtesy of Kyle Stephens, past president, because we ran out of space on the names where we put the signature of each past president as they come off the board.

In the midst of that, we found a sheet of paper in between that had some more inscription on things that goes back in history that we're trying to identify the actual date when that piece of paper was put into the past presidents' plaque, and it's now presented on the front so you can look at it. So take the time today or at the next convention to take a look at the plaque and just see the people's names that are on there. Each one of them is signed by the actual president during the year that they go out as past president or as past president and represent your great association. So it was voted on in our past president's club business meeting on Saturday that we want the president that is now moving to past president to go in front of each one of you and sign the plaque, and then it will be put back together for the next year. So would you go do that for me, please?

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT PAUL HAMILTON: Before we do that, I got one thing to say. I had to do a lot of jobs during my course on the board. One that I am the least favorable of as **your** immediate past president, I had to put a gold star beside a name on that board for Tommy Bledsoe. You never want to do that.

PAST PRESIDENT SHAWN SNIDER: So that is one of the responsibilities of the past president is that if one of our past presidents passes away throughout the year, then they mark the individual -- if you've looked at it, you'll see there are stars by people's names and that means that they've passed on to the greater reward. So now that the plaque has been remade and added three extra cards, we anticipate that we should be able to have signatures for the next 90 years, 90, 90 years. So very proud of that plaque. It's a representation of the past history of our presidents and their endeavors. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

PAST PRESIDENT SHAWN SNIDER: I'd like to get Kyle, who is going to escort his wife up here. Now, I have the tradition of presenting our past president with this red jacket. I admire him for recognizing the importance of our maroon jacket. So you can go ahead and present Paul with the red jacket. Here you go.

(Applause)

(Photographs taken)

PAST PRESIDENT SHAWN SNIDER: And the past presidents', and it has on the back no, it doesn't. We already okay. All right. Y'all know. All right. You guys are messing me up here. Okay. Paul Hamilton, all the past presidents know that this pin has two areas that are extremely fragile. One is the pin and the other is little chain that holds the lock.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT PAUL HAMILTON: Very nice.

PAST PRESIDENT SHAWN SNIDER: Congratulations.

(Applause)

PAST PRESIDENT PAUL HAMILTON: The Stephens family has been closer to me probably than anybody on the planet. I've spent probably more time at their house than I have at my own house through the last six years traveling around the state. My baby daughter couldn't be here today. She's in class at Amarillo College and then she's got to work today so I wanted my favorite family on the planet to make this presentation to me. Thank you.

(Applause)

(Photographs taken)

PAST PRESIDENT SHAWN SNIDER: Okay. So if the officers

will line up in accordance with your position and title, move up a little bit so everybody can see. Paul, got to get off the stage now? Okay. So if you'll please raise your right hand and repeat after me. I, state your name.

INCOMING BOARD MEMBERS: I (state their names).

PAST PRESIDENT SHAWN SNIDER: Do hereby promise to support.

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PAST PRESIDENT SHAWN SNIDER: And defend the constitution and bylaws.

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PAST PRESIDENT SHAWN SNIDER: Of the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association.

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PAST PRESIDENT SHAWN SNIDER: And to fulfill the duties.

INCOMING BOARD MEMBERS: And to fulfill the duties.

PAST PRESIDENT SHAWN SNIDER: Of the office.

INCOMING BOARD MEMBERS: Of the office.

PAST PRESIDENT SHAWN SNIDER: To which I have been elected, so help me God.

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PAST PRESIDENT SHAWN SNIDER: Put your hands down. Members, Past Presidents, please help me welcome your 2017 2018 State firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Executive Board of Texas.

(Applause)

(Photographs taken)

1ST VP MIKE RICHARDSON: Before I turn it over to President Cheshire, I would like to make one more bit of recognition. A lot of the work for this conference and work for our membership and doing things like helping set up your ability to look up accounts in the program and everything, a lot of that is done every time for us and all throughout the year from TEEEX staff and I would just like to recognize how much work and how much good TEEEX does for this organization. I would like to ask Chief Moore and all of his people in here to please stand and everybody give them a round of applause.

(Applause)

1ST VP MIKE RICHARDSON: And with that, I'll turn it over to President Cheshire.

PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: All right. Got a few announcements to make. First announcement, I'm going to invoke my executive privileges and to let everybody know that the executive board will be going back to maroon jackets, just to let y'all know about that.

(Applause)

PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: There will be occasions we'll wear the blue ones, but I am a traditionalist and I think we should. Okay? All right. 2018, Planning Conference dates for the Arlington convention write this down. Put it on your calendars. Get out your smart phones. Okay? January 26 and 27, Arlington, Texas at the Arlington Sheraton and Convention Center, that's where we're going to have our planning conference. And then June 22 through 27, it will be in Arlington, Texas. Okay? Same location. So we want to make sure that you have that down on your calendar and have it on your radar screen and you're ready to go. If you have not picked up your posters, once again, please make sure that you pick up your posters before you leave and your trophies to take back to your districts. There will be an executive board meeting following the conference at 1:00 p.m. at the Spring Lake Ballroom. We'll also have a quick after-action review meeting in that particular location. If you have any committee appointments that you have not submitted yet, please get those to me as quickly as possible. We will place those people into these positions at the July meeting at the fire school. So please, please, please get those to me as quickly as possible if you have not already done so. For those of you who have sent those in, thank you so much. I appreciate it greatly. Any committee reports or district reports need to be sent to Gabi and to Joe as quickly as possible so that we can get those edited, make sure everything is proper grammar, proper format so we can get those printed in the red book. Okay. That includes any updates that need to be put in there as well. Executive Board, y'all don't run off because immediately following this meeting we'll have our picture taking session and whatnot. One last thing from me. You heard that we had 600 plus people at this convention. I know everybody is up for a good challenge; right? Usually it's followed, whenever you say you have a challenge, usually it's followed by the words, "Hold my beer, " right? Because I accept. Okay. I have a challenge for each and every one of you, for each and every district, for each and every member. I'm going to call it the One Plus One Challenge. Okay? So going back to your county associations, I want you to go to a meeting, I want you to take one person with you. Okay? Somebody who has never been to a county association meeting.

Then that person, the next meeting, needs to bring somebody new. And we're going to do that on the county association level, the district association level, and then by the time we get to the state convention, we should have close to 1200 people here. If each and every one of you that came to this particular convention would bring one extra person, we would have 1200 people here. Okay? Challenge accepted? Okay. We'll see.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Hold my beer.

PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: All right. Are there any other special announcements from the floor? If you would please come up to the front, take the mic and state your name, where you're from, and then we will let you make your announcements.

FRANK MARCINKIEWICZ: Howdy. My name is Frankie Marcinkiewicz, common spelling. Everybody calls me Alphabet. I'll get with you later on the spelling of that. I'm from Cat Spring Fire Department, member of Tri Rivers District, past president of that district currently and I'm making my formal announcement for 4th vice president for this association coming up next year in Arlington. Those of y'all remember me in Lubbock when I kind of made my intentions known. It is finally that time. Look forward to getting out and visiting with all of y'all. Thank y'all very much for your support. I'm not going to hold you up because I know everybody is ready to go. Thank y'all very much.

(Applause)

KYLIE MAPLES: Hi. I'm Kylie Maples. I'm from the Alvin Fire Department and I would like to announce that next year I will be running for mascot and I would greatly appreciate your support. Thank you.

(Applause)

KELBY JASINSKI: Hi. My name is Kelby Jasinski. I'm the son of Bill and Amy Jasinski. I'm going to run for mascot of 2018. I have been in the fire industry since I was born. My dad is the assistant chief of Burton. He is also on the Central Texas Board as second vice president. I would greatly appreciate everyone's vote again in 2018. Thank you.

(Applause)

MICHAEL RICHTER: My name is Michael Richter. I'm with the Needville Fire Department. I'm with the Gulf Coast and Tri Rivers District. I'm past president of both those districts, and I'm going to announce my candidacy for secretary of this great association.

BRENT ALLEN: My name is Brent Allen. I'm from the Hill Country Firemen's Association. I am also going to put my name in the hat for the office of secretary, so I'd appreciate your support and thank you.

PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: Just as a reminder for all of those who have announced you're running for office, please make sure that you get your district letters of support to the secretary as soon as possible, so that way we make sure that all the constitution and by-laws are followed correctly. Okay? Are there any other announcements from the floor?

PAST PRESIDENT SHAWN SNIDER: One other thing we needed to do as past president. So, Henry, would you please go down to the Past Presidents' Plaque?

1ST VP MIKE RICHARDSON: Bring the mic.

PAST PRESIDENT SHAWN SNIDER: Bring the mic.

PAST PRESIDENT PAUL HAMILTON: PP Henry Perry, it's my great honor to present you with the Past Presidents' Club Plaque. It is something that has got more prestige, more tradition, and more honor than anything in our association.

It is your privilege to carry this with you if you so desire, put it in the trailer and let it go back to the state office. Your number one job that I had to do this year, in the event that we have another past president go live with the good Lord, you have to put a gold star. And I hope and pray that you are not required to do that. But it gives me great honor to present this to you.

(Applause)

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT HENRY PERRY: It will be my honor to take care of this. Thank you.

PAST PRESIDENT SHAWN SNIDER: So just to let y'all know, we used to, as past presidents, we had to take it home with us for the year and we felt that it was important here in the past couple of years that it goes back to the state office where it's protected by sprinkler system, fire alarm, everything. Just too valuable to have out running around the world. The other thing is just a clarification. You know, because you know how social media is and everything. You make a public statement and then, you know, you just don't know where it's going to go, but I was looking at Chief Moore and then I started thinking, I started feeling my, well, you mentioned it to Harvie, but I just had this overwhelming feeling like, Shawn, need to talk to you, boy. And then when we come out and say, you know, you've been with us teaching at the fire school over 15 years, I think we're going to go in another direction. So that was all just kidding on the tuition. I hope that everybody takes their opportunity to sign up for 2604 money, get grant money and go to fire school. Thank you.

(Applause)

PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: Are there any other announcements from the floor? Are there any announcements from the floor? Is there any other business that needs to be held at this session?

PAST PRESIDENT BOB LOONEY: I'd like to volunteer to hold the box for Chuck while he has his picture taken.

PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: Is that a motion? Do I hear a second?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Second.

PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: All in favor?

AUDIENCE: Aye.

PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: All opposed?

Guess what, Chuck. There you have it. Democracy in action right there. Okay. Is there any other business? Hearing none, I will call the chaplain, Ben Kennedy, to offer the invocation.

CHAPLAIN BEN KENNEDY: A couple of things as we prepare to leave, be sure to get back with your district, folks, and get people nominated for firefighter of the year and EMS responder of the year. Everybody has people in their department that deserve to be honored. Let's take the time and make it important enough to honor them by nominating. I'd also like you to remember as we leave today, Allen Scopel and Doc and Jo Reesing. And I don't care what political party you're with. There was a shooting today in Virginia where we had some congressman shot. Folks, pray for our legislators that they might make right decisions and this world would become a better place. If you would pray with me. Father, we're grateful to come to You again before we leave this place. And thank You so much for allowing us as a family to gather here to share some love, a few tears and a lot of laughter. We thank You for giving us the opportunity to serve our fellow man and we pray, Lord, You would be especially with Allen and his family as he recovers, and be with Doc and Jo and give them peace and comfort and give them strength that can only come through You. We ask now, Lord, as we depart from here that You be with each and every one of us and bring us back safely to our homes and allow us to come back here again to enjoy fine fellowship and each other. It's in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

AUDIENCE: Amen.

PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: The Chair will entertain a motion to adjourn.

PAST PRESIDENT BOB LOONEY: So move.

THOM JONES: Second.

1st VP HARVIE CHESHIRE: Moved by Bob Looney, second by Thom Jones. Any discussion on the motion? All those in favor say aye.

AUDIENCE: Aye.

PRESIDENT HARVIE CHESHIRE: All those opposed, say no. The ayes have it. This ends the 141st Session of the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 1

WHEREAS, the delegates and visitors of the 141st Annual Training Conference and Convention of the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas have enjoyed and appreciated the generous hospitality and courtesy shown to them by the people of the City of San Marcos, Fire Chief Les Stephens, members of the San Marcos Fire Department, and the officers and members of the Guadalupe District.

WHEREAS, we are fully aware of the money, effort, energy, and time spent to make this training conference and convention so highly successful, entertaining and educational:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Association expresses its sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to all these and all others who have worked so hard and so long to make this a successful undertaking.

Submitted this 11th day of June 2017.

RESOLUTION 2

WHEREAS, the continued growth, service, effectiveness, and future of the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas is due to the untiring efforts of many dedicated and devoted individuals; and

WHEREAS we, the firefighters of Texas, are pleased and gratified with the accomplishments made through the efforts of these people,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this association commends and expresses deep appreciation for

- President Henry Perry
- 1st Vice President Harvie Cheshire
- 2nd Vice President Mike Richardson
- 3rd Vice President Tim Smith
- 4th Vice President Richard Van Winkle
- Secretary Joe Ondrasek
- Assistant Secretary F. Jim White
- Chaplain Ben Kennedy
- Mascot Ashlynn Wobus
- Past President Paul Hamilton
- Board Appointed Parliamentarian Rayford Gibson
- Executive Director Chris Barron, and the state staff for their efforts; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that our appreciation be expressed to the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, and its director, Gary Sera, and Emergency Services Training Institute Division Director Robert Moore and his staff, the volunteer instructors, and the officials of the Texas A&M University for their continued efforts on behalf of the firefighters of Texas, and also Texas A&M Forest Service, and its Director Tom Boggus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that special appreciation be exhibited for the work done by the past presidents of the association; and to the districts officers who have so diligently worked on our behalf.

Submitted this 11th day of June 2017.

DRIVING CONTEST

The driving contest was conducted at 7:30a.m. on Sunday June 11, 2017 in the Target Center parking lot in San Marcos, Texas. We had 12 drivers to sign up and 9 drivers show up on Sunday morning. The results were as follows:

1st Place Randy Parkison from Latium with a time of 2:14.16

2nd Place Marc Nichols from Gilmer with a time of 2:28.44

3rd Place Steven Kehlenbrink from Brazos County Pct.3 with a time of 2:42.62

Last Place was Tank Nienstedt from Brenham with a time of 3:29.66

One driver was disqualified.

Committee members were: Michael Richter, Chairman; Chris Yianitsas, Scott Chabola, Dennis Gage, Marc Nichols, Alvin Fail and John R. Robison. Assisting were Frank Rubio and Shirley Richter.

The committee would like to thank South Hays County ESD 3 Assistant Chief Chas Humphrey the Guadalupe District for their assistance in conducting the contest.

I would like to thank my committee for setting up the course in a timely manner on Sunday morning.

Submitted by,

Michael Richter
Chairman

GARY TILTON MEMORIAL POSTER CONTEST

Total number of districts represented: 11

Total number of posters submitted: 161

Kindergarten Division (grade Pre-K – K)

29 posters from 11 districts

First Place: DAVID FERNANDEZ

School: Moulton

Fire Department: Moulton

District: Guadalupe

Second Place: VARSHINI ARUKUMARAN

School: Hunt Elementary

Fire Department: Plano Fire & Rescue

District: North Texas

Third Place: CRU PEARSON

School: Anson Elementary

Fire Department: Anson Fire Department

District: Mid-West

Primary Division (grades 1 - 2)

29 posters from 11 districts

First Place: PRESLEY HENKE

School: St. Philip's Elementary

Fire Department: El Campo FD

District: Guadalupe

Second Place: YAREL FLORES

School: Judge Oscar De La Fuente

Fire Department: San Benito

District: Rio Grande Valley

Third Place: KAELYNN CALDERON

School: Apache

Fire Department: Ft. Stockton FD

District: Permian Basin

Intermediate Division (grades 3 – 4)
28 posters from 11 districts

First Place: NEAL ACHARYA
School: Bethany
Fire Department: Plano Fire & Rescue
District: North Texas

Second Place: AARKASH ARULKUMARAN
School: Hunt
Fire Department: Plano Fire & Rescue
District: North Texas

Third Place: TRINITY HERNANDEZ
School: Anson
Fire Department: Anson FD
District: Mid-West

Middle Division (grades 5 - 6)
30 posters from 11 districts

First Place: LUCY CAI
School: Schimelpfenig
Fire Department: Plano Fire & Rescue
District: North Texas

Second Place: FELICITY DURAN
School: Manzano
Fire Department: Brownsville
District: Rio Grande Valley

Third Place: BELINDA DONG
School: Rice
Fire Department: Plano Fire & Rescue
District: North Texas

Junior High Division (grades 7 – 8)
21 posters from 11 districts

First Place: JOSHUA WANG
School: Robinson Middle
Fire Department: Plano Fire & Rescue
District: North Texas

Second Place: JUSTIN ESPINO
School: Jackson
Fire Department: Pasadena FD
District: Gulf Coast

Third Place: OLIVIA FAN
School: Rice
Fire Department: Plano Fire & Rescue
District: North Texas

High School Division (grades 9 – 12)
24 posters from 11 districts

First Place: JENNIFER ESCALANTE
School: Ball
Fire Department: Galveston FD
District: Gulf Coast

Second Place: VICTORIA PREVOST
School: Ball
Fire Department: Galveston FD
District: Gulf Coast

Third Place: ALEKSANDRA JOHNSON
School: Orange Grove
Fire Department: Orange Grove VFD
District: Gulf Coast

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ANNUAL REPORT

Exhibit move in on Friday went well, but if possible all displays need to be inside the convention room floor so it is easier to secure.

Saturday went by with no noted stains on the carpet from the trucks. Registration would be better managed if it was inside the exhibit area or if it is outside the exhibit area it might be better to open registration an hour before the exhibit floor.

During the memorial service we still have room to improve our communication and care of our LODD families. We recommend a liaison be assigned to the family at least 30 days prior to the memorial service. The liaison should inform the families of our procedures and dress code. The liaison should make arrangements to meet the family on Sunday and guide them through the day.

Monday Hospitality went by without any bubbles in the fountain. We did get one report of an individual who was under aged and intoxicated but it was not confirmed.

Tuesday loading for the return home began and was very helpful to get a head start.

Wednesday for voting, could the scanners be used for issuing the ballots?

PUMPER RACES

3-LADIES (1 Team)

1. Central Texas - 21.68

6-LADIES (1 Team)

1. Central Texas - 44.52

Judges:

Frank Rubio Central Texas District
Frank Marcinkiewicz Gulf Coast/ Tri-Rivers District
Alvin Fail Central Texas District
Gerald Weniger Guadalupe District

Timekeepers:

Vic Einspahr Guadalupe District
Trish Anderson Gulf Coast/ Tri-Rivers District
Megan Chance Gulf Coast/ Tri-Rivers District
Shirley Popp Guadalupe District

3-MAN (9 Teams)

1. Rockdale	12.47
2. Brenham	N/T
3. Alvarado	N/T
4. Milam County	12.58
5. Ingleside	21.85
6. Santa Fe	N/T
7. Latium Wesley Greenvine	14.85
8. Wild Peach	15.06
9. Decatur	13.90

1st Place - Rockdale - 12.47

2nd Place - Milam County - 12.58

3rd Place - Decatur - 13.90

Judges:

Alvin Fail Central Texas District
Frank Rubio Central Texas District
Gerald Weniger Guadalupe District
Frank Marcinkiewicz Gulf Coast/Tri-Rivers District

Timekeepers:

Vic Einspahr Guadalupe District
Trish Anderson Gulf Coast/Tri-Rivers District
Megan Chance Gulf Coast/ Tri Rivers District
Shirley Popp Guadalupe District

6-MAN (5 Teams)

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|----------------------------|-------|
| 1. Gulf Coast | 36.20 |
| 2. Rockdale | 40.15 |
| 3. Latium Wesley Greenvine | 33.94 |

1st Place - Latium Wesley Greenvine - 33.94

2nd Place - Gulf Coast - 36.20

3rd Place - Rockdale 40.15

Judges:

Frank Rubio	Central Texas District
Gerald Weniger	Guadalupe District
Frank Marcinkiewicz	Gulf Coast/Tri-Rivers District
Alvin Fail	Central Texas District

Timekeepers:

Vic Einspahr	Guadalupe District
Trish Anderson	Gulf Coast/Tri-Rivers District
Megan Chance	Gulf Coast/Tri-Rivers District

DISTRICT REPORTS

CENTRAL TEXAS DISTRICT

160th Semi-Annual Convention Minutes

Fredericksburg, September 25, 2016

Meeting called to order – 10:08 By President Michael Pratt

Invocation – Ben Kennedy, Pledge of Allegiance – Mascot

Kelby Jasinski, Welcome – Chief Bizzell

Response to Welcome – 2nd VP Richard Mueck

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Announcement – Michael Pratt

Roll Call – Assistant Secretary Kurt Jasinski

Past Presidents- 11

Departments- 12

SFFMA Board Members Present – President Henry Perry
and Mascot Ashlynn Wobus

Minutes of the 159th Convention approved as printed

Appointment of Committees by President Alvin Fail

Credentials – 3rd VP Billy Jo Jasinski

Registration – 3rd VP Billy Jo Jasinski

Golf Liaison – 3rd VP Billy Jo Jasinski

Resolution – 1st VP Ryan Hudson

Past Presidents –PP Alvin Fail

Audit – PP Alvin Fail

State Officers Reports

State board member present gave state reports.

Floor Announcements – 3rd VP Billy Jo Jasinski

Barbara Marzean – VFIS – announced HB3667 which is

the Workmans' Comp. Also announced that the VFIS

Emergency Responders Safety and Wellness grant is now

open till December 1..

Old Business – Ryan Hudson

1st VP Ryan Hudson – Audit Committee report was given
as to what funds were collected for years 2014, 2015,

and 2016 and what was spent for each year. He is also

looking for paperwork to find out which type of entity the

Association was and also looking into tax filings. Audit

Committee consisted of Past President Henry Perry, Past

President Henry Horelica, Past President Alvin Fail, and 1st

VP Ryan Hudson.

New Business - Ryan Hudson

None

FFOY – Past President Alvin Fail

FFOY – was awarded to Bill Gardner

EMS responder of the year was extended to March 1st due

to no applicants received by deadline.

Credentials – 3rd VP Billy Jo Jasinski

Mileage trophy – Cameron VFD

Registration – 61

Golf Tournament –

1st – Rockdale

2nd – Brenham

3rd – Brazos County P.4

Last Place - Latium

Past President Alvin Fail

Had 7 Past Presidents at breakfast

Auditing of the books – Complete Audit was done and everything looks good. Motion to accept audit report made by Henry Perry and seconded. Motion passed. Henry Perry made motion to elevate chairs. Motion was seconded by Frank Rubio. Motion passed. Nominations

3rd VP – Kurt Jasinski made nomination of Ben Kennedy and Brian Scheffer seconded. Randy Parkison made motion for nominations to cease and seconded by Tim Mantey.

4th VP – Henry Perry made nomination of Lynn Bizzell and Brian Scheffer seconded. Robert Weiss made motion to cease nominations and Frank Rubio seconded. Secretary – Henry Perry made nomination of Brian Scheffer and Lynn Bizzell seconded.

Robert Weiss made motion for nominations to cease and Kurt Jasinski seconded. Asst. Secretary – Kurt Jasinski made motion to nominate Alvin Fail and Henry Perry seconded. Robert Weiss made motion for nominations to cease and Randy Parkison seconded. Mascot – Kenneth DeVries made motion for nominations of Shawn DeVries and Kurt Jasinski seconded. Robert Weiss made motion for nominations to cease and Billy Jo Jasinski seconded. Chaplain – no one ran so spot will be left open at this time. Resolution was read by 1st VP Ryan Hudson.

Approved by Henry Perry, Seconded by Brian Janes.

Constitution and By-Laws – 2nd VP Ryan Hudson.

Ryan Hudson read By-laws for second reading. After much discussion Henry Perry made motion to accept and vote in action. Kenneth DeVries seconded. Results are as followed: 38 total voted, 10 voted to accept as read, and 28 voted against. Motion to accept changes did not carry.

Election of Officers – Don Hoffman made motion to elect officers by Acclamation and Henry Perry seconded.

3rd VP – Ben Kennedy

4th VP – Lynn Bizzell

Secretary – Brian Scheffer

Asst. Secretary – Alvin Fail

Mascot – Shawn DeVries
Presentations of Badges and Trophies
Selection of host city for Spring – none
dollar bill drawing results by 2nd VP Richard Mueck
Will Madoux of Brazos County Pct4
Ladies Auxiliary Report – Announced Officers
Incentive Award – Latium VFD
Announcements from Floor or Board – 1st VP Richard Mueck
Chuck Richardson announced he will be running for 4th VP at State level.
Closing Prayer – Ben Kennedy
Adjournment – Ryan Hudson
Submitted by Secretary Tim Mantey

161th Semi-Annual Convention Agenda
June 3, 2017 - 10am
Leander Fire Training Center
101 E. Sonny Drive
Leander, Texas 78641

Meeting Called to Order - President Ryan Hudson – 1004hrs
Invocation – Ben Kennedy
Pledge of Allegiance – Shawn DeVries
Roll Call – Secretary – Brian Scheffer
Past Presidents – 3 Present
Departments – 8 Present
Approval of Minutes of the 160th Convention – President Ryan Hudson
Motion to approve as read – Kurt Jasinski
2nd to motion – David Miller
Motion passed
Dollar bill drawing announcement – 2nd VP Richard Mueck –
Did not do, not enough attendees
Appointment of Committees – President Ryan Hudson
Poster – 3rd VP Ben Kennedy
Any other committees needed
Resolution – Brian Scheffer
Recess for poster contest judging
Old Business – President Ryan Hudson
• By-laws Changes
- President Hudson discussed the possible reason for the failure of the by-laws changes that were presented in October 2016 in Fredericksburg, TX
- Trying to group too many changes in one proposed change. There could have been some changes that could have passed if they were not all grouped together. May need to separate the changes and try to present them individually.

- VP Kennedy agreed and said he would have voted for some of the changes individually, instead of being all grouped together.

It was also discussed to post the proposed changes on the website so that members could review prior to attending a meeting. Also to have an email that members could use to send feedback to committee members. This would help with getting a version of a proposed change that everyone could agree on.

- Also, VP Kennedy made the point that each proposed change should be on single piece of paper to help identify the proposed change.

- The original version with the areas that are to be changed highlighted. The put the proposed change under the original version, but with the new language in it and in a different color font.

New Business – President Ryan Hudson **Fundraising for the District**

- A discussion on possible fundraisers was had by all attendees. Asst. Secretary Fail explained that in the past it was up to the current president to have a fundraiser and whatever money was left over from the fundraiser would go to the District.

- Past President Ondrasek had concerns that the District should not be in the fundraising business.

- Krista DeVries from the Central Texas Ladies Auxiliary advised that she would be willing to bring this topic to the Ladies tomorrow during their conference call.

- VP Bizzle advised that his wife, Janet, would be willing to help with this project as she has done the same thing with the Fredricksburg FD.

- One idea was to possibly send out letters to businesses within the District for possible sponsorships.

- One idea was to do a gun raffle and have every FD within the district contribute to the raffle with a gun or at least selling tickets.

- It was also discussed on what would be done with the money. If we are to ask for money or do a fundraiser what would the funds be used for. After referring to the By-Laws Article 2 – Purpose and motto, it was decided that the following would be the priority for the use of the funds:

- Operations of the district

- Use for training of district members

- Use for the assistance of any fire departments within the District that may need some financial assistance

It was recommend that a fundraising committee be formed as a special committee to research this topic.

This committee should consist of the following

- 3 members of the District, preferably not a Past President
 - 3 members from the Ladies Auxiliary
 - 1 Liaison from the Executive Board.
- Krista DeVries would bring this topic to the Ladies meeting and get 3 members
 - President Hudson would be the Liaison from the Executive board.
 - The Executive board would try to find some other possible members while at the SFFMA Convention in San Marcos, TX
 - This committee should be finalized by the end of the SFFMA Convention.
 - Finance process
 - It was discussed that a threshold amount of money should be set so that the Secretary/Treasurer knew how much money he or she could spend without getting the approval from the Executive Board.
 - \$200 was settled on
 - This should be researched
 - This may be a by-laws addition and this could be brought before the by-laws committee.
 - It was also discussed on the incorporation of the Association
 - We had a tax ID number, but it doesn't appear that it is still good.
 - We should check with the Texas Secretary of State
 - Past President Pratt checked the website and it doesn't appear that the Association listed as a tax exempt organization.
 - This topic should be researched more.

Meetings

- Spring & Fall Format
 - Need to leave the schedule of the events should be left up to the host city.
- Need to make sure we do the things that are listed in the by-laws as to what should be done at each meeting.
- Some host cities believe it is too much stuff to do and may be too much of a financial burden on them.
- Maybe have an option in the by-laws stating that if no fire department would like to host the meeting by a certain time frame, then maybe have a business meeting only at the city of the current president.
- This topic should be turned over to the by-laws committee for further research.

By-Laws Changes

- Secretary/Treasurer Scheffer acting as the Resolution Committee Chairman read 2 Proposed By-Laws changes
 - Article 4 – Meetings

- Article 11 – Amendments
- See attachment for more details

Announcements – President Ryan Hudson

- Chuck Richardson from Wild Peach VFD announced he is running for 4th Vice President of SFFMA at the Conference in San Marcos, TX
- Kelby Jasinski announced that he would be running for SFFMA Mascot in 2018
- Landon Flisowski announced that he would be running for Central Texas Mascot in October 2017 in Leander, TX
- Kurt Jasinski announced that he would be running for 4th VP of Central Texas at the October meeting Leander, TX

Poster Contest Results – 3rd VP Ben Kennedy

Delegate for State Convention – 1st VP Richard Meeks

- Due to financial constraints, VP Kennedy made a motion to not have a delegate this year, the motion was seconded by David Miller, motion passed.

Site Selection - 1st VP Richard Meeks - Leander

- President Hudson would do research and determine which weekend in October would best to have the meeting in October.

- Due to limited hotel availability, the meeting may have to be on the 2nd weekend.

Announcement – Secretary Brian Scheffer

Closing Prayer – Ben Kennedy

Attendees

Fire Departments – 8

1. Brazos Co. Pct. 4
2. Gatesville FD
3. Fredericksburg FD
4. Cameron FD
5. Brenham FD
6. Burton VFD
7. Leander FD
8. TEEX – ESTI

Past Presidents

1. Joe Ondrasek
2. Alvin Fail
3. Michael Pratt

Members - 16

Respectfully Submitted

Brian Scheffer

EAST TEXAS DISTRICT

(no report available)

GUADALUPE DISTRICT

Fall Meeting Location: Blessed Virgin Catholic Church, Ganado

Meeting Date: October 29, 2016

District Board Members Present: President Bernard Scott of Ganado, 1st VP Louise Watts of Stockdale, 2nd VP J Paul Bruhn of La Grange, 3rd VP Tammy Worthington of La Vernia, Secretary Kent Watts of South East CC, Chaplain Mark Smith of Ganado and Mascot Karli Miller of Ganado.

There were 46 attendees and 14 departments represented.

SFFMA Board Present was 4th Vice President Richard Van Winkle of Alvarado, Texas

Unfinished Business was discussed about the upcoming SFFMA Convention in San Marcos in June of 2017. It was voted to give funds to help with the hospitality room and help with President Henry Perry's Reception. Discussion was also held concerning manpower for the convention.

New Business: SFFMA 4th VP Van Winkle gave an update on the State. Chuck Richardson from Wild Peach announced he was seeking the position of 4th VP for the SFFMA. Guest Speaker Darren Smith from TEEX gave his report on what was happening with the school and its classes. 1st VP Louise Watts introduced the Guadalupe Past Presidents. Present were Don Pullin, Rudy Schmidt, Butch Tolbert, Kent Watts, Gerald Weniger, Mark Wobus and Paul Lesak. Also in attendance was SFFMA 2010 Past President Kent Watts. Secretary Kent Watts announced there would be no pumper races. There was one by-law change concerning registration fees. Attendance trophy was won by La Vernia having the most members present and having traveled the farthest. There was a reminder to everyone to attend the Firefighter's Day and Memorial at the State Capitol in Austin in March. Elections of officers were held. New officers are President Louise Watts of South East CC, 1st VP J Paul Bruhn of La Grange, 2nd VP Tammy Worthington of La Vernia, Secretary Kent Watts of South East CC, Asst. Secretary Edwin

Baker of Stockdale, Chaplain Mark Smith of Ganado, Past President Bernard Scott of Ganado and Blaine Blalock of Stockdale. Butch Tolbert of Cuero gave the oath of office. Meeting adjourned.

Spring Meeting Location: First Baptist Church Connection Center, Lockhart

Meeting Date: April 22, 2017

District Board Members Present: President Louise Watts of South East CC, 1st VP J Paul Bruhn of La Grange, 2nd VP Tammy Worthington of La Vernia, Secretary Kent Watts of South East CC and Mascot Blaine Blalock of Stockdale.

There were 180 attendees and 20 departments represented.

There were no SFFMA Executive Board members present.

Unfinished business was discussed about the upcoming SFFMA Convention in San Marcos in June of 2017. It was decided that the District would furnish pulled pork sandwiches, nachos and some desserts for President Henry Perry's Reception. McQueeney would supply sausage wraps and chicken quarters. La Vernia will also help with food. For the hospitality room menu will be pulled pork, meatballs and chips and hot sauce.

New Business: Guest Speaker Jimmy Sewell from ABIA gave his report on what was happening with first responder insurance on death benefits. 1st VP Louise Watts introduced the Guadalupe Past Presidents. Present were James Chomout, Vic Einsphar, Alonzo Morales, Don McFarland, Butch Tolbert, Kent Watts, Tim Bogisch, Gerald Weniger, Isidore Moy, Tina Bohlmann, Mark Wobus and Paul Lesak. Also in attendance was SFFMA 2010 Past President Kent Watts and 1999 Terry Mayfield. Secretary Kent Watts announced there would be no pumper races. There was one by-law change passed concerning registration fees. Attendance trophy was won by Ganado having the most members present and having traveled the farthest. Poster contest winners were announced. President Watts announced Alonzo Morales won Guadalupe Firefighter of the Year and Jonathan Elving won Guadalupe EMS Responder of the Year. Memorial was held and 7 firefighter names were called and 1 auxiliary ember. Meeting adjourned.

GULF COAST/ TRI-RIVERS DISTRICT

Meeting Location: Cat Springs FD

Meeting Date/Time: March 17, 2017

District Officers:

President Frank Marcinkiewicz

1st VP Andy Van Dine

2nd VP Mark Lancaster

3rd VP Chris Wilson

4th VP Jim Cargile

Past Pres. Hal Chudalla

Secretary- Anthony Cargile

Treasurer- Michael Richter

Mascot- Makenzie Marks

Number of attendees present: 22

Number of departments present: 8

SFFMA Board present:

President Henry Perry

4th VP Mike Richardson

Old Business: Motion carried for Gulf Coast/Tri-Rivers Districts to not support the upcoming State Constitutional changes.

Facebook page is up and running, "Gulf Coast/Tri-Rivers Firefighters Association and Auxiliary". Mike Richter is working on 501c3.

New Business: 1. Delegates to the Convention will be Mark Lancaster and Andy Van Dine, motion by Chris Anderson and seconded by Tito Rodriquez. Motion carried.

2. Chuck Richardson spoke on how things were going on his campaign for Fourth VP.

3. Bill Schiffman brought to the Association that the Relative Assistance Program is not strong. He questions the discontinuing of the program due to the lack of interest. Bill will contact the 79 members returning in September with a definite outcome.

4. Gary Williams brought up the fact that in the future it maybe a qualification to be certified FF I and/or FFII to run for a State office. More information in September.

5. Chris Wilson resigned from his position as 3rd Vice President
Elevation of the Chairs and Election of Officers.

Andy Van Dine to President, Mark Lancaster to 1st Vice President,
Jim Cargile to 2nd Vice President (in place of Chris Wilson),
Immediate Past President Frank Marcinkiewicz.

No nominations from the floor to fill any vacancies.

Treasurer-Michael Richter, Mascot -Makenzie Marks, Chaplain
-Tito Rodriquez

6. First reading Proposed Constitution Changes by now President
Andy Van Dine.

Article 4 Officers

Section 1. The elected officers of this association shall consist of a
President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer,
Mascot and Chaplain. Article 6 Duties of the Vice Presidents combines
and distributes the responsibilities of the existing Third and
Fourth Vice Presidents.

Article 13 Standing Committees Sections 1,2,3,4 and 5.

Defines the responsibilities of the President First and Second Vice
President. No discussion. Tito Rodriquez made the motion to accept
second by Chuck Richardson.

Motion Carried.

Submitted by:

Andy Van Dine, President

HILL COUNTRY DISTRICT

Meeting Location: Winters, TX

Meeting Date/Time: Oct. 1, 2016

District Officers:

Jeremy Estep – 2nd Vice President (Menard VFD)

Todd Clary – 3rd Vice President (Ballinger FD)

Brent Allen – Sec./ Treas. (Ballinger FD)

Number of attendees present: 30

Number of departments present: 4

SFFMA Board present: none

Meeting Called to Order by President Ischar.

Welcome by Mayor Mallory of Ballinger, Texas

Roll Call by Secretary Allen

Committee Reports were asked for and given.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

2nd Vice President Todd Clary called for the approval of the previous meeting minutes and Resolution #1. Winters FD made the motion to approved both the minutes and the resolution, seconded by Menard FD and the motion carried.

The elections were called for, with the following results for 2017:

President – Jeremy Estep – Menard FD

1st Vice President – Todd Clary – Ballinger FD

2nd Vice President – Jesse Slaughter – Brady FD

3rd Vice President – Curly Wagoner – Menard FD

4th Vice President – Miguel Arango – Grape Creek FD

Secretary / Treasurer – Brent Allen – Ballinger FD

Chaplain – Billy Sherman – Winters FD

Submitted by: Brent Allen Sec./Treas. HCFA

District Name: Hill Country Fireman's Association

Meeting Location: Menard, Texas

Meeting Date/Time: April 1, 2017

District Officers:

President Jeremy Estep

2nd Vice President Todd Clary

3rd Vice President Curly Wagoner

Secretary Brent Allen

Number of attendees present: 35

Number of departments present: 9

SFFMA Board present: none

Old Business: None

New Business: Eden VFD will host the Spring 2018 Convention. Jose Rivera of Grape Creek VFD announced an Extrication Tech 1 Class on April 21,22,23 & 24, 2017, along with a S-130/S-190 wild-land class August 4-6 and 18-20 2017. Brent Allen of the Ballinger FD was elected the district's Firefighter of the Year nominee for the SFFMA Firefighter of the Year. Final reports were given and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Submitted by: Brent Allen Sec./Treas. HCFA

MID-WEST TEXAS DISTRICT

District Name: Mid-West

Meeting Location: Albany, Texas; Fire Station

Meeting Date/Time: 04-15-2016 13:00hrs

District Board Members:

Number of attendees present: 27

Number of departments present: 7

SFFMA Board Present: President Henry Perry
3rd VP Tim Smith
4th VP Richard Van Winkle
4th VP Candidate Chuck Richardson

Meeting opened by: President Clay Deatherage

Memorial Service performed

~15 minute adjournment after memorial service~

Meeting re-convened by President Deatherage

Welcome given by: Carolyn Holt, Albany City Council

Response to welcome by: 4th Vice Smith

Credentials: 2nd Vice Hull

Roll Call: S/T Hester

*Guests and EBoard introduced and allowed to speak, due to special event - Chief Chuck Richardson spoke for his run for 4th Vice President, with grandson James. 3rd Vice Tim Smith gave his state report regarding Austin office changes and updates, your patience is appreciated. Member benefits updates. 4th Vice Richard Van Winkle gave his report regarding Fire Chief Development Program course information. President Henry Perry gave his report regarding sales and store update, certification program update, minor glitches still with online program, conference update for San Marcos in June (9-14), legislative updates~Question from membership of possibility to have meeting minutes posted on website

Financials: S/T Hester, Motion to Accept Jr Garcia: Second by: Mel Deatherage, motion passed

Minutes: S/T Hester, Motion to Accept: Jr Garcia, Second By: Mel Deatherage, motion passed

Meeting adjourned for 'wet down' and push in ceremony for new Albany apparatus

Meeting reconvened after Albany ceremony

Old Business

President Deatherage gave report of Abilene Area Fire Control Conference. President Deatherage gave report of current situation with State C&B resolution proposal.

New Business

Fire Prevention Poster Contest committee selected from Albany Auxiliary members. Please share the message with your schools for the fire prevention poster contest. Intro Academy Instructor and Student of the Year recipients recognized. District FFOY Announced as District S/T Kris Hester of Merkel & Abilene Regional Airport FD. Resignation letter read from 1st Vice President Eric Roberson. Election of Officers motion made by Perry Thomson Jr, 2nd by Jr Garcia, motion passed. Motion to elevate current officers by Jr Garcia, second by Travis G. Motion to open nominations for 3rd Vice by Jr Garcia, second by Travis G., motion passed.

No nominations made

Motion made to seek out and interview prospective candidates for 3rd and 4th VP positions by Mel Deatherage, 2nd by Danny Campbell, District C&B will allow Eboard to nominate 2 individuals prior to next meeting in October, notification will be made 30 days before meeting date to membership for review before meeting.

Motion made to keep S/T Hester in position, second and passed
Motion to keep Danny Campbell as Chaplain, second and passed
Motion made to keep Mike Koncsak as Parliamentarian, second and passed.

New officers sworn in by PP Deatherage.

-Past Pres. Clay Deatherage nominated by Perry Thomson as district representative to state convention with S/T Kris Hester as an alternate, second by Jr Garcia, motion passed.

2018 Spring Convention site picked as: Anson

Motion by: Jr Garcia, second by: Perry Thomson, motion carried.
Fall Convention will be in October at Lake Coleman.
Meeting adjourned by President Hull.

State 4th VP Richard Van Winkle presented PP Deatherage with plaque from Austin office. Motion to adjourn made by Travis G, second by Mel D., meeting adjourned by President Hull

Respectfully submitted by:
Sect./Tres. Kris Hester

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS DISTRICT

Meeting Location: Rising Star VFD

Meeting Date/Time: March 18 at 1 p.m.

District Board Members: President Randy Ingram
Secretary/ Treasurer Chris Brooks
Cert. Zone Rep. - Josh Constancio

Number of attendees present: 12

Number of departments present: 6

SFFMA Board Present: 2nd VP Mike Richardson

Old Business:

No minutes from Fall mtg.

Did discuss what was in mtg.

- By-Law changes
- Upcoming Schools
- SFFMA membership
- 3.1 training issues

New Business:

- Chuck Richardson- Wild Peach VFD introduction
- By-Law update vote
- Officer Elections

President- Randy Ingram (2nd term)

1st VP- Matt Richardson- Assistant Chief Olden VFD

2nd VP- Sam Williams- Eastland VFD

Sec. /Treas. - Chris Brooks- Erath Co.

Cert. Coordin.- Josh Constancio- Chief, Rising Star VFD

Chaplain- Father Jay Atwood, Aledo VFD

Mascot- vacant

- Erath County School

Submitted by: Randy Ingram- President, SFFMA Dist. 16

NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT

Fall Meeting Location: Anna High School, Anna

Meeting Date: September 17, 2016

District Board Members:

President, Tim Gothard
1st VP, Steve Deffibaugh
2nd VP, Charlie Smith
3rd VP, Neil Sims
4th VP, Brian Burkhart
Past President, Ken Isom
Chaplain, John Robinson
Secretary/Treasurer, Melissa Robinson
Certification Coordinator, Mick Moffitt
Mascot, Lexi Sims

Number of attendees present: 71

Number of departments represented: 13

SFFMA Board Present:

Richard Van Winkle, 4th VP

Old Business: None.

New Business: Prayer & meal

Vendor Recognition
SFFMA Board Announcements/Reports
SFFMA 4th VP Nominee Chuck Richardson
Certification Report – Tim Gothard
Announcements – None
Attendance Trophy – Anna FD
Pumper Race Awards
Bucket Brigade – Charlie Smith
Spring Meeting – March 25 at Palmer, TX
Door Prizes & Adjourn

Submitted by: Melissa Robinson, Secretary/ Treasurer

Spring Meeting Location: Fundamental Baptist Church, Palmer

Meeting Date: March 25, 2017

District Board Members:

President - Steve Deffibaugh

1st VP - Charlie Smith

2nd VP - Neil Sims

3rd VP - Brian Burkhardt

4th VP - Jeff Ballew

Past President - Tim Gothard

Chaplain - John Robinson

Secretary/Treasurer - Melissa Robinson

Zone Certification Coordinator - Mick Moffitt

Mascot - Lexi Sims

Number of attendees present: 85

Number of departments represented: 17

SFFMA Board present:

Harvie Cheshire, 1st VP

Richard Van Winkle, 4th VP

F. Jim White, Assistant Secretary

Old Business: none.

New Business: Prayer & Meal, Memorial Service,
Vendor Recognition, SFFMA Board Announcements/Reports
Certification Report – Chrissy asked the board to see about having
a skills & written test at our district meeting due to inaccessibility
in our district. Attendance Trophy – Plano Fire Dept
Bucket Brigade – Charlie Smith
Poster Contest Awards – Ken Isom
Memorial Scholarships – Palmer 1st, Telico Alt.
FFOY – Loyde Junkin – Barry FD
EMSOY - n/a
Fall Meeting – Forrester, TX
NTFFMA – 4th VP Nomination – Jeff Ballew
Presentation of new officers – President Steve Deffibaugh
Past President Nomination to Tim Gothard
Door Prizes & Adjourn

Submitted by: Melissa Robinson, Secretary/Treasurer

NORTHEAST TEXAS DISTRICT

On Saturday, September 24, 2016 at 12:45 pm the Fall Convention of the Northeast Texas Firemen's Association was called to order by President Chris Moore. Connor Dooley led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. All officers were in attendance.

President Moore introduced district attorney Mike Jemison and Gloria Dooley, board member of the Rusk County ESD who welcomed all the firemen and guests to Henderson. 2nd Vice President Steve Heim gave the response. President Moore introduced 2nd VP Mike Richardson, 4th VP Richard Van Winkle, Assistant Secretary F. Jim White and Parliamentarian Rayford Gibson of the executive board of the SFFMA.

Chaplain Rayford called the names of Bo Scott and Jim Forge retired firemen from Carthage and presided over the Bell Ceremony for our fallen firefighters.

Steve Heim went over the latest Northeast Texas Fire School information. President Moore asked Mike and Richard to go over the state report. He introduced Chuck Richardson from Wild Peach who is running for 4th VP of SFFMA.

Secretary Jim White called roll and 58 departments and 158 members were in attendance. He awarded the distance plaque Nash (120 miles) and the attendance plaque to Elderville-Lake Port, with twelve fire persons registered. He also asked for a motion to accept the minutes as typed. Motion by Jerry Taylor and second by Andy Killian to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed.

Old Business:

2nd reading of the Constitution and By-Laws change to change the dues from \$20 to \$25. Motion by Danny Hurt and seconded by Mike Fennel. Motion passed.

2nd reading of the Constitution and By-Laws change to change the meeting date from Saturday to Sunday. Motion by Jerry Taylor seconded by Robert Wall. Motion Failed.

New Business:

Motion by Jerry Taylor to continue our VFIS insurance for the next year, second by Danny Hurt. Motion passed.

Motion made by Danny Hurt to elevate the chairs, second by Andy Killian, Chris Moore to Past President, Marc Nichols to President, to Steve Heim 1st VP, F. Jim White Secretary/Treasurer, Rayford Gibson Asst. Secretary/Treasurer/Chaplain. Patrick Dooley presented Chris Moore his Past President Badge. Moore presented his President's badge and the gavel to President Marc Nichols. 1st VP Marc Nichols presented his badge to Steve Heim. President Nichols asks for nominations for mascot. Connor Dooley from

Henderson was nominated. Connor was elected by acclamation. Danny Hurt made a motion to destroy the ballots, second by Andy Killian. Motion passed. After the passing of the badges, and elections, Mike Richardson, 2nd VP of the SFFMA executive board led the oath of office to the new Board.

President Nichols announced that the spring meeting of 2017 will be in Avinger. Henderson County Fire Chief Association will host the fall meeting of 2017. Spring meeting of 2018 will be in Winona. And fall of 2018 will be in Tatum.

On Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 1 p.m., President Marc Nichols, Gilmer, called the Spring Convention of the Northeast Texas Firefighters Association to order. District Chaplain Rayford Gibson gave the opening prayer. President Marc Nichols asked Connor Dooley, Mascot, to lead the congregation in the Pledge of Allegiance. Avinger Mayor Marvin Pevito welcomed everyone to Avinger for the spring convention. He introduced the City of Avinger Aldermen, and the Cass County officials in attendance. 2nd Vice-President Jerry Taylor gave the response.

Assistant Secretary, Rayford Gibson called roll and nineteen departments and fifty-six delegates were in attendance. Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept as typed was made by Nancy Hall, and seconded by Andy Killian. Motion passed. The attendance award went to Ore City with six in attendance and the distance award went to Mount Enterprise with ninety miles.

The Jack Taylor Scholarship winner to the SFFMA State Convention is Nancy Hall, Gilmer VFD, and Kim Young was alternate. Motion by Past President Jerry Taylor, Gilmer and was seconded by Past President Ray Jackson, Pittsburg to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business: President Marc Nichols, Gilmer announced the fall meeting of 2017 will be hosted by the Henderson County Fire Chief Association in Athens. The spring meeting of 2018 will be in Winona. The fall meeting will be in Tatum.

Respectfully,

F. Jim White, Jr.
Secretary

PANHANDLE DISTRICT

On May 20, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. the Panhandle Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association held the 126th annual convention at the Cole Community Center in Canyon, Texas.

Officers president were President Randell Sims, 1st Vice President Morris Locknane, 2nd Vice President Matt Warren, 3rd Vice President Craig Jusiak, 4th Vice President Billy Tidwell, Chaplain Wyley Chaney, Mascot Monty Stanbaugh, Sweetheart Deanne Rice, Past President Curtis Brown, and Secretary Treasurer Dennis Rice.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sweetheart Deanne Rice and Mascot Monty Stambaugh.

Invocation was given by Chaplain Wyley Chaney

Welcome was given by Canyon Deputy Fire Chief Wiley Harp and Randall County Deputy Chief Dennis Gwyn. 1st Vice President Morris Locknane provided the response to the welcome.

MDA presented information about MDA and MDA Summer Camp.

President Sims recognized the State SFFMA officers in attendance: President Henry Perry, 3rd Vice President Tim Smith, 4th Vice President Richard Van Winkle, and Past President Paul Hamilton.

The State officers provided an update of State activities to the Association membership. President Sims introduced State 4th Vice President Candidate Chuck Richardson. 1st Vice-President Morris Locknane introduced the State auxiliary officers in attendance and the President of the PFFMA Auxiliary, Brandy Tidwell.

Panhandle District Ladies' Auxiliary President Shana Guthrie introduced the auxiliary board. Past President Kelly Vandygriff provided an update on the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Past President Paul Hamilton provided an update on the 100 Club. 3rd Vice President Craig Jusiak recognized the past presidents in attendance. 2016 Firefighter of the Year Curtis Brown recognized past firefighters of the year award winners and awarded the 2017 Firefighter of the Year to Randall County Fire and PFFMA Chaplain Wyley Chaney.

2016 EMS Responder of the Year Rhonda Guthrie awarded the 2017 EMS Responder of the Year to Hartley County Fire Scott White. Chaplain Wyley Chaney led the memorial service.

President Randell Sims opened the business meeting.

President Sims presented former Mascot Hannah Brown and Sweetheart Danielle Rice with their plaques.

Past Presidents Bill Hogland and Scott Johnson made a presentation to Chaplain Wyley Chaney.

Nominations:

President Sims announced Wiley Harp was the only nominee for Secretary/Treasurer. A motion was made from the floor to elect Wiley Harp by acclamation, the motion was seconded, all voted in favor, motion passed. President Sims announced Joe Koch was the only nominee for 4th Vice President. A motion was made from the floor to elect Joe Koch by acclamation, the motion was seconded, all voted in favor motion passed.

President Sims announced Mike Kendrick was the only nominee for chaplain. A motion was made from the floor to elect Mike Kendrick by acclamation, the motion was seconded, all voted in favor motion passed. Secretary Dennis Rice presented the secretary/treasurer report. Minutes of the 125th convention were read. Financial Report also presented. A motioned was made from Past President David Jusiak to accept the reports and a second was made by Past President Curtis Brown. All voted in favor motion passed. Nominations for Mascot: Wiley Harp nominated Aiden Sparks. David Jusiak nominated Matthew Jusiak.

Nominations for Sweetheart:

Dennis Gwyn nominated Deanne Rice. Wiley Harp nominated Haley Sparks

Committee Reports:

President Sims asked if there were any committee reports.

Parliamentarian – No action.

Finance – The treasurer books were checked and no problems noted.

Resolution – No action.

Memorial – Wylie provided and update to encourage your department to participate in the relief fund.

Poster – No action

By-Laws – No action.

Sergeant-at-Arms – No action.

Registration – Thanks to the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Golf – No issues.

Contest Events – Games will begin at 1:00. Teams need to meet with the co-chairs of this committee.

Training – Training went well. Get with committee for suggestions.

A motion was made from the floor to accept the committee reports a second was received. All voted in favor, motion passed.

Report on Elections:

President Sims announced that Matt Jusiak was elected Mascot and Deanne Rice was elected Sweetheart. A motion was made from the floor to install the new officers, a second was received. All voted in favor motion passed.

Installation of Officers:

New officers were sworn in by SFFMA President Perry	
President	Morris Locknane, West Carlisle
1st Vice President	Matt Warren, Briscoe
2nd Vice President	Craig Jusiak, Potter County
3rd Vice President	Billy Tidwell, Ralls
4th Vice President	Joe Koch, Randall County
Chaplain	Mike Kendrick, Potter County
Secretary/Treasurer	Wiley Harp, Canyon
Past President	Randell Sims, Floydada
Sweetheart	Deanne Rice, Randall County/ Canyon
Mascot	Matthew Jusiak, Potter County

President Locknane called 2nd Vice President Craig Jusiak and Dennis Rice to make a presentation. A presentation was made by the Executive Board to rename the PFFMA Relief Fund the Wyley Chaney Relief Fund. No other business. Chaplain Mike Kendrick closed in prayer. President Morris Locknane made closing remarks and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Rice
Secretary

PERMIAN BASIN DISTRICT

(no report available)

RED RIVER DISTRICT

Spring Meeting Location: Twin Lakes Community Center

Meeting Date/Time: April 22, 2017

District Board Members:

President Nate Mara

1st VP Rodney Ryalls

2nd VP Jeremy Jennings

3rd VP Cory Brinkley

4th VP vacant

Secretary/Treasurer James Carr

Chaplain Paul McBroom

Mascot Hannah Peyton

Number of attendees present: 33

Number of departments represented: 7

SFFMA Board Present:

Paul Hamilton, SFFMA Past President

Mike Richardson, SFFMA 2nd VP

Kyle Stephens, SFFMA Past President

Old Business:

RRFFMA Spring Fire School Discussion:

Registration now online

Cost increase from \$40 to \$50 per four hour block

Discussed list of classes offered

Voting Proposal:

Discussed the RRFFMA Voting Proposal

Requested attendance at the SFFMA Convention to get delegates

Mid-West District:

President Nate Mara read letter from the Mid-West District discussing their proposal. Board decided to take no action on their proposal

New Business:

Firefighter's Travel Assistance Fund:

Board decided to open a fund through Wichita Falls Area Community Foundation in the amount of \$2500 to establish a RRFFMA Firefighter Travel Assistance Fund to be used for the cost of travel to convention and training.

Site Selection:

Rodney Ryalls mentioned that the Site Selection is now in five different quadrants. Wichita Falls is running for the 2020 Convention. Wichita Falls needs our support.

RRFFMA Fire Chief's Retreat:

Board decided to allow Rodney Ryalls to move forward with establishing a RRFFMA Fire Chief's Retreat to hopefully improve networking amongst the membership.

Submitted by: James Carr, RRFFMA Secretary/Treasurer

RIO GRANDE VALLEY DISTRICT

On Sunday, April 9, 2017 the Rio Grande Valley Firefighter's and Fire Marshal's Association held their quarterly meeting in Edinburg, Texas.

The following individuals were elected to office for 2017-2018:

Ruben Balboa – President (Harlingen Fire Department)

James Farrell – 1st Vice President (McAllen Fire Department)

Eloy Salazar – 2nd Vice President (Pharr Fire Department)

Dawn Rodriguez – 3rd Vice President (La Villa Fire Department)

Leroy Salinas – 4th Vice President (La Joya Fire Department)

Mari Tovar – Secretary (Edinburg Fire Department)

Ubaldo D.Perez – Training Coordinator (Edinburg Fire Department)

AnnaBelle White – Treasurer (Raymondville Fire Department)

Rolando Espinoza – Historian (Alamo Fire Department)

Gary Wilburn – Chaplain (South Padre Island Fire Department)

Quintan Alvarez – Mascot (Harlingen Fire Department)

Frankie Joe Salinas – Immediate Past President (Edinburg Fire Department)

The RGVFFMA held the following meetings for FY 2016 – 2017:

District Meetings:

*July 10, 2016 – Port Isabel

*October 9, 2016 – La Joya

*January 15, 2017 – La Villa

*April 9, 2017 – Edinburg

The Rio Grande Valley Firefighter's and Fire Marshal's Association hosted its 68th Annual Fire & Public Safety Academy with an overall total of 800 firefighters, instructors and staff in attendance.

The Rio Grande Valley Firefighter's and Fire Marshal's Association named Jose Javier Perez (Pharr Fire Department) – Firefighter of the Year for 2017.

Submitted by: Mari Tovar, RGVFFMA Secretary

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

The South Central District Firemen and Fire Marshals Association has met two times since the last SFFMA Conference and Convention.

Ingleside 10/15/16

The fall meeting was held in Ingleside with 6 departments in attendance.

The Ingleside fall meeting had 42 members/guest in attendance. This meeting was the annual business and election meeting. The Attendance trophy went to Freer.

President, Adrian Ramirez, Sr. from Mathis, 1st VP, Romeo Noel Benavides from Falfurrias, 2nd VP, Mary Lou Mendieta from Freer, 3rd VP, Steve Loving from Ingleside, 4th VP, Matt Valdez from San Diego , Sec/Treas., Elena Sanchez from Sinton, Chaplain, Clemente Sanchez from Sinton, Mascot. Andres Maldonado from Freer, Past Pres., James Finney Sr. from Freer

The next meeting is schedule in Mathis on March 25, 2017.

Mathis 3/25/17

The spring meeting was held in Mathis with 10 departments in attendance. The Mathis Spring meeting had 53 members and guests in attendance. This meeting was the annual business and Memorial. The attendance trophy went to Freer. There were updates from all the committees. SFFMA 1st Vice President Mike Richardson gave updates on the SFFMA. SCD would like to host the 2021 State convention.

There were no entries for the Firefighter of the Year & EMS of the year for SFFMA.

The next meeting is scheduled in Ingleside on October 21, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Elena Sanchez
Secretary/Treasurer

TRI-RIVERS DISTRICT

(see Gulf Coast District Report)

WINTERGARDEN DISTRICT

The fall convention was held in Natalia on September 25, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Juan Zamora. The invocation was given by Richard Williams and the mascot led the Pledge of Allegiance. The welcome was given by Manuel Saldana (City of Natalia Mayor). The response was give by Juan Hernandez. The business meeting was called to order by Juan Zamora. Jerry Rust had the financial report and first roll call with 89 firefighters and 14 towns present. Motion was made and second to approve the minutes and financial statement. Motion passed. Russell Johnson from Natalie put on a very interesting slide show about health and safety. Margaret Adams gave a report on M.D. Richard Van Winkle gave a report on the certification at SFFMA. There was no Old Business or New Business. Nomination of Host City: Dilley. Nomination of New Officers: 4th VP JD Earls from Moore VFD & Jesse Jimenez from Crystal City. Secretary: Jerry Rust from Val Verde FD, Chaplain Cory Bradley from Natalia VFD. Sweetheart: Abby Earls from Moore. Mascot: Joseph Ortiz from Uvalde VFD. Racing Co-Chairman: Johnathon Craig & Billy Jim Perez from Castroville. Racing Chairman: Richard Hitchcock from Moore VFD

Ten minute break: Racing Team drawing

Jerry Rust had the second Roll Call with 89 firefighters and 14 towns present. Motion was made to elevate chairs. Motion passed. Results for host city: Dilley. Results for new officers: 4th VP JD Earls, Secretary Jerry Rust, Chaplain Cory Bradley, Sweetheart Abby Earls, Mascot Joseph Ortiz, Racing Co-Chairman: Billy Jim Perez and Racing Chairman Richard Hitchcock. Announcement for racing order. Meeting was adjoured for the noon meal with races to follow at 1:30 p.m. Benediction was given by Cory Bradley.

Racing Results

6-Man

1st Crystal City	28.16
2nd Devine	36.23
3rd Castroville	36.74

3-Man

1st Crystal City	14.63
2nd Natalia	16.80
3rd Castroville	28.20

Bill Zorn Trophy - Crystal City - 14.63
Traveling Trophy - Crystal City - 42.79
Water Polo Devine 1st and Natalia 2nd

6-Lady

1st Crystal City	37.26
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3-Lady

1st Crystal City	19.27
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Rust Trophy - Crystal City 19.27
Traveling Trophy - Crystal City - 56.53

The spring convention was held in Val Verde County on March 26, 2017. The meeting was called to order by President Juan Zamora. Invocation was given by Cory Bradley and the Mascot and Sweetheart led the Pledge of Allegiance. The welcome was given by Jerry Rust and the response was given by 4th VP JD Earls. Jerry Rust read the minutes and financial statement from the last meeting and had the first roll call with 45 firefighters present and 9 towns in attendance. Chuck Garriss gave a report on new legislation on the next session for SFFMA. Margaret Williams from MD gave a report.

No Old Business and No New Business.

Chuck Richardson asked for our support and vote for 4th VP for SFFMA. Nomination for host city: Jourdanton & Crystal City. Ten minute break and drawing for the racing order. Second Roll Call with 45 firefighters and 9 towns in attendance.

Memorial Service

Results of host city vote: Jourdanton
FFOY: Chuck Garriss from Pleasanton

Announcement of Racing Order. Meeting was adjourned for the noon meal with races to follow at 1:30 p.m. Cory Bradley gave the Benediction.

Racing Results

6-Man

1st Uvalde	22.05
2nd Crystal City	27.08

3-Man

1st Crystal City	19.74
2nd Uvalde	27.58
3rd Natalia	28.15

Bill Zorn Trophy - Val Verde - 18.40

Traveling Trophy - Val Verde - 28.24

Water Polo Val Verde 1st and Natalia 2nd

3-Lady

1st Crystal City	20.16
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Rust Trophy - Crystal City 20.16

Traveling Trophy - Crystal City - 20.16

Report submitted by: Jerry Rust, Secretary

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas

as amended on June 26, 2015

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - Name

Section 1. This Association shall be known as the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas.

Section 1.1. The definition of firemen as it is used in this Association shall pertain to either male or female members of any organized fire department.

ARTICLE II - Membership

Section 1. The various classifications of membership in this Association shall consist of **Active, Sustaining, Organization, Life, Honorary Life, Honorary, Individual and International.**

Section 2. **Active membership** shall consist of regularly organized fire departments, emergency services districts, rescue & first responder organizations and 9-1-1 emergency medical service providers of the State, whether civilian, military, or industrial; the regularly appointed or duly elected fire marshals of any city, town, county, or political subdivision in the State; the State Fire Marshal and Assistant Fire Marshal; representatives of each of the respective district associations; county associations; rescue organizations all of which now exist or are hereafter formed or created and which are recognized by the Executive Board of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas.

Section 3. **Sustaining membership** shall be limited to the manufacturers, jobbers, distributors, and/or sales personnel of fire apparatus, equipment and accessories, and companies having a genuine interest in the betterment of the fire service of Texas. Membership under this classification may exhibit products, equipment, and goods and services at the annual training conference and convention. This type of membership is available when qualified as provided in the by-laws of this association.

Section 4. **Organization membership** shall be limited to state agencies, nonprofit entities, support organizations, fire marshal offices, and 16 district organizations having a genuine interest in the betterment of the fire service of Texas. Membership under this classification is available when qualified as provided in the by-laws of this association.

*Section 5. **Life membership*** shall be limited to all past presidents of the Association who shall, upon expiration of their respective terms of office, be and become life members. They shall be entitled to vote on all matters.

*Section 6. **Honorary life membership*** shall be granted to such persons whom the Association wishes to honor in recognition for distinguished, meritorious, or long, faithful service to this Association and who are or have been active members of a member department of this Association. Election to honorary life membership under this section shall be subject to the provisions of the bylaws of this Association. They shall be qualified to vote only, provided they are otherwise qualified under the provision of this constitution and bylaws.

*Section 7. **Honorary membership*** shall be confined to those who are not members of any member department in this State Association, but whom the Association desires to honor in recognition for distinguished service to the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas or to the fire departments of the State. Election to honorary membership shall be subject to the provisions of the bylaws of this Association. They shall not be entitled to vote, nor shall they be eligible to hold office.

*Section 8. **Individual membership*** in this Association shall be available to any person interested in the support of the fire service. Individual memberships are separate and apart from active memberships. Each individual member shall receive, upon paying annual dues, a membership card. Said membership shall entitle the holder hereof to vote upon matters coming before the delegate body of the State Association at the Annual Training Conference and Convention if they are a "Delegate". Failure to pay individual membership dues shall terminate that individual membership in the State Association, but shall in no matter affect the membership or status in or of the individual's local fire department or company.

*Section 8.1. **Individual membership*** is required to participate in the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' of Texas Certification Program.

*Section 9. **International membership*** in this association shall be available to any person interested in the support of the fire service, not residing or volunteering in the fire service in Texas or other U.S. states. International memberships are separate and apart from active memberships. Each individual international member shall receive upon paying annual dues, a membership card. Only international members that belong to a dues-paying department or organization can participate in the association International Certification Program. Said membership shall not entitle the member cardholder to vote upon

matters coming before the delegate body of the state association at the annual training conference and convention. Said membership shall follow the guidelines and specifications set forth by the association International Committee. Failure to pay individual membership dues shall terminate that international membership in the state association.

Section 9.1 International membership is required to participate in the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' of Texas International Certification Program (available in Spanish).

ARTICLE III - Officers

Section 1. The elected officers of this Association shall consist of a president; a first, second, third, and fourth vice president; a secretary; an assistant secretary; and a chaplain.

Section 1.1. Every elected officer of this Association, except chaplain, shall be from the active or retired membership of a recognized active member department of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas and shall be endorsed by the Executive Board of a District Association that is recognized by the Executive Board of the State Firemen's & Fire Marshals' Association of Texas, where they currently live or formerly lived.

Section 2. The foregoing officers and a mascot shall be elected annually by the Association at the last session of the last day of the Annual Training Conference and Convention, and shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be elected and qualified. Their duties shall be as defined by the bylaws of this Association.

Section 3. The elected officers of this Association, plus the immediate past president, shall constitute the Executive Board and Board of Directors, a majority of which shall be a quorum for transaction of business.

Section 3.1. Voting members of the Executive Board shall consist of the president, first vice president, second vice president, third vice president, fourth vice president, secretary, assistant secretary, chaplain, and immediate past president.

Section 4. The executive director of this Association shall be selected, employed and salary or compensation set by a majority vote of the Executive Board present and voting. The Executive Director, for reasonable cause or failure to perform assigned duties, may, upon majority vote of the Executive Board present and voting, be discharged and a successor appointed by an Executive Board order or resolution.

ARTICLE IV - Standing Boards

Section 1. The Legislative Board shall consist of the Executive Board of this Association whose appointment to this Board shall be automatic upon their election to office. This Board will work closely with the working committee SFFMA General Purpose Committee (T*FLAG).

Section 2. The Volunteer Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Certification Board shall consist of not less than 16 members, nor more than 25 members, with each serving a term of four (4) years. The Board shall be organized so that the appropriate numbers of members' terms expire each year, and the incoming president shall appoint or reappoint members to the expired terms.

Section 3. The Texas Industrial Emergency Services Board: A program of industrial fire training shall be established in the State of Texas on a voluntary basis, and said program be administered through the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association to become effective June 18, 1980.

Section 3.1. Board Members: That a board of not less than 12 or more than 20 voting members in addition to any nonvoting members be appointed by the president of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association to administer the program. The board will be known as the Texas Industrial Emergency Services Board.

- A) 1. Voting members to be appointed to serve four-year terms on the board.
- 2. Nonvoting members to be appointed to serve terms as approved by a majority of voting members of the board.
- B) 1. The members appointed to the first board will draw for one-, two-, three-, and four-year terms, and thereafter equal number of voting members will be appointed on rotating years.
- C) 1. Voting board members will be appointed by the president from among the representatives offered by participating industrial members, and confirmed by a majority of the SFFMA Executive Board members present and voting.
- 2. Nonvoting board members will be appointed by the president from among individuals submitted and confirmed by a majority of voting members of the board and confirmed by a majority of the SFFMA Executive Board.

ARTICLE V - Working Committees

Section 1. The following committees shall be appointed by the incoming president with approval of the majority of the Executive Board present and voting and shall serve until the next Annual Training Conference and Convention adjourns or their specific term expires.

- a. Credentials Committee
- b. Finance Committee
- c. Memorial Committee
- d. Racing Committee
- e. Poster Committee
- f. Constitution & By-Laws Committee
- g. Sergeant-at-Arms Committee
- h. Training/Speaker Selection Committee
- i. Driving Contest Committee
- j. Exhibitors Committee
- k. Firefighter & EMS Responder of the Year Committee
- 1. SFFMA General Purpose (T*Flag)
- m. Golf Tournament Committee
- n. Site Selection Committee
- o. International Committee
- p. EMS Committee
- q. Fire Marshals' Committee
- r. Health and Safety Committee
- s. Combination Department Committee
- t. As deemed necessary

ARTICLE VI - Delegates

Section 1. Each regularly organized fire department shall be entitled to five delegates at the Annual Training Conference and Convention, provided that all sections to the by-laws have been complied with.

Section 2. All delegates must be current individual dues paying members, except Industrial members. Industrial Members must be from a participating Industrial Organization to be delegates and each participating Industrial Organization can have up to five voting delegates. No member delegate shall be allowed to be represented by proxy.

Section 3. Lists of delegates from each member department or organization shall be furnished to the secretary upon registration at the Annual Training Conference and Convention.

Section 4. Each regularly organized district, county, fire service organization and rescue association, and Fire Marshals' Office as recognized by the Executive Board shall be eligible for one delegate to the Annual Training Conference and Convention upon payment of the proper annual dues to this Association.

ARTICLE VII - Recognition of SFFMA District Associations

The following SFFMA districts or associations and the counties they serve have long been mutually established and accepted and are hereby officially recognized by the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas as the regional conduits of this association.

1. Central Texas- Bastrop, Bell, Blanco, Bosque, Brazos, Burleson, Burnet, Coryell, Falls, Gillespie, Hamilton, Lampasas, Lee, Limestone, Llano, McLennan, Milam, Mills, Robertson, San Saba, Travis, Washington, Williamson

- 2. Guadalupe-** Aransas, Bee, Bexar, Caldwell, Calhoun, Comal, DeWitt, Fayette, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hays, Jackson, Karnes, Lavaca, Refugio, Victoria, Wilson
- 3. Tri-Rivers-** Austin, Colorado, Matagorda, Wharton
- 4. South Central-** Brooks, Duval, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleburg, Live Oak, Nueces, San Patricio
- 5. Rio Grande Valley-** Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Willacy, Zapata
- 6. Gulf Coast-** Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, Waller
- 7. East Texas-** Anderson, Angelina, Freestone, Hardin, Houston, Jasper, Jefferson, Leon, Madison, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Tyler, Walker
- 8. Northeast Texas-** Bowie, Camp, Cass, Cherokee, Delta, Fannin, Franklin, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Hopkins, Hunt, Lamar, Marion, Morris, Panola, Rains, Red River, Rusk, Smith, Titus, Upshur, Van Zandt, Wood
- 9. North Texas-** Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Grayson, Hill, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Rockwall, Tarrant
- 10. Red River-** Archer, Baylor, Clay, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Knox, Montague, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wise, Young
- 11. Mid-West Texas-** Borden, Callahan, Fisher, Garza, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Lynn, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall, Taylor, Throckmorton
- 12. Panhandle-** Armstrong, Bailey, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Floyd, Gray, Hale, Hall, Handsford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Hutchinson, King, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, Wheeler
- 13. Permian Basin-** Andrews, Brewster, Crane, Culberson, Dawson, Ector, El Paso, Gaines, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves, Terrell, Terry, Upton, Ward, Winkler, Yoakum
- 14. Hill Country-** Brown, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crockett, Glasscock, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green
- 15. Wintergarden-** Atascosa, Bandera, Dimmit, Edwards, Frio, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Zavala

16. North Central Texas- Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Hood, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Stephens

17. Texas Emergency Services Industrial Board – All Industrial based emergency service providers

ARTICLE VIII - Amendments

Section 1. The constitution of this Association may be amended at any Annual Training Conference and Convention by two-thirds of the delegates present and voting.

Section 2. Any amendment to the constitution of this Association presented at the Annual Training Conference and Convention must be prepared in writing and submitted to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee prior to the close of the Annual Training Conference and Convention planning conference held in January of each year. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee will review, study, edit, with the submitting body's approval, and publish and distribute with the committee's recommendations for approval or rejection to all district secretaries on or before March 15. The proposed amendment will then be presented to the Annual Training Conference and Convention by the committee for final action by the voting delegates, and all such amendments must be submitted by a recognized district association or the Executive Board of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - Annual Meetings

Section 1. The Association shall meet during June of each year and shall begin with a business session on Sunday, beginning with an afternoon session and continuing for three days.

Section 2. In the event of no selection, or if any selected Annual Training Conference and Convention host city should fail, refuse, or for any reason be unable to accommodate the annual meeting of this Association at the time so fixed, then the place of holding the annual meeting and the date thereof may be changed or fixed at some other place or time by a majority vote of the Executive Board of this Association.

ARTICLE II - Duties of Officers

THE PRESIDENT:

Section 1. The President shall preside over the meetings of this Association and perform all duties usually incumbent upon presiding officers of deliberative bodies.

Section 2. The President shall appoint, with the approval of the majority of the Executive Board present and voting, the membership of all Working Committees and Standing Boards.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the President, with approval of the majority of the Executive Board present and voting, to fill by appointment any vacancy or position of any Officer, except that of 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, 4th Vice President, and Secretary, who for any cause may be unable to fulfill or failure to perform the duties incumbent upon that particular office.

Section 4. The President shall appoint, with the approval of the majority of the Executive Board present and voting, a member to the Advisory Board of the State Firemen's Training School. No member shall be eligible for appointment to more than three consecutive four-year terms.

Section 5. The President, with approval of the majority of the Executive Board present and voting, shall submit a list of three (3) to five (5) nominees for each vacancy to the Governor every odd number year for appointment to the State Board of Trustees of the Statewide Volunteer Fire Fighters' Retirement Fund.

Section 5.1. The State Board of Trustees of the Statewide Volunteer Fire Fighters' Retirement Fund is composed of nine (9) members, of whom six (6) Trustees must be members of the Fund, and three (3) Trustees must be persons who have experience in the fields of finance, securities investment, or pension administration.

Section 6. The President, with approval of the majority of the Executive Board present and voting, shall submit a list of not fewer than three (3) nor more than ten (10) nominees to the Governor every odd number year for appointment to the Fire Fighters' Pension Commissioner.

Section 7. The President shall appoint, with approval of the majority of the Executive Board present and voting, the state director and an alternate state director to the National Volunteer Fire Council. The state director and the alternate state director must be an active or retired member of a fire department.

THE VICE PRESIDENTS:

Section 1. In the case of absence, resignation, or death of the president, the Vice Presidents shall preside in the order in which they were elected, and act as presidents pro tem. They shall preside over such sessions of the Annual Training Conference and Convention as are assigned them and perform such duties as assigned them by the president.

THE SECRETARY:

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep minutes of all Executive Board meetings and a record of the proceedings of this Association's Annual Training Conference and Convention, and perform such duties as assigned by the president.

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY:

Section 1. The Assistant Secretary shall assist the secretary in the discharge of that office's duties, and in the absence of the secretary for any cause, perform the duties of the secretary and any duties as assigned by the President. The Assistant Secretary shall present at the Annual Training Conference and Convention any resolution offered to the Association from a recognized district and or the Executive Board.

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Section 1. The Executive Director shall receive and receipt all revenues and monies received by this Association and shall make an annual report thereof at the Annual Training Conference and Convention each year, and in such reports render an itemized statement of all receipts and disbursements handled by the office. The Executive Director shall attach to such report a statement from the bank or other institution wherein such funds are deposited, showing the cash balance of deposit by the Association, as near the first day of June preceding the Annual Training Conference and Convention as possible.

Section 2. The Executive Director shall perform such activities of the Association as may be required by the Executive Board.

Section 3. The Executive Director and all staff members that have check signing authority shall give an indemnity bond in a sum not less than \$100,000 and all other staff members will be \$25,000. Said bond to be executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas and approved by the Executive Board of the Association. The premium of such bond is to be paid by the Association.

Section 4. The Executive Director shall keep an accurate alphabetical list and roll of the departments paying annual membership dues or assessments of individual members paying dues, and of the districts and other organizations including sustaining members paying dues

or assessments, and shall present a report thereof to the secretary and Finance Committee of the Association for their use as provided in the bylaws of the Association.

Section 5. The Executive Director shall be responsible for all files and property belonging to the Association.

Section 6. The Executive Director shall be provided with the services of the personnel, the furniture, equipment, supplies, postage, and travel expenses necessarily expended in the performance of the duties of that position.

Section 7. The Executive Director shall withdraw funds of the Association for the depository bank, selected by the Executive Board of the Association upon official Association check forms, signed by the Executive Director.

Section 7.1. The Executive Director or any elected officers of this Association may not use any asset or property of this Association for the purpose of borrowing money or collateral without the approval of the majority of the Executive Board present and voting at a called meeting and approval of a corporate resolution with like resolution recorded in the Executive Board minutes.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Section 1. The President and Executive Director of this Association shall be required to make written reports at the Annual Training Conference and Convention. Other officers may be required to report at the request of the President.

ARTICLE III - Duties of Standing Boards

Section 1. LEGISLATIVE BOARD: It shall be the duty of this committee to study and take necessary action on such legislative matters as may come to their attention; to initiate and promote such legislation as may be necessary to preserve and promote the best interests of the firefighters of Texas.

Section 2. The members of the **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S AND FIRE MARSHAL'S CERTIFICATION BOARD** shall meet and select from their membership a chairman, vice chairman, secretary, and assistant secretary.

Section 2.1. Meetings of the board may be called either by the chairman or by the written request of five (5) members. The meetings of the board may be called at such times and places as deemed necessary.

Section 2.2. In order to conduct business, a majority of the members must be present.

Section 2.3. The board shall be responsible for certification of all volunteer certification coordinators.

Section 2.4. The board shall set, update, and publish the minimum standards for volunteer firefighter and fire marshal certification.

Section 3. THE TEXAS INDUSTRIAL EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD: A program for industrial emergency services training shall be established in the State of Texas on a voluntary basis, and said program administered through the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association to become effective June 18, 1980.

Section 3. 1. Board Members: That a board of not less than 12 or more than 20 voting members in addition to any nonvoting members be appointed by the president of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association to administer the program. The board will be known as the Texas Industrial Emergency Services Board.

A)1. Voting members will be appointed to serve four-year terms on the board.

2. Non-voting members will be appointed to serve terms as approved by a majority of voting members of the board.

B) 1. The members appointed to the first board will draw for one-, two-, three-, and four-year terms, and thereafter equal number of voting members will be appointed on rotating years.

C) 1. Voting board members will be appointed by the president from among representatives offered by participating industrial members, and confirmed by a majority of the SFFMA Executive Board members present and voting.

2. Non-voting board members will be appointed by the president from among individuals submitted and confirmed by a majority of voting members of the board and confirmed by a majority of the SFFMA Executive Board.

Section 3.2. Procedures of the Board

A) Meetings

1. Board shall meet at such times and places in the State of Texas as it deems proper.

2. Meetings shall be called by the chairman upon his/her own motion, or upon the written request of five (5) voting members. The minimum number of meetings will be once per year.

3. Meetings shall be announced at least one week in advance by written notice to all board members, and to the executive director. Emergency meetings can be called by the chairman with 24-hour notice to all board members and the executive director.

B) Quorum. A majority of voting members shall constitute a quorum.

C) Order of Business. Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail for all meetings.

D) Officers

1. Officers of the board shall consist of a chairman, vice chairman, secretary, and assistant secretary.
2. The board shall elect its officers from the appointed voting members at its first meeting and thereafter at its first meeting succeeding new appointments to fill regular terms.

E) Industrial Advisory Board. The officers of the board shall constitute an "Industrial Advisory Board" to advise the Executive Board of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association on matters pertaining to industrial fire protection.

Section 3.3. Training Implementation Method

A) General Statement.

1. It shall be clearly understood that programs suggested by the board are minimum programs wherever possible. Nothing in the provisions shall limit or be construed as limiting industrial members from establishing additional programs.
2. Resource materials for minimum industrial fire training program shall be established from materials as outlined in appropriate international fire service training manuals, the NFPA Industrial Fire Brigade Training Manual, the API Industrial Fire Service, or other equal material as approved by the board. Each participating installation or organization shall verify, to the board, that such manuals and resources have been provided.

B) Objectives.

1. The objective of the board is to promote the competence of industrial emergency services programs.
2. The board has the authority:
 - a) to develop and administer a voluntary program for industrial emergency services training in the State of Texas. Programs developed by the board are subject to confirmation by the SFFMA Executive Board.
 - b) to approve industrial emergency services training and educational programs as meeting the minimum criteria expressed by the board, and
 - c) to outline more comprehensive training programs.

C) Definitions:

1. Certain definitions are used in describing the training programs and related subjects suggested by the board.
2. Definitions used include:
 - a) **"Board"** is the Texas Industrial Emergency Services Board.
 - b) **"Chairman"** is the presiding officer of the board.
 - c) **"Fire Chief"** is the head of an industrial fire department.
 - d) **"Training Coordinator"** is the individual designated by his/her management to be in charge of the industrial emergency services training programs.

- e) **"Trainee"** is any member of an industrial department who is participating in training programs.
- f) **"Department"** is an industrial fire department or fire brigade.
- g) **"School"** is any college, school, university, academy, or local training program which offers fire service training and includes within its meaning the combination of course curriculum, instructors, and facilities.
- h) **"Industrial Member"** is an industrial business establishment belonging to the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association.
- i) **"Participating Industrial Member"** is an industrial member that has a current certificate of participation from the board.
- j) **"Executive Director"** is the executive director of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas.
- k) **"Executive Board"** is the Executive Board of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas.

Section 3.4. Participation Requirements

1. Each industrial organization or installation that wishes to become a participating industrial member must be a current member of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas, and employ a minimum of 10 employees at the specific installation. To meet the minimum 10 employee participation requirement, several installations, each having less than 10 employees and belonging to a common business organization, may be grouped together to qualify as a single participating industrial member.
2. Each participating industrial organization or installation shall remit to the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association the annual membership fee keyed to the number of employees in the organization or installation as follows:

Less than 200 employees \$270

200 to 500 employees \$395

501 to 1000 employees \$520

1001 to 1500 employees \$695

More than 1500 employees \$770

The Association shall dedicate \$20 of the industrial organization membership dues to a building fund to be used exclusively for the construction, purchase, renovation, repairs or addition to a building or for the purchase of land.

3. Industrial members shall not be required to pay individual membership dues for any employee(s).

Section 3.5. Minimum Programs.

1. Although the board strongly endorses and supports adequate physical qualifications, this matter is left to each industrial installation or organization.

2. All training will be conducted and/or supervised by a training coordinator for that particular organization or installation who has been approved by the industrial member company's management. The training coordinator can designate any member from that department as an instructor. The board has the power to revoke program approval if they feel that the training is not being conducted in accord with the approved program.
3. Training may be received from any school, college, university, academy, or local training program which offers fire service training and is recognized by the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association; additionally, training may also be provided by in-house programs under the supervision of the training coordinator.
4. Any personnel change in training coordinator's or fire chief's position will be sent to the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association office in Austin for updating of records.

Section 3.6. Recognitions.

Certificates of participation will be issued to each industrial installation or organization that has a training program approved by the board. These certificates will be reissued annually so long as the industrial member continues to conduct training programs in accord with the minimum standards of the board.

ARTICLE IV - Duties of SFFMA District Associations

Section 1 - Each SFFMA district association shall communicate and coordinate the activities and business of the state association on the local level, assisting departments and their members in their areas.

Each SFFMA district association shall provide a written record or report of their district activities at the SFFMA annual conference and convention each year.

Each SFFMA district association shall submit a list of eligible candidates at the SFFMA annual conference and convention each year to serve on each state committee to assist and perform the business of the State Firemen's & Fire Marshals' Association of Texas.

ARTICLE V - Duties of Working Committees

Section 1. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: It shall be the duty of the Credentials Committee to report immediately after the Association convenes for the purpose of passing on the credentials of delegates and their membership dues, and to make their annual report to the Association as soon as they have completed their duties.

Section 2. FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee shall review all bills paid by the Association, review the books of the executive director, and review the ensuing year's proposed budget, making recommendations if needed, and report in full regarding the

finances of the Association at the annual meeting. This committee shall recommend to the Executive Board registration fees for the Annual Training Conference and Convention.

Section 3. MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: The Memorial Committee shall compile a list of deceased members of this Association for the past year and make all arrangements for holding an appropriate memorial service during the Annual Training Conference and Convention. The Memorial Committee may present the memorial resolution to the delegates for their approval during the memorial service.

Section 4. RACING COMMITTEE: It shall be the duty of this committee to consult the host city committee on races, to cooperate in the selection of suitable sites and hydrants for the annual Association pumper races, to see that all necessary equipment is available and in place for the running of such races, and that the races are conducted in accordance with the Association's pumper racing rules.

Section 5. POSTER CONTEST COMMITTEE: It shall be the duty of this committee to receive from the delegates of the several district associations of this State the winning posters from their respective districts, to see that they are suitably displayed by division, in an area or room assigned to them and to select a competent staff judge and report the first, second, and third place winners in each of the kindergarden, primary, middle, intermediate, junior high, and high school divisions at the final session of the Annual Training Conference and Convention.

Section 6. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: The Constitution and By-Laws Committee will review, study, and edit all proposed changes with the submitting body's approval, publish and distribute with the committee's recommendation for approval or rejection to all District Secretaries on or before March 15. All proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws will be presented at the Annual Training Conference and Convention by the committee for final action by the voting delegates. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee is charged with the duty of keeping the Constitution and By-Laws current and correct and in keeping with the goals of the Association. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee may submit changes to the Constitution and By-Laws that are a clarification of an Article or Section, correct grammar or misspelling, and submit any Article or Section at the direction and approval of the Executive Board.

Section 7. ANNUAL TRAINING WORKSHOP/SPEAKER SELECTION COMMITTEE:

This committee shall consist of one (1) member from the Certification Board, Fire Marshal Committee, EMS Committee, TIESB Board, TEEX, International and an Executive Board Liaison.

Section 7. 1. It shall be the duty of this committee to select speakers and training workshops for the upcoming Annual Training Conference and Convention.

Section 7.2. This committee shall contact potential speakers, collect speaker proposals, select workshops (speakers) for the upcoming Annual Training Conference and Convention and work with the Association Meeting Planner on scheduling selected workshops.

Section 7.3. The president shall appoint such subcommittees for this committee as deemed necessary to perform the duties of the committee.

Section 8. DRIVING CONTEST COMMITTEE: It shall be the duty of this committee to work closely with the host liaison on driving contest requirements, the selection of a suitable site for the annual Association Driving Contest, to see that all necessary equipment is available and in place and that the contest is conducted in accordance with the Association's Driving Contest rules.

Section 9. EXHIBITORS COMMITTEE: It shall be the duty of this committee to work closely with host liaison, exhibitors, and the State Office in planning and layout of the indoor/outdoor exhibit area.

Section 10. FIREFIGHTER & EMS RESPONDER OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE: It shall be the duty of this committee to review all nominees, and select the State Firefighter of the Year and the State EMS Responder of the Year.

*Section 11. SFFMA GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE (T*FLAG):* It shall be the duty of this committee to work closely with the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association Executive Board to study and take necessary action on such legislative matters as may come to their attention; to initiate and promote such legislation as may be necessary to preserve and promote the best interests of the firefighters of Texas.

Section 12. GOLF COMMITTEE: It shall be the duty of this committee to work closely with the host liaison on the golf tournament requirements, and the selection of a suitable site for the annual Association Golf Tournament.

Section 13. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS COMMITTEE: It shall be the duty of this committee to assist as necessary and at the request of the President.

Section 14. SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE: It will be the duty of the committee to receive proposals, visit all prospective sites, and negotiate with the appropriate facilities. All proposals will be reviewed and the top three (3) sites shall be visited. All sites shall be visited before the Annual Conference in June, so recommendations could be made to the

Executive Board. Then the Executive Board shall recommend three (3) sites for the Convention Delegates to vote for acceptance or rejection. The Executive Board shall have their recommendations submitted by the end of the Annual Conference so prospective sites can be placed on the ballots for the Annual Conference & Convention Proceedings. This Committee shall consist of the Executive Director, the Association Meeting Planner, two (2) representatives from the current Executive Board and two (2) Past Presidents who shall be appointed by the incoming Association President after the Annual Conference and Convention Proceedings.

Section 15. EMS COMMITTEE: It shall be the duty of this committee to coordinate and represent the SFFMA Members and Member Departments that provide Emergency Medical or First Responder Services regarding matters of legislation, training, recruitment and EMS Business and Leadership certifications.

Section 16. INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE: It shall be the duty of this committee to coordinate and represent non-U.S.-based SFFMA Members and Departments regarding matters of training, recruitment and certification.

Section 17. FIRE MARSHALS' COMMITTEE: It shall be the duty of this committee to meet and confer as often as needed in order to:

1. Provide ample opportunities for exchange of fire safety information, code enforcement and technical developments.
2. Review and discuss methods to foster closer cooperation and a better understanding between governmental or industrial fire service organizations, law enforcement agencies, news media, the insurance industry, local fire prevention committees, and state and local agencies.
3. Encourage high professional standards of conduct among Fire Marshals and to continually strive to eliminate all factors which interfere with administration of fire prevention and life safety advancements for the common good.
4. Unite for mutual benefit those public officials and private persons to promote fire prevention and life safety in Texas.
5. Work closely with the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association Executive Board and the **SFFMA GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE (T*FLAG)** to study, make recommendations and take necessary action on such legislative matters as may come to their attention to initiate and promote such legislation as may be necessary to preserve and promote the best interests of the firefighters and citizens of Texas.

Section 18. HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE: It shall be the duty of this committee to meet and confer as often as needed in order to:

1. Provide recommendations and guidelines for actions to help eliminate firefighter injury and death by increasing firefighters' health, wellness and fitness.
2. Provide recommendations and guidelines for safety considerations to fire departments in managing fire department duties and responsibilities.
3. Work with regulatory groups to help review, investigate and assist in determining the factors surrounding line of duty deaths, line of duty injuries, and near-miss situations. Take that information and provide lessons learned to the association members to help prevent further, similar events.
4. Committee members will be comprised of subject-matter experts in health and safety.

Section 19. COMBINATION DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE: It shall be the duty of this committee to meet and confer as often as needed in order to:

1. Determine and make recommendations for education, training, and support for departments that have both volunteers and career members.
2. The committee makeup shall be chief officers of combination departments or career chiefs serving combination departments.

ARTICLE VI - Membership Dues

Section 1. A regularly organized fire department within the meaning of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association shall consist of any combination of personnel with apparatus properly manned and officered, with sufficient personnel to operate such apparatus in the prevention and extinguishment of fire.

Section 2. The dues of each department are to be according to the last federal census, and on a staggered amount according to the population. The minimum annual dues of any department shall be

\$95 on cities and towns from 0 to 1,750 population,
\$135 on cities and towns of 1,751 to 5,000 population,
\$155 on cities and towns of 5,001 to 10,000 population,
\$175 on cities and towns of 10,001 to 20,000 population,
\$195 on cities and towns of 20,001 to 30,000 population,
\$220 on cities and towns of 30,001 to 40,000 population and
\$245 on all cities and towns of 40,001 and over population.

The Association shall dedicate \$20 of the department membership dues to a building fund to be used exclusively for the construction, purchase, renovation, repairs and addition to a building or for the purchase of land.

Section 3. Each regularly organized fire department and industrial member shall be required to pay the Association annually the dues herein provided. The dues year runs concurrent with the fiscal year beginning January 1 through December 31, effective January 1.

Section 4. Fire Marshals offices, when duly certified by their political sub-division, shall be eligible to membership in this Association on the basis of \$95 annual membership dues.

The Association shall dedicate \$20 of the organization membership dues to a building fund to be used exclusively for the construction, purchase, renovation, repairs and addition to a building or for the purchase of land.

Section 5. The regularly organized district, county, rescue association, industrial and other fire service organization or individuals herein after recognized by the Executive Board of this Association shall be eligible for membership in this Association upon payment of \$120 annual dues.

The Association shall dedicate \$20 of the organization membership dues to a building fund to be used exclusively for the construction, purchase, renovation, repairs and addition to a building or for the purchase of land.

Section 6. Sustaining members of the Association, which includes manufacturers, jobbers, distributors, and/or sales personnel of fire apparatus, equipment, and accessories, may obtain sustaining membership in this Association upon payment of \$170 annual dues. Only sustaining members will be eligible to contract for exhibit space at the Annual Training Conference and Convention.

The Association shall dedicate \$20 of the sustaining membership dues to a building fund to be used exclusively for the construction, purchase, renovation, repairs and addition to a building or for the purchase of land.

Section 7. Life members shall be exempt from the payment of all Association dues and registration fees.

Section 8. Honorary life and honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of Association dues, but shall not be exempt from payment of the Annual Training Conference and Convention registration fees.

Section 9. Any person interested in the fire service may become an individual member of this Association by the payment of annual dues in the amount of \$30 per year which includes individual membership and allows for the eligibility of any other benefits which may be available to individual members.

The Association shall dedicate \$20 of the individual membership dues to a building fund to be used exclusively for the construction, purchase, renovation, repairs and addition to a building or for the purchase of land.

Section 9.1. The magazine subscription is included as a part of all membership dues categories.

Section 9.2. The individual membership is required to participate in the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' of Texas Certification Program.

ARTICLE VII - Honorary Life and Honorary Members

Section 1. All names presented to this Association for honorary life or honorary membership in this Association shall be referred to a committee of three, appointed by the president, for the purpose of approving or disapproving such membership. Such names shall not be acted on until such committee reporting thereon shall have been named to the Association.

Section 2. An official badge and plaque shall be awarded to the past presidents of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII - Nominations of Officers and Selection of Meeting Place

Section 1. Nominations of all officers, mascots and meeting places shall be made at the hour designated on the official Annual Training Conference and Convention program, during the first (1st) business session of the annual conference.

Section 2. The selection of the host city for the Annual Training Conference and Convention of this Association shall be made at least three years in advance of the meeting, beginning with the conference and convention in the year 2005.

Section 2.1. The selection for the host city for the Annual Training Conference and Convention of this Association shall be contingent on the host city to provide ample indoor exhibit area.

Section 2.2. There shall be a Site Selection Committee consisting of two representatives from the Executive Board, the Executive Director, the Meeting Planner and two Past Presidents, appointed by the association President.

Section 2.3. The Site Selection Committee shall visit prospective sites, negotiate with the appropriate facilities and bring the recommendations to the Executive Board for approval and then to the Convention delegates for a vote of acceptance or rejection.

Section 3. After nominations of the respective officers and mascot have been declared, it shall be the duty of the recording secretary to have prepared and printed ballots showing the names of the nominees for such officers in duplicate; one ballot being marked "first ballot" and the other being marked "second ballot."

ARTICLE IX - Voting and Elections

Section 1. Each properly accredited delegate shall be entitled to one vote at the annual meeting.

Section 2. All elections held by this Association shall be by secret ballot with a majority vote deciding.

Section 3. Ballots shall be distributed to the Delegates by the Sergeant-at-Arms at such time as their attendance cards are taken up at the last session. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall act as tellers during balloting, the president shall appoint a committee to count all ballots and return a total count to the secretary.

Section 4. Each delegate entitled to vote shall indicate his/her choice by placing either an "X" or check mark (p) in the "Box" on said ballot next to the name of the person for the respective office, and the city for the place of the next meeting.

Section 5. Vacancies of any elected position, except that of Assistant Secretary, Chaplain, and 4th Vice President, shall be filled by elevation of the chairs in the order they were elected. Vacancies of elected positions of Assistant Secretary, Chaplain, and 4th Vice President may be filled by appointment on interim basis at the discretion of the President, with the approval of the majority of the Executive Board present and voting. Any interim appointment shall expire on the last day of the next Annual Training Conference and Convention.

ARTICLE X - Reporting Deceased

Section 1. All members are requested to submit a list of their deceased fellow firemen to the chairman of the Memorial Committee, not later than May 31, preceeding the Annual Training Conference and Convention.

ARTICLE XI - Appeals and Grievances

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall constitute a board of appeals to determine any question submitted to them by a member, company, department or organization or delegate thereof.

ARTICLE XII - Amendments

Section 1. The by-laws of the Association may be amended at any Annual Training Conference and Convention by two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting.

Section 2. Any amendment to the by-laws of this Association presented at the Annual Training Conference and Convention must be prepared in writing and submitted to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee prior to the close of the Annual Training Conference and Convention planning conference held in January of each year. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee will review, study, edit, with the submitting body's approval, and publish and distribute with the committee's recommendations for approval or rejection to all district secretaries on or before March 15. The proposed amendment will then be presented to the Annual Training Conference and Convention by the committee for final action by the voting delegates, and all such amendments must be submitted by a recognized district association or the Executive Board of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association.

Section 3. In the absence of any specific parliamentary rules or regulations, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern.

GUIDELINES DRIVING CONTEST

1. Must be registered for convention.
2. Must have a valid driver's license.
3. No contestant will be allowed in truck before contest begins.
4. Contestants must be present at driving course by 7:15 am.
Entrance to the Truck Driving Contest will end at 7:30 am.
5. Contestants will be disqualified when any three wheels of the apparatus leaves the course at the same time.
(Duals count as two).
6. Contestants will be penalized five (5) seconds for each time a pylon or barrel is touched. This will be added to the overall time.
7. In case of a tie, a re-run will only be done in the first three places.
8. Decision of the judges is final.
9. This is an equal opportunity contest.
10. At the time you register for the contest, you will draw for the position in which you will drive in the contest.
11. This will be a timed event.
12. Only one (1) driver per town or industry.
13. No one will be permitted to enter the contest after 7:30 am on the date of the contest.
14. Only one occupant per vehicle.
15. Failure to complete course will result in disqualification.
16. Sliding or squealing the truck tires anywhere on the course will be disqualified.

RULES FOR DRIVING CONTEST

1. Contestants will not be allowed to consume alcoholic beverages before or during the contest.
2. The contestant will be required to wear the seat belts at all times.
3. The contestant is required to handle his/her vehicle in a safe manner and to maintain a normal driving position on the field test course.
4. At the starting line, each contestant shall be given a reasonable amount of time and such assistance as he/she may require to satisfactorily adjust his/her seat and mirrors and get comfortable.
5. The rules and the field course may be subject to change due to the Host City facility.

FIELD COURSE

1. Offset Alley

Objective: To test the drivers' ability to steer, judge distances at all points on the vehicle, and to properly control speed while maneuvering in a continuous forward motion through the confined space simulating the avoidance of parked vehicles or maneuvering through narrow alleys.

Standard Operating Procedure: Driver is required to move through one set of traffic cones, turn right or left and proceed through a second set of traffic cones without touching any of the cones comprising the problem.

Problem Dimension (1): Width between traffic cones in each set - eleven feet (11'). Distance between each set - twenty-four feet (24').

2. Loading Dock

Objective: To test the driver's ability to back his/her vehicle into a narrow space and stop with the rear of the vehicle within a specific distance of the back limits of the space.

Standard Operating Procedure: The driver is required to drive forward past the opening of the simulated dock, position the vehicle and then back into the dock stopping with the rear of the unit within 24 inches of the door. After completing the stop, proceed to the next object (serpentine).

You must stop within the line of 0 to 24 inches for a valid score. Anything out of the 24 inch line will count as a five (5) second penalty on your overall time.

3. Controlled Cornering (New 2003 Driving Contest)

Objective: To test the driver's ability to maneuver the vehicle in a controlled manner thru sharp corner.

Standard Operating Procedure: Driver is required to move through a set of traffic cones placed in a continuous corner without touching any of the cones compromising the problem.

Problem Dimension: 14 cones, width between cones is 11 feet (11').

4. The Serpentine

Objective: to test the driver's ability to maneuver the vehicle in and out of tight places in both forward and backward movement.

Standard Operating Procedure: The driver is required to drive in a figure eight (8) pattern around a line of obstacles. He/she is required to maintain a continuous movement forward and backwards with the only authorized stops being those required to change direction to complete negotiation of the problem.

Problem Dimension: Three (3) barrels in a straight line 32 feet (32') apart (from center to center).

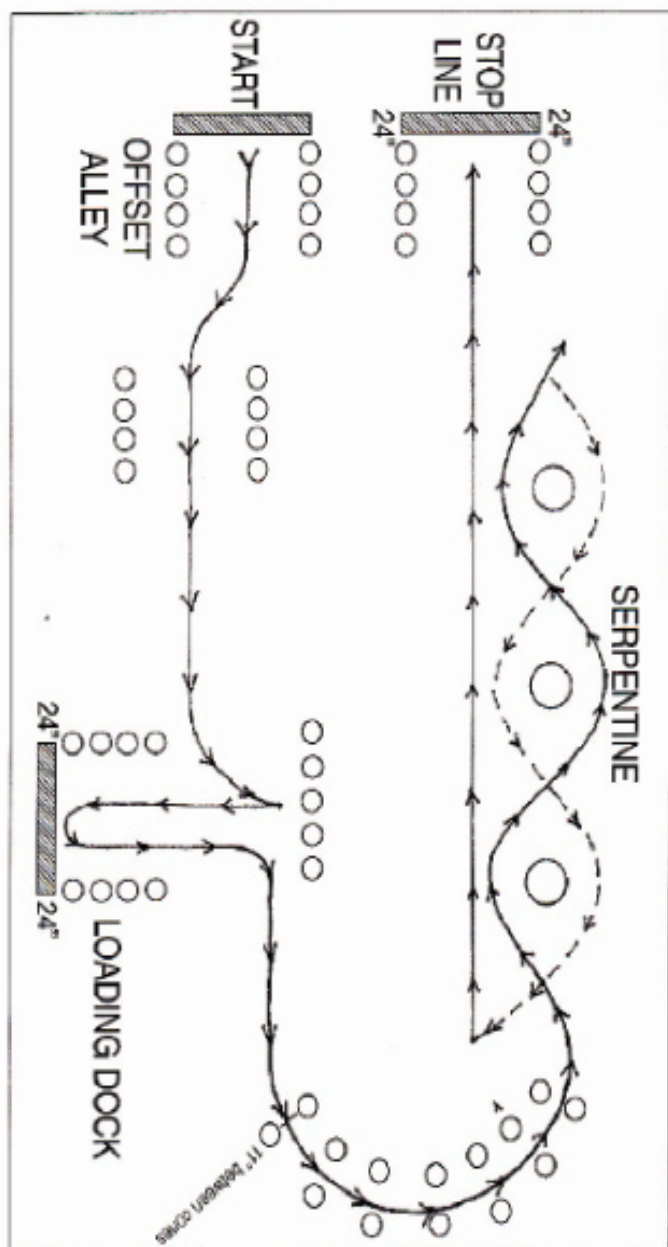
5. The Stop Line

Objective: To test the driver's ability to judge the position of his/her front bumper with respect to a fixed line.

Standard Operating Procedure: The driver is required to approach the line moving forward and maintaining a normal driving position. Only one (1) stop is allowed and once stopped, a measurement will be taken. The front bumper of the unit shall be within 24 inches of the required stopping line. There will be no score if the contestant moves his/her vehicle forward or backward after making a stop at approach or at the stop line.

Stop Line: You must stop within the line of 0 to 24 inches for a valid score. Anything out of the 24 inch line will count as a five (5) second penalty on your overall time.

DRIVING CONTEST COURSE LAYOUT



FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

(Revised September 1, 2010)

SELECTION GUIDELINES

Nominee's department MUST be a member of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas.

A nominee must hold current individual membership in the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas.

Each nominee will be considered on a point system to determine the three finalists. The area to be considered are:

1. Leadership abilities including: *Leadership positions held, Work knowledge, Communications, Creativity and Innovation, Attitude, Interaction with others*
2. Dedication to training and/or introduction of new and innovative training methods
3. Involvement in SFFMA, both state and district level
4. Community involvement, both church and civic
5. Acts of heroism in a fire-related act or act of bravery
6. Accomplishments/awards received
7. Certifications held
8. Letters of Recommendation (no more than 4, please)
9. Pictures may be submitted (no more than 4, please)

All nominations must be submitted to local Districts by a fire department on or before the District's Spring meeting. Submissions must be received with a letter from fire department and signed by Fire Chief, Assistant Chief or President.

One nominee from each District should be submitted in a sealed envelope to state SFFMA office no later than the 4th Monday in May. Submissions must be received with a letter from District and signed by the District President or Secretary.

The state SFFMA office will log in the submissions as received and will leave the submissions unopened. The FFOY committee will meet during the last week of May to open the submissions and to select the three finalists based on the above criteria. The nominees will be notified of the results.

The three finalists will be interviewed by the FFOY committee on Saturday morning at the state convention. All nominees will be recognized and the winner will be announced on Sunday at the 1st Business Meeting. All submissions will be returned to the Districts after the state convention.

EMS RESPONDER OF THE YEAR

SELECTION GUIDELINES

Nominee's department or agency MUST be a current active member of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas.

Nominee must be a current individual member of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas.

A nominee could be considered because of past heroism in EMS-related act, act of bravery, dedication to training or introduction of new and innovative training methods.

Leadership abilities to be considered are:

1. work knowledge
2. communications
3. creative ability
4. innovation
5. attitude
6. interaction with other people

Community involvement considered, either church or civic.

A nominee should be considered for the committees he/she may have chaired or served on and how these committees functioned under his/her guidance.

Nominees will be considered on a point system, giving points for their contributions in the above various areas.

There will be a personal interview conducted with the top three finalists.

To win the State Award as EMS Responder of the Year, nominees do not have to be an agency officer or chief.

All nominations for EMS Responder of the Year must be submitted to a local District Association, on department or agency letterhead and signed by the department or agency chief officer or executive, assistant chief or executive and/or department or agency President.

The district offices will conduct submissions of District nominations to the SFFMA State Office. Submission of winning nominees must be on a district letterhead, and/or signed by the President or Secretary of the district.

One nomination from each District President/ Secretary shall be submitted to the SFFMA State Office by fax, email, or postal mail by the 3rd Monday in May.

Copies of Certificates and pictures may be included (but no more than four (4) of each.

GARY TILTON MEMORIAL FIRE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST RULES

As revised by committee, June 2000

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY: INSTRUCTION ON RULES

This contest is open to all students in grades Pre K through 12 enrolled in any school (public, private, parochial, etc.) or home schooled.

The following grades will fall into six divisions:

Kindergarten Division - Grades Pre K, K.

Primary Division - Grades 1, 2.

Intermediate Division - Grades 3, 4.

Middle Division - Grades 5, 6.

Junior High Division - Grades 7, 8.

High School Division - Grades 9,10,11,12

The poster must be original and may be on any phase of fire prevention and/or fire safety. Only individual work by the student, and one entry per student will be accepted. Posters must conform to the following description: Size of poster: 14 inches by 22 inches.

Kind: Any art medium including painted, cut-outs, pen and ink, crayons, chalks, pencils, computer graphics, but not limited to these.

NO objects over one half inch in height are to be placed on the poster.

NO live matches may be used on the poster.

NO glass may be used in the poster.

The following information must be placed in a sealed envelope attached to the back of the poster. Inside the envelope on a card or piece of paper, insert:

- a. Name of student
- b. Name of school
- c. Address of school
- d. Grade of student
- e. Name of fire department
- f. Name of district association

On front of envelope: division only

All posters must contain full information and conform to size to avoid disqualification.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All fire departments and/or fire marshal's offices that are active in the Fire Prevention Poster Contest and are members of the different district associations and the state association may send their winning posters, by their fire marshal or representative to the district contest.

Each District may select three posters only from each division and send them to the state contest. (District Representative - it is your responsibility to see that all posters entered from your district conform to all the state rules. Posters must be submitted to the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association Fire Prevention Poster Committee at the host city before 8:00 AM, Monday of convention week.)

First, Second, and Third place trophies will be given in each division. Three, five or seven judges will be selected by the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association Fire Prevention Poster Committee.

The decision of the judges will be announced at the convention. The decision of the judges is final.

All posters will become the property of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association to be exhibited at the state contest. Winning posters will be displayed for one year at the State Fire Museum in Beaumont.

It is the district's responsibility to pick up the last year's winners from the chairman or his representative.

It shall be the responsibility of the chairman to:

Secure trophies for first, second, and third place in each division. Trophies will be presented to the district representative for presentation to the winner. Provide ribbons for each place. Ribbons will be attached to the posters.

The cost of the trophies and the ribbons shall be paid by the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association.

Any prize money that is awarded to any poster contestant will be awarded by that company and/or group, and will not involve the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association. All departments and /or districts who have posters in the state contest *must pick them up* Tuesday after the awards banquet or Wednesday morning. Any poster not picked by 11:00 AM Wednesday will be disposed of.

TEXAS FIREMEN PHOTO CONTEST

Anyone can enter the contest *with the exception of professional photographers*; there is no minimum age requirement. If you were in the right place in time to capture that special moment, we encourage you to enter the contest.

All photos submitted will be exhibited at the SFFMA Annual Training Conference and Convention. Some of the winning photographs will also be published in the *Texas Firemen* magazine and *InfoFire* newsletter throughout the year.

CONTEST RULES

- 1) Department membership is not required. (Professional photographers *are not allowed* to submit entries.)
- 2) Photos must be 8" X 10", color or black and white, unmatted, ALL OTHERS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. Please include prints and digital files on a disk.
- 3) You must fill out the Photo Contest Entry Form and attach to the back of EACH photo submitted. Make as many copies of the entry form as needed.
- 4) ONLY three (3) photos PER CATEGORY may be entered. (If more than three per category are submitted, the first 3 will be considered, all others will be disqualified.)
- 5) Entries (printed copies) become the property of *Texas Firemen* magazine and the State Firemen's & Fire Marshals' Association of Texas, and may be displayed by SFFMA at fire service events.
- 6) A 'Best of Show' plaque will be awarded to the highest scoring photograph. Additionally, 1st and 2nd place plaques will be given in each category based on creative composition, visual appeal, originality and good fire fighting or EMS practices and techniques.

CATEGORIES

- a. Fire-related acts, any variety; *must be "real life" incident*
- b. Lifesaving acts, any variety; *must be "real life" incident*
- c. Education and public safety - any "*staged*" fires such as at fire training schools and anything relating to public safety (presentations at schools, "*staged*" disaster drills, etc.)

PUMPER RACES

CONTEST RULES FOR SIX-MAN PUMPER DRILL

The President shall appoint the chairman and co-chairman, judges, timekeepers, and starter. There shall be three judges, three timekeepers, and a starter. The chairman shall have charge of the drawing for places, getting equipment, and spotting of truck at the hydrant. The chairman of the contest shall not keep time, but must accept the time given him by the timekeepers. All judges and timekeepers shall be entitled to a vote on any questions that may arise. The chairman shall not vote except in case of tie. The racing chairman shall be empowered to replace any committeeman incompetent to perform his duties. The judges shall be three in number: one at the rear of the pumper and one on each side of the pumper. The three timekeepers shall position themselves as near as possible to the 100-foot line painted on the street. Any team trying to win by fraud, deception, or foul play, or in any dishonorable or ungentlemanly way, or shall disobey, infringe upon or evade any of the requirements of these rules and regulations before or during the contest, shall be barred from competing in that race, the judges to decide on the matter. The chairman shall take up all complaints of the contest with the judges, and their findings shall be final. All complaints must be made immediately following a team's run. At the state convention the racing team chairman shall be in charge.

Any team captain or member of his team who violates these rules, automatically disqualifies the team for that particular meet. Sufficient room for the competing teams to operate in during their race shall be maintained by the judge during the race. At the end of the races the data shall be assembled by the secretary, and after the results have been announced, the official copy shall be filed as part of the regular minutes of the meeting.

FIREMEN'S PUMPER DRILL

The working order of the drill shall be as follows: pumper to be set at hydrant, motor silent, hydrant wrench in the seat on the floorboard, wrench will be allowed to extend out of the cab as each team sees fit as it will not fall off (in cab-forward design trucks, judges may designate wrench in a more appropriate position), doors open, hard suction in its regular position if at all possible, unlocked with swivel at either end as team captain desires. After drill has started, position

of pumper cannot be changed. After truck is set, a white line six inches (6") wide and ten feet (10') long shall be painted on the street 100 feet from the tailboard of the truck.

The same nozzle and non-adjustable hydrant wrench shall be used by all teams and these shall be furnished by the host city or the State Association. Enough 2½ inch hose shall be provided so that no sections shall have to be used more than five (5) times during the race. It shall be the duty of the judges to check all couplings to see that they shall be the same for all teams. The judges shall see that all hoses have water run through immediately prior to the start of the race. All connections shall be checked by the judges to see that all are the same for all teams before each team runs, and all caps shall be on the plug, the hard suction intake, and the discharge, and shall be set by the judges prior to each run.

No team member of any competing teams shall make any connection at any position before their team runs. If any doubt arises regarding any coupling or threads, the judges shall try that coupling to the team's satisfaction and that it will operate efficiently.

The number of men in the drill team shall not exceed six (6), or more than one at any position on the truck. Position of men at starting signal shall be as follows: two men on seat of pumper, sitting in natural position, facing forward, one man on each side of truck on running board forward of the hard suction intake, facing truck, and two men on rear platform, body erect, toes forward and, if possible, feet entirely on the running boards. Both men on the side running boards and men on the rear platform may have their heels hanging off the running board in case of the running board being too narrow for the feet to be accommodated, provided the toes shall touch the body of the truck. Men must remain in this position, hands extended overhead, until starting signal is given. After signal is given, the men may work as they choose to accomplish the following: connect hard suction hose to hydrant and to pump. Pull continuously 100 feet (100') of 2½ inch hose from the hose bed and in an approximate straight line to a point where the coupling at end of said 100-foot (100') hose clears the hose bed (not the rear platform), take play pipe nozzle from rear platform of truck and connect to end of hose.

Connect other end of hose to pumper, open valve on hydrant and truck and allow water to flow until a stream emerges from the nozzle. Hose may be extended to its full length as long as the nozzle is behind the 100-foot (100') marker on the street when the water comes through

it. Hose may be loaded as the team desires, but must come out of the hose bed in approximately a straight line. No skid, twist or other loads on the third section of the hose that will permit hose to come out in any other manner than a straight line shall be allowed.

After all the hose has been loaded into the hose bed, the judge shall ask the team captain of the team on the truck if his hose is loaded and ready for inspection. The judge shall set the coupling to be broken in the race after the competing team completes its loading, immediately before the team runs. This coupling shall be set the same for each team. Nobody, except those pulling the hose, shall grab the hose until the coupling at the 100-foot section clears the hose bed (not rear platform). Teams do not have to touch the 100-foot (100') mark on the street, but must pull off 100 feet (100') of the hose. The first pullman off the rear platform shall be the only man to reach into the hose bed.

The time of the contest shall be judged from the time the starting signal is given until a continuous flow (not a surge or spurt) of water passes from the nozzle over the line 100 feet (100') from the rear of the truck. Timekeepers shall clock the time when a continuous stream of water passes over the 100-foot (100') mark. Any team that has a blow-off at any connection or of the nozzle before time is clocked at the 100-foot (100') line shall be given a "no-time" by the judge. All connections must be screwed on in such a manner that it will remain in place without being held on until time is clocked by the timekeepers. Only the team member at the nozzle may be touching the hose with his hands, and person at hydrant may still be turning the hydrant on. Any team deliberately aiming, or tossing hard suction in the eyes of the judge shall be disqualified.

After a team has established a valid time (or received a valid no-time) it shall not be permitted to rerun in the event if the equipment shall become inoperative, replaced or relocated. All teams with valid time or valid no-time shall retain their established times and shall be eligible for all prizes. No team shall be given a second chance to run unless a defect in equipment occurs while said team is running. In such an event, this team shall be allowed to rerun.

Any conditions that may arise that are not covered by these rules shall be governed by the racing committee and one representative of each competing team before races start. After races start any conditions that arise shall be governed by a ruling of the judges only.

The chairman of the subcommittee may be authorized to employ four men to assist in handling hose and equipment during races. The host city shall not be allowed to enter the contest for prize money. Host

team at the state convention will be allowed to compete for trophy. Also, the host city shall run first. Only one team from each city can enter the contest at the state convention. Each district may enter one team at the state convention. No racing team or city shall use the host city's pumper to practice or drill on within a period of three (3) months prior to the convention date. If pumper races are held at night, all positions shall be well-lit (both sides of truck, plug, rear of truck, and hose running area).

The same starting cadence shall be used for every contest-timekeepers ready, judges ready, team ready, hands in air, get set, go (or shoot gun). A set of racing rules shall be given each judge prior to races and shall remain in his possession until after completion of the races. He shall study and fully familiarize himself with these rules before the races start. After the races, he shall return the rules to the pumper races chairman. To be eligible, all team members of competing teams must be active or retired members of an organized fire department, that has paid their state dues, and is in good standing with the state association. All team members must be registered and can participate on only one six-man team at any convention. Departments may combine members to make one team, but the name of the team must be designated at the time of registration. Combination teams will only represent one department or district. The cost of all convention badges, trophies given, or prizes, including pumper races awards, shall be deducted from the total convention entertainment fee derived from convention registration fees paid by delegates and visitors and shall never be paid out of funds collected for annual dues.

CONTEST RULES FOR THREE-MAN PUMPER DRILL

The president shall appoint the chairman and co-chairman, judges, timekeepers and starter. There shall be three judges, three timekeepers, and a starter. The chairman shall have charge of the drawing for places, getting of equipment, and spotting of truck at hydrant. The chairman of the contest shall not keep time, but must accept the time given by the timekeepers. All judges and timekeepers shall be entitled to a vote on any questions that may arise. The chairman shall not vote except in case of a tie.

The racing chairman shall be empowered to replace any committeeman incompetent to perform his duties.

The judges shall be three in number, one at the discharge of the pumper, one at the center coupling set, and one at the nozzle. Three timekeepers shall position themselves as near as possible to the 100-foot line painted on the street. Any team trying to win by fraud, deception, foul play or in any dishonorable or ungentlemanly way or shall disobey, infringe upon, or evade any of the requirements of these rules and regulations before or during the contest, shall be barred from competing in that race; the judges to decide on the matter. The chairman shall take up all complaints of the contest with the judges, and their findings shall be final. All complaints must be made immediately following a team's run, by a racing team captain. Any team captain or member of his team who violates these rules automatically disqualifies the team for that particular meet. Sufficient room for the competing teams to operate in shall be maintained by the judges during the race.

At the end of the races, the data shall be assembled by the chairman, and after the results have been announced, the official copy shall be filed as part of the regular minutes of the meeting.

WORKING ORDER OF THREE-MAN PUMPER DRILL

A fire truck will be selected by the chairman. The fire truck will be fitted with a $\frac{1}{4}$ turn $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch gated valve (if necessary). The fire hydrant will be turned to the "full on" position allowing full water flow to be controlled by the $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch valve. The $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch valve will include a $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch cap. One hundred feet of $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch hose will be laid on the ground in a straight line from the discharge side of the fire truck with all couplings unattached. A straight bore $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch nozzle shall be provided and the same nozzle used throughout the contest by all teams. The location in which the nozzle will be placed is at least one nozzle length from either side of the end of the hose. The number of persons in the drill team shall not exceed three. The team members shall stand perpendicular to the hose, with hands extended overhead and knees locked. Starting positions will be at the truck connection, center connection or nozzle connection. Team members will remain in their starting positions until the starting signal is given. After the starting signal is given, each person must run no less than

50 feet to accomplish the following:

- connect 2½ inch hose to 2½ inch valve on the fire truck*
- connect center coupling set*
- attach nozzle to end of hose*
- charge hose line with water using the 2½ inch valve on the fire truck, producing a full water stream from the nozzle.*

It shall be the duty of the judges to check all couplings, the nozzle, and the 2½ inch valve connections to assure that all threads are compatible and will make up easily. The judges shall see that water has been run through the entire hose immediately prior to the start of the race. The hose will be drained of water following the run of each team. The threads at each female connection can be set by team members. This shall be done in a timely manner. No connection shall be made by the team members before run of race. If any doubt arises regarding any coupling or threads, the judges shall try that coupling to the team's satisfaction that it will operate satisfactorily.

The judges shall see that the cap placed on the fire truck is set to the proper position prior to start of each run and also see that all hose couplings are disconnected and that the ends of the hose are folded back not more than five (5) feet. It will be the duty of the judge to set all connections with sufficient slack to make each connection without having to drag the hose from its original position. Team members may approve the amount of slack at each connection.

Participants will be allowed to utilize their feet to kick couplings in position if they so desire, and if by the judgement of the judges this does no damage to any hose couplings or subject anyone to bodily injury.

The same starting cadence shall be used for each contest: timekeepers ready, judges ready, team ready, hands in the air, get set, go (or shoot gun). The time of the contest shall be judged from the time the starting signal is given until a continuous flow (not a surge or spurt) of water passes from the nozzle over the line 100 feet from the rear of the truck. Timekeepers shall clock the time when a continuous stream of water passes over the 100-foot mark.

Any team that has a blow-off at any connection or nozzle before time is clocked shall be given a "no-time" by the judge. All connections must be screwed on in such a manner that they will remain in place without being held until time is clocked by the timekeepers. Only the team member making the nozzle connection may be touching the hose with his hands. After a team has established a valid time

(or received a valid no-time) it shall not be permitted to rerun if the equipment shall become inoperative, replaced or relocated. All teams with valid time or valid no-time shall retain their established times and shall be eligible for all prizes. No team shall be given a second chance to run unless a defect in the equipment occurs while said team is running. In such event, this team shall be allowed a rerun. The host city shall not be allowed to enter contests for money. Host team at the state convention will be allowed to compete for trophy. Also, the host city shall run first.

Only one team from each city can enter the contest at the state convention. No racing team or city shall use the host city's pumper to practice or drill on within a period of three (3) months prior to the convention date.

If races are held at night, all positions shall be well-lit. A set of racing rules shall be given each judge prior to races and shall remain in his/her possession until after completion of the races. He/she shall study and fully familiarize him/herself with these rules before the races start. After the races, he/she shall return the rules to the pumper race chairman.

To be eligible, each racing team member who runs must be registered at the state convention, and be a member of an organized fire department who has paid their state dues and is in good standing with the State Association. Any conditions that may arise that are not covered by these rules shall be governed by the racing committee and one representative of each competing team before races start. After races start, any conditions that arise shall be governed by a ruling of the judges.

TEXAS FIREMEN'S AUXILIARY RACING CONTEST RULES FOR SIX-LADY PUMPER DRILL

First Vice President shall be the racing chairman and she shall appoint a racing committee. The association's general chairman shall appoint the judges, timekeepers and starter, and be in charge of getting the necessary equipment and spotting of truck at hydrant. The Auxiliary Racing Committee shall have charge of drawing of places and verifying eligibility of each team entering. The general chairman and Auxiliary Racing Committee shall not keep time, but must accept the time given them by the timekeepers. All judges and timekeepers shall be entitled to a vote on any questions that may arise. The general chairman shall not vote except in case of a tie.

Members of the racing team shall not be a member of any organized fire department. However, they must be an immediate relative (wife, widow, mother, daughter, sister, or a ward of a legal guardian) of an active or retired member of a regularly organized fire department who pays dues to the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association. Only teams whose fire departments have paid state dues and are in good standing with the state association shall be eligible and all racing team members who run must be registered at the convention. Teams representing districts must meet these same requirements in addition to their district paying state dues. Only teams who have paid the state auxiliary dues shall be eligible. Each team must have at least one racing team member or female representative present at the business meeting and draw for places at the end of the business meeting. (Drawing for places may be held prior to business meeting when races are held prior to business meeting - See Section 2 of Article II, TFA By-Laws.)

Only one team from each city can enter the contest at the state convention. Each district may have only one district team enter the contest at the state convention. Members of a district racing team must be from the same district and not participate on any local auxiliary or city team at the state convention. No racing team shall use the host city's pumper to practice or drill on within a period of three (3) months prior to the convention date. Any team trying to win by fraud, deception, foul play or in any dishonorable or unladylike manner, or shall disobey, infringe upon or evade any of the requirements of these rules and regulations before or during the contest, shall be barred from competing in that race, the judges to decide on the matter. The chairman shall take up all complaints of the contest with the judges, and their findings shall be final. All complaints must be made immediately following a team's run. At the state convention, the racing team captains shall be in charge. Any team captain or member of her team who violates these rules automatically disqualifies that team for that particular meet. The judges shall be three in number, one at the rear of the pumper, one on each side of the pumper.

The timekeepers shall position themselves as near as possible to the 100-foot line painted on the street. Sufficient room for the competing teams to operate in during their race shall be maintained by the judges during the race. If pumper races are held at night, all positions shall be well-lit (both sides of truck, plug, rear of truck and hose running area). The host city shall not be allowed to enter contests for prize money. Host team at the state convention will not be allowed to

compete for trophy. The host city shall run first. At the end of the races the data shall be assembled by the secretary and after the results have been announced, the official copy shall be filed as part of the regular minutes of the meeting.

AUXILIARY PUMPER DRILL

The working order of the drill shall be as follows: Pumper to be set at hydrant, motor silent, hydrant wrench in front of seat on the floorboard, wrench will be allowed to extend out of the cab as each team sees fit as long, as it will not fall off, (in cab forward designated trucks, judges may designate wrench area in a more appropriate position), doors open, suction hose will be laid from truck to plug with ends folded back about six inches or one foot. The suction hose will be 2½ inch soft cushion. After drill has started, position of pumper cannot be changed. After truck is set, a white line six inches (6") wide and ten feet (10') long shall be painted on the street 100 feet (100') from the tailboard of truck.

The same nozzle and non-adjustable hydrant wrench shall be used by all teams, the nozzle being furnished by the auxiliary and the wrench being furnished by the host city. Enough 1½ inch or 1¾ inch hose shall be provided so that no section shall have to be used more than five (5) times during the race. It shall be the duty of the judges to check all couplings to see that they shall be the same for all teams. The judges shall see that all hose must have water run through it immediately prior to the start of the race.

All connections shall be checked by the judges to see that all are the same for all teams before each team runs, and all caps shall be on the plug, the suction intake, and the discharge, and shall be set by the judges prior to the run.

No team member of any of the competing teams shall make any connection at any position before their team runs. If any doubt arises regarding any coupling or threads, the judges shall try that coupling to the team's satisfaction that it will operate efficiently. The number of ladies in the drill team shall not be less than four and shall not exceed six, or more than one at any position on the truck. Position of ladies at starting signal shall be as follows: two ladies on seat on

pumper, sitting in natural position, facing forward, one lady on each side of truck on running boards forward of the suction intake, facing truck, and two ladies on the rear platform, body erect, toes forward and if possible, feet entirely on running boards. Both ladies on the side running board and ladies on the rear platform may have their heels hanging off the running boards in case of the running boards being too narrow for the feet to be accommodated provided the toes shall touch the body of the truck. Ladies must remain in this position, hands extended over the head, until starting signal is given.

Note: Should there be less than six (four or five only) members running on the team, position of ladies at starting signal shall be as stated above with the option to drop any two positions.

After signal is given, the ladies may work as they choose to accomplish the following: connect suction hose to hydrant and to pump. Pull continuously 100 feet (100') of 1½ inch or 1¾ inch hose from hose bed and in an approximate straight line to a point where the coupling at the end of said 100-foot (100') hose clears the hose bed (not the rear platform), take nozzle from rear platform of truck and connect to the end of the hose. Connect other end of hose to pumper, open valve on hydrant and truck, and allow water to flow until a stream emerges from the nozzle. Hose may be extended to its full length as long as nozzle is behind the 100-foot (100') mark on the street when the water comes through it.

Hose may be loaded as the team desires, but must come out of the hose bed in approximately a straight line. No skid, twist or other loads on the third section of hose that will permit hose to come out in any other manner than a straight line shall be allowed.

After all the hose has been loaded into the hose bed, the judges shall ask the team captain of the team on the truck if her hose is loaded and ready for inspection. The judge shall set the coupling to be broken in the race after the competing team completes its loading, immediately before the team runs. This coupling shall be set the same for each team. Nobody, except those pulling the hose, shall grab the hose until the coupling at the 100-foot (100') section clears the hose bed (not rear platform). Teams do not have to touch the 100-foot (100') mark on the street, but must pull off 100 feet (100') of hose.

The first pullman off the rear platform shall be the only lady to reach into the hose bed. The time of the contest shall be judged from the time the starting signal is given until a continuous flow (not a surge or spurt) of water passes from the nozzle over the line 100 feet (100') from the rear of the truck. Timekeepers shall clock the time when a continuous stream of water passes over the 100-foot (100') mark. Any team that has a blow-off at any connection or of the nozzle before the time is clocked at the 100-foot (100') line shall be given a "no-time" by the judges. All connections must be screwed on in such a manner that it will remain in place without being held on until time is clocked by the timekeepers. After a team has established a valid time (or received a valid no-time), it shall not be permitted to rerun in the event the equipment shall become inoperative, replaced or relocated. All teams with valid times or valid no-times shall retain their established time and shall be eligible for all prizes. No team shall be given a second chance to run unless a defect in equipment occurs while said team is running, in such event this team shall be allowed a rerun. Any conditions that may arise that are not covered by these rules shall be governed by the racing committee and one representative of each competing team before the races start. After races start, any conditions that arise shall be governed by a ruling of the judges only. The same starting cadence shall be used for every contest - timekeepers ready, judges ready, team ready, hands in the air, get set, go (or shoot gun).

A set of racing rules shall be given each judge prior to races and shall remain in his or her possession until after completion of the races. He shall study and fully familiarize himself with these rules before the races start. After the races, he shall return the rules to the pumper races chairman.

TEXAS FIREMEN'S AUXILIARY THREE-LADY RACING RULES

First Vice President shall be the racing chairman and she shall appoint a racing committee. The Association's general chairman shall appoint the judges, timekeepers, and starter, and be in charge of getting the necessary equipment and setting it up. The Auxiliary Racing Chairman shall have charge of receiving the Convention Racing

Entry Form, drawing of places and to verify eligibility of each team entering. The general chairman and Auxiliary racing chairman and committee shall not keep time, but must accept the time given them by the timekeepers. All judges and timekeepers shall be entitled to a vote on any question that may arise. The general chairman shall not vote except in case of a tie. Members of the racing team shall not be a member of any organized fire department, however, they must be an immediate relative (wife, widow, mother, daughter, sister, or a ward of a legal guardian) of an active or retired member of a regularly organized fire department who pays dues to the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association. Only teams whose fire departments have paid state dues and are in good standing with the State Association shall be eligible, and all racing team members who run must be registered at the convention.

Only teams who have paid the State Auxiliary dues shall be eligible. Each team must have at least one Auxiliary member present at the business meeting of the Texas Firemen's Auxiliary. Any team trying to win by fraud, deception, foul play or in any dishonorable or unlady-like manner, or shall disobey, infringe upon or evade any of the requirements of these rules and regulations before or during the contest, shall be barred from competing in that race; the judges to decide on the matter. The chairman shall take up all complaints of the contest with the judges and their finds shall be final.

All complaints must be made immediately following a team's run. At the State Convention, the racing team captains shall be in charge. Working order of the drill shall be as follows: a line at hydrant, runner must be behind and parallel to hose, or runner may run from nozzle; two runners in center facing each other, two sections of 1½ inch or 1¾ inch hose and 1½ inch play-pipe nozzle and one adjustable hydrant wrench. Each runner must run 50 feet (50') before doing anything. Each end of the hose will be folded back 18 inches (18"). The same nozzle and adjustable hydrant wrench shall be used by all teams and these shall be furnished by the host city. Enough 1½ inch or 1¾ inch hose shall be provided so that no section shall have to be used more than five (5) time during the race. It shall be the duty of the judges to check all couplings to see that they are the same for all teams. The judges shall see that all hose must have enough water run through it immediately prior to the start of the race.

All connections shall be checked by the judges to see that all are the same for all teams before each team runs, and all caps shall be on the plug or truck. The fire plug's or the truck's 2½ inch discharge shall be reduced from a 2½ inch to a 1½ inch gated valve. The plug will be opened and gated valve blocked and capped.

No team member of any competing team shall make any connection at any position before their run. The judges can start the coupling, then team member may undo coupling in front of the judge.

All team members can participate on only one three-lady team at any convention. The time of the contest shall be judged from the time the starting signal is given until a continuous flow of water passes from the nozzle.

Any team that has a blow-off at any connection, or of the nozzle before time is clocked, shall be given a "no-time" by the judge. All connections must be screwed on in such a manner that it will remain in place without being held on until time is clocked by the timekeepers. After a team has established a valid time or received a no-time, it shall not be permitted to rerun in the event the equipment shall become inoperable, replaced or relocated. All teams with valid times or valid no-times shall retain their established times and shall be eligible for all prizes. No team shall be given a second chance to run, unless a defect in equipment occurs while said team is running; in such event, this team shall be allowed a rerun.

Any conditions that may arise that are not covered by these rules shall be governed by the racing committee and one representative of each competing team before races start. After races start, any condition that arise shall be governed by a ruling of the judge only.

No racing team or city shall use the host city's equipment or hydrant used in the races within a period of three (3) months prior to convention date. The same starting cadence shall be used for every contest: timekeepers ready, judges ready, team ready, hand in the air, get set, go (or shoot gun).

A set of racing rules shall be given to each judge prior to races and shall remain in his or her possession until after completion of the races. He shall study and fully familiarize himself with these rules before the races start. After the races, he shall return the rules to the pumper racing chairman.

STATE FIREMEN'S AND FIRE MARSHALS' ASSOCIATION SIX-MAN PUMPER RACES

Yr.	Teams		Winners			
	Conv.	City Entered	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	Time
1955	Dallas	44	Richmond	Seguin	Rosenberg	19.0
1956	Edinburg	19	Seguin	Richmond	Belton	20.3
1957	Waco	33	Edinburg-Rosenberg	Wharton-Granger	Tie	21.2
1958	San Antonio	39	Richmond	Baytown	Sugar Land	19.3
1959	Fort Worth	38	Brownwood	Edinburg	Richmond-Taylor	18.5
1960	Galveston	39	Brownwood	Killeen-Rosenberg	Tie	19.5
1961	Austin	39	Rosenberg	Alice	Killeen	21.8
1962	McAllen	26	Rosenberg	Alice	Edinburg	17.7
1963	San Antonio	44	Edinburg	Killeen	Beville	19.4
1964	Dallas	33	Edinburg	Friona-Highlands	Tie	17.2
1965	Laredo	26	Rosenberg	Livingston	Alvin	16.2
1966	Fort Worth	29	Rosenberg	McAllen	Pasadena	18.6
1967	Lubbock	27	Livingston	Killeen-Rosenberg	Tie	17.9
1968	Austin	29	McAllen	Deer Park	Nacogdoches	15.6
1969	McAllen	23	Livingston	Snyder-Rosenberg	Tie	16.0
1970	San Antonio	29	Livingston	West Columbia	Rosenberg	15.7
1971	Dallas	28	Richmond	Rosenberg-Livingston	Tie	17.2
1972	Galveston	30	Channelview	Livingston	Highlands	13.7
1973	Brownsville	21	Channelview	Deer Park	Livingston	17.9
1974	Laredo	18	Livingston	Rosenberg-Richmond	Tie	18.5
1975	Houston	27	Rosenberg-LaMarque	Tie	Richmond	18.5
1976	Austin	23	Beville	Richmond	Eagle Pass	16.0

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Teams			Winners					
Yr.	Conv.	City Entered	1 st Place	Time	2 nd Place	Time	3 ^d Place	Time
1977		Longview	Rosenberg.....	15.0	LaMarque.....	15.9	Channelview	16.00
1978		Lubbock	Channelview	15.10	Seguin	15.14	LaMarque	15.22
1979		McAllen	Deer Park.....	13.92	Livingston	14.05	Rosenberg	14.28
1980		Dallas	Rosenberg.....	17.79	Hearne	17.88	Channelview.....	18.04
1981		San Antonio.....	Rosenberg.....	15.26	Seguin	15.36	Hearne	15.78
1982		Abilene.....	Seguin	13.94	Richmond.....	14.75	Rosenberg.....	14.99
1983		Beaumont.....	Rosenberg.....	16.46	Harker Heights	16.68	Livingston	17.48
1984		McAllen	Rockport.....	15.08	Seguin	15.28	Highlands	15.35
1985		Waco	Seguin	15.90	Rosenberg.....	16.47	Brenham	16.54
1986		Austin.....	Channelview	14.04	Deer Park	17.49	Marshall	18.00
1987		Amarillo.....	Fulton	13.11	Richmond	13.66	Beeville	14.73
1988		Beaumont.....	Livingston	16.04	Uvalde	16.27	Seguin	17.36
1989		Arlington	Fulton	18.10	Conroe	18.11	Scenic Loop	18.66
1990		El Paso	Fulton	15.70	Scenic Loop	16.21	Rosenberg.....	17.50
1991		Longview	Conroe.....	15.47	Needville.....	15.71	Richmond	16.19
1992		McAllen	Conroe.....	15.38	Channelview	15.99	Elgin	16.00
1993		Waco	Elgin	16.09	Fulton.....	16.79	Channelview	16.85
1994		Beaumont.....	Kirbyville.....	18.67	Needville.....	18.92	Elgin	19.93
1995		Abilene.....	Needville.....	15.26	Deer Park	15.75	Richmond	16.30
1996		Amarillo.....	Conroe.....	16.87	Rosebud.....	17.02	Hearne	17.12
1997		Galveston.....	Richmond.....	14.63	Rosebud.....	15.17	Elgin	16.29
1998		Wichita Falls	Cameron	18.56	Elgin	18.57	Conroe.....	19.38

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Teams			Winners					
Yr.	Conv.	City Entered	1 st Place	Time	2 nd Place	Time	3 rd Place	Time
1999		Lubbock	Deer Park	16.51	Rosenberg.....	17.18	Canyon	17.44
2000		Waco.....	Cameron	16.09	Rosenberg.....	17.01	Conroe.....	17.69
2001		McAllen	Rockport.....	16.07	Cameron.....	16.28	Elgin.....	20.26
2002		Beaumont	Cameron	19.80	Elgin.....	20.93	Deer Park	21.32
2003		Galveston	Rockport.....	17.31	Elgin.....	17.87	Brenham	20.28
2004		Corpus Christi	Races on the Flightdeck of the Lexington were cancelled due to inclement weather.					
2005		Wichita Falls.....	Scenic Loop	21.51	Rosenberg	22.33	Center	24.82
2006		Waco.....	Needville.....	19.51	Central Texas.....	23.56	Brenham	24.16
2007		Amarillo	Gulf Coast	20.60	Canyon	21.30	Dimmitt.....	23.00
2008		Beaumont	Brazos Cnty Pct #4.....	21.33	Cameron.....	22.55	Brenham	23.41
2009		McAllen	Cameron	19.40	Brazos Cnty Pct #4.....	21.30	Needville	22.40
2010		Corpus Christi	Cameron	20.30	Needville	20.58	Corpus Christi	22.48
2011		Mesquite	Brazos County Pct #4	19.90	Uvalde	20.90	Cameron	21.03
2012		Houston	Cameron	20.69	Latium-Wesley-Greenvine	21.47	Brazos County Pct #4	22.23
2013		The Woodlands	Gulf Coast District	22.61	Past Presidents	24.82	Bastrop	26.24
2014		Lubbock	Gulf Coast District	17.87	Latium-Wesley-Greenvine	19.69	West Carlisle	20.86
2015		Galveston	Races were cancelled due to inclement weather.					
2016		McAllen	Latium-Wesley-Greenvine	24.31	Milam County	27.38	Brenham	30.18
2017		San Marcos.....	Latium-Wesley0Greenvine	33.94	Gulf Coast	36.20	Rockdale	40.15

STATE FIREMEN'S AND FIRE MARSHALS' ASSOCIATION SIX-WOMAN PUMPER RACES

Teams			Winners						
Yr.	Conv.	City	Entered	1 st Place	Time	2 nd Place	Time	3 rd Place	Time
1954		San Antonio	2	Round Rock	24.5	Seguin	26.3		
1955		Dallas	3	Brownwood	24.5	Round Rock	33.5	Killeen	N/T
1956		Edinburg	2	Round Rock	23.5	Seguin	26.1		
1957		Waco	5	Round Rock	24.2	Granger	26.2	Seguin	31.0
1958		San Antonio	7	Belton	19.1	Killeen	20.5	Alice	21.6
1959		Fort Worth	10	Alice	21.0	Lake Worth	21.3	Killeen	21.8
1960		Galveston	9	Weimer	19.3	Round Rock	20.1	Killeen	21.6
1961		Austin	18	Alice	20.5	Sinton	21.6	Killeen	22.5
1962		McAllen	9	Port Lavaca	18.8	Alice	19.2	Killeen	19.5
1963		San Antonio	16	Brazoria	20.0	Sugarland	21.2	Richmond	
1964		Dallas	15	Sugarland	19.8	Friona	20.2	Richmond	21.5
1965		Laredo	14	Sugarland	17.5	Orange Grove	18.4	LaMarque	19.1
1966		Fort Worth	17	Lampasas	23.5	Livingston	24.0	Killeen	25.7
1967		Lubbock	12	Snyder	19.0	Deer Park	19.9	Sugarland	
1968		Austin	14	LaMarque	16.4	Pasadena	16.6	Snyder	17.6
1969		McAllen	14	LaMarque	15.8	Deer Park	15.9	Richmond	16.7
1970		San Antonio	17	Deer Park	16.4	Channelview	17.1	LaMarque	17.5
1971		Dallas	20	Deer Park	16.1	Richmond	16.9	Monahans	17.6
1972		Galveston	17	Channelview	15.5	LaPorte	17.4	Richmond	17.7
1973		Brownsville	13	Channelview	13.0	Rosenberg		Deer Park	15.4
1974		Laredo	13	LaPorte	16.4	Rosenberg	17.1	LaMarque	18.1
1975		Houston	17	Deer Park	17.8	LaPorte	18.0	Spur	19.2
1976		Austin	25	Seguin	14.5	Rosenberg	15.1	Deer Park	16.0

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Yr.	Teams		Winners			
	Conv.	City Entered	1 st Place	Time	2 nd Place	Time
1977		Longview	Seguin	17.0	Rosenberg	17.5
1978		Lubbock	Seguin	16.6	Weatherford	17.9
1979		McAllen	Rosenberg	15.77	Hearne	19.5
1980		Dallas	Deer Park	17.94	Rosenberg	16.33
1981		San Antonio	Seguin	15.52	Rosenberg	18.03
1982		Abilene	Seguin	15.47	Rosenberg	16.03
1983		Beaumont	Livingston	16.41	Seguin	15.71
1984		McAllen	Normangee	14.6	Rosenberg	17.04
1985		Waco	Seguin	15.14	Georgetown	14.88
1986		Austin	Del Rio	16.41	Deer Park	16.59
1987		Amarillo	Fulton	14.67	Livingston	17.49
1988		Beaumont	Alvin	13.75	Deer Park	15.11
1989		Arlington	Alvin	15.33	Livingston	15.3
1990		El Paso	Alvin	16.04	Pasadena	16.78
1991		Longview	Alvin	15.13	Rosenberg	16.48
1992		McAllen	Deer Park	15.99	Hearne	15.32
1993		Waco	Elgin	15.59	Alvin	16.53
1994		Beaumont	Pasadena	13.17	Deer Park	15.71
1995		Abilene	Needville	15.49	Hearne	14.28
1996		Amarillo	Seguin	16.14	Alvin	15.51
1997		Galveston	Deer Park	15.36	Seguin	16.47
1998		Wichita Falls	Conroe	15.52	Seguin	16.01
						15.68
						16.85
						15.78
						14.4
						17.19
						17.24
						16.89
						15.89

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Teams			Winners					
Yr.	Conv.	City Entered	1 st Place	Time	2 nd Place	Time	3 rd Place	Time
1999	Lubbock	8	Alvin	16.03	Seguin	16.75	Crosbyton	19.05
2000	Waco	8	Alvin	15.39	Needville	16.42	Hearne	16.45
2001	McAllen	6	Brenham	17.48	Deer Park	17.9	Central Texas District	19.68
2002	Beaumont	6	Livingston	18.17	Alvin	18.73	Brenham	22.61
2003	Galveston	9	Alvin	15.16	Deer Park	16.35	Needville	17.56
2004	Corpus Christi	10	Alvin	20.14	Pasadena	20.57	Rosebud	20.78
2005	Wichita Falls	5	Cameron	19.51	Needville	20.74	Pasadena	23.86
2006	Waco	5	Alvin	16.73	Cameron	18.00	Pasadena	21.35
2007	Amarillo	1	Alvin	26.95	East Texas District	26.29	Exhibition Only	
2008	Beaumont	3	Alvin	18.20	Pineland	24.2	Needville	29.9
2009	McAllen	4	Alvin	17.70	Edinburg	22.9	Central Texas District	23.0
2010	Corpus Christi	4	Alvin	20.35	Cameron	23.53	Needville	23.56
2011	Mesquite	3	Alvin	20.00	Needville	23.14	Cameron	N/T
2012	Houston	3	Alvin	23.17	Pineland	24.59	Santa Fe	26.55
2013	The Woodlands	4	Pineland	20.49	Santa Fe	21.20	Alvin	21.57
2014	Lubbock	3	Santa Fe	17.49	Alvin	22.77	Needville	31.71
2015	Galveston		Races were cancelled due to inclement weather.					
2016	McAllen	1	Alvin	28.77				
2017	San Marcos	1	Central Texas	21.68				

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