



# STATE FIREFIGHTERS' AND FIRE MARSHALS' ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

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## Certification Board Meeting

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Wednesday, January 19, 2021

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

- II. Roll Call Kevin Creamer, Nate Mara, Andy Dexter, Brent Allen, Kendall Hunting, Jimmy George, Tim Rutland, Corey Lukasheay training provider representative FD Tactics, Brad Hargrove, Heather Lundy, Brian Scheffer, Donny Boggs, Baker, Baldo Perez, Patrick Dooley, Henry Perry, Josh Constancio
- III. Acceptance of Minutes from November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting Passed Dexter / Dooley
- IV. Communications
  - A. Executive Director/Board

Tim R. asking the board to consider action related to pass/fail rates. Current ratio is consistent with TEEX testing offerings. Only location that will continue to ask TEEX to help with is the El Paso area. Retesting is 25 questions per section Ops and Awareness.

Tim is asking the Board to move away from the 10 awareness questions and 40 operations questions on Hazmat. He has proposed 25 awareness and 25 operations. Allowing 30 minutes per hazmat tests.

**\*ACTION\*** Andy Dexter - Motions to reflect the above. Hargrove 2<sup>nd</sup> Discussion had regarding costs to deliver testing. Dexter called the question. All in favor, none opposed.
  - B. SFFMA Staff

Heather provided updates on testing from Sept 25<sup>th</sup> over 400 test have been administered. 110 FF1, 95 FF2, 40 each HazMat A&O plus retesting. Good response from testing with minimal errors. Most of it is in the Houston Area and Costal areas. Some drawbacks include the inability to split out certain results such as HazMat A&O on a combined test.

Q&A - Ability to test dozens of folks in a day. Asking hosts to have a minimum of 10 students for testing. Heather travels a lot on the weekends currently taking the bulk of the responsibility on.

Next big goal is to grow testing centers. SFFMA/Heather Looking to grow testing in Junior College areas on a monthly basis and or quarterly basis. Overall very positive report.
  - C. TEEX Staff Henry Perry is the new liaison with Cert Board and TEEX indicating it will be tough to replace Cary who recently retired.
- V. Old Business
  - A. Review Committees
    1. Volunteer Fire Chief – Ubaldo Perez, R.J. Thomas, Billy Tidwell, Brent Allen, Patrick Dooley No New News, aspires to work with the Fire Chiefs Academy. Andy creating the link with a zoom call!
    2. Testing – Board Chair and Executive Board Liaison Test validation interest is beginning to spark, specifically DO Pumper and Instructor. Clay and Edwin both looking to help out. Brian questioned the advertising efforts. Looking to bolster interest in SM and E-InfoFire. 2024 could bring out NFPA 1010. Discussion on targeted emails “Chiefs and Coordinators” etc. discussions regarding the level of commitment 3-4 necessary.
    3. NFPA/Skills Updates – Edwin Baker, Brad Hargrove, Mark Wobus, Cary Roccaforte Nothing new to report, moving forward. Reviewing what Kevin has sent. NFPA 1006 is coming. Discussion on “Support Certification”
    4. TEEX Course Breakdowns – Cary Roccaforte, Brent Allen, Andy Dexter, RJ Thomas Kevin does not currently have a breakdown of classes. Brian making the contact to resolve.
    5. Continuing Education – Clay Deatherage and Brent Allen Talk, no action in a direction. No needs at the moment. Discussed and compared the TCFP as a reference. Looking forward to website.



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6. Fire Department Audit – RJ Thomas, Clay Deatherage, Brad Hargrove No News to report.
7. Approved Training Providers – Edwin Baker and Jimmy George Currently in communication with two new providers. Discussion of contacting practices and history.  
  
Discussion regarding a provider with poor history on training practices from Bastrop area. That problem was solved. Jimmy George will get with Lone Star Leadership on Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 2022.
8. Skill Examiner Credentials – Andy Dexter, Brad Hargrove, RJ Thomas, Currently no new news, Dexter.
9. Master Certification – Billy Tidwell, Andy Dexter, Nate Mara, Jeremy Dawson, Patrick Dooley, Kendall Hunting, Currently no new news, Dexter.
10. Policy Review – Brian Scheffer, Andy Dexter, Tim Rutland, Kevin Creamer Currently no new news, Dexter.
11. Old Business (Dexter) - New Fire Chief Academy - On schedule to start last weekend in February. Currently at 13 topped at 24 to 30. Email Julie. 4 weekends, HB2604 funding covers tuition, moved to the CPC model relating to credentialing. Hotel rooms are covered.

## VI. New Business

### A. Master Firefighter Applications

Zone - Department	Received	Applicant Name		Zone Representative	2nd Approval	3rd Approval
04 - Sinton FD	11/15/2021	<u>Ryan Thomas Smith</u>	<u>Review Sheet</u>	11/15/2021	01/19/22 (AD)	
06 - Anahuac FD	09/04/2021	<u>Cody Rhett Van Deventer</u>	<u>Review Sheet</u>	10/19/2021	01/19/22 (AD)	
08 - Crims Chapel FD	08/24/20	<u>Bradley Jason Vinson</u>	<u>Review Sheet</u>	12/21/21	01/19/22 (BH)	01/19/22 (AD)
15 - La Coste Lions FD	11/19/21	<u>Francisco Jose Arocha</u>	<u>Review Sheet</u>	12/17/21 (BS)	01/19/22 (BH)	01/19/22 (AD)
18 - Magnolia FD	11/08/21	<u>Jason Nicholas Herrman</u>	<u>Review Sheet</u>	11/08/2021	01/19/22 (BH)	

Other Passed Dooley / Dexter the applications that have three reviews.

## VII. Announcements

- A. Next Meeting: March or April Zoom for another update – Per Brian  
June 2022 – Beaumont  
July 2022 – College Station
- B. Other – Brian Help the SFFMA and others in the association with rumor control. If there are issues and you have good information share it. If unable to correct, send it up the chain toward the executive board.  
  
Kevin brought up the auto drop from GrowthZone.

- X. Adjourn 1/19/2022 – George / Dexter 19:39