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# TEXAS FIRE MARSHALS' ASSOCIATION



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Spring Minutes  
TFMA Conference  
Annual Texas Fire Marshals' Conference  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Austin, Texas

Meeting called to order at 1730 hours by (male) John Paul Erskine,

Invocation was given by: no name recorded.

Pledge of Allegiance by all

Special Guests:

Roll call was conducted by Secretary Jeffery Barnes.

Board members present were:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President John Paul Erskine, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Ariana Hargrove. Directors present were Rachel Moreno, Jeffery Barnes, Omar Garza, Ron Pray, Brad Westberry, Buddy Rice.

Board members absent were: Laurie Christensen, Dan Mayes, Kurt Harris, Robert Knappage, Mark Flathouse, Christina Neely-Lopez, Tim Dedear, Reginald Alexander

A quorum of the Executive Board was present and Secretary Jeffery Barnes advised an official meeting could be conducted.

**John:** Review of minutes of October meeting, no changes or corrections the minutes stand as submitted

Report of Officers:

**Laurie L. Christensen** (In the absence of, a report was read by John Paul Erskine), what a successful year we had in 2017 we accomplished our goals of becoming more involved in partnerships, legislative initiatives, lineage documentation and initiation of the fire marshal executive training program, the membership is to be congratulated for a remarkable effort, as we all know the current school shooting has impacted us all on a personal/professional level the presentation we had from our colleague in Dallas two years ago still remains with me as an emotional reminder of what we all face and it is never expected although we work to prepare ourselves and our community. I'm sorry to miss this meeting I am in Boston at an NFPA serving on the standard for preparedness and response for active shooter during hostile events. It is a 62 page document and with public comments has become several hundred pages now for review. Thank you for allowing me to be a voice for us in

this organization in a national setting I am grateful not only to represent my office at the county but also at the Texas Fire Marshal's Association I'm wearing our shirt today and I am with you in spirit. We have a phenomenal board and exciting lineup of directors reach out if you have any input in the coming year.

For this year we have prepared the following goals. Sustain involvement to current happenings, additional relationships with organizations that enhance our abilities, legislative preparedness, continued communications with the 2017 legislative partners and communicate with members of other organizations to ensure needs of members for legislation. Entire communications will increase the continued enhancement of the website and ensure messages are being received and answered our lineage is being worked on with videos being prepared for last year's conference interviews of founders and previous presidents and historical committee will be presented in an amazing timeline of this year's annual conference. Transparency, we will use the website communications to ensure knowledge of our current happenings, bi-laws are being reviewed and will be available for review prior to a meeting to be voted on for update. As a reminder, our success is based upon your continued support and input your voice counts. Andrea Hoake from FEMIT wanted us to pass along that Mod I, is going to be officially scheduled for May of each year and Mod II, will be scheduled for November unless the waiting list gets too long. There will be a minimum of 20 students to make a class and a maximum of 30 per class the \$1,000 dollars to the course includes lodging, breakfast, lunch, dinners and the professional designation of FEMT it is eligible under the Texas course service rural EFD assistance program and they are still accepting classes for the May class, through April 1<sup>st</sup>. unless the class is already filled, which may be at the time of this reading, and that was from Laurie.

**Treasurer's Report**, simple and straight forward. At this time all of our bills are paid and from the conference and we have \$8,000 in PayPal that still needs to be dropped down into the main bank account but were doing well, saved a lot of money this year and that actual dollar amount reports will be forthcoming and added to the new website that we just put on line, launched a month ago. The website's been on for about a month and I encourage you guys to go look at that it is awesome, Jeff's done a really good job.

Reports for the standing committees:

**The Finance committee**: I've got a real quick report, other than the \$8,000 we still got in PayPal to download there is a report from Randy Parr, we are completing the accounting necessary to file a short period tax return through December 31, 2017 which will reset our tax year to a counter reporting period. This will make it easier to do both financial statements and tax returns. We are going to be working as a board to identify easier methods for the accounting and registration and with what Rachel's going to present in a little while for counting for the dues, assessment, sale of merchandise and all the stuff with the annual conference. We're going to be finalizing a method to send the annual dues statements to all the members so that those who don't come to annual conference can still be members and pay accordingly. We're going to be continuing and reviewing and modifying as necessary the accounting manual for the association. So it's part of the re-write, some of the things that are currently in the bi-laws are shifting to a policy manual, and you will see those, those will be on the website for your review as well how we're operating.

**Membership Committee**: no committee report

**Conference Committee**: Rachel presented, nothing right now? Will be the final presentation.

We do a lot of good work with the conference committee. This afternoon we met and started hashing out the classes for this year and it's going well. Rachel will be presenting something on how we're going to manage the conference this year. We're really looking forward to that,

Bi-laws Committee: **John Paul Erskine**, our Bi-laws committee is working on reversing timeline to get this written and posted, Rusty Kattner submitted a large number of changes. What we found out from doing a complete review is that we have outlived the usefulness of the original document and instead of an item by item replacement of a few of the chapters and paragraphs in there. We're going to do a complete rewrite and those will be on the website for your review and comment on July 17<sup>th</sup> so mark that date. July 17 is 90 days out from the October meeting. We will be taking comments until 45 days out, at 45 days out the comments will close and we will be voting on the new document in October. If you don't get your comments in by the 45 day window you can still bring them up at the meeting itself but we will be voting on that document, excluding anything that we can't hash out in the meeting.

**Personal Awards Committee:**

Excitedly I would like to say that we have already received a nomination for award for October, that's a first in the eight years I've been involved in it. I'm excited to say we got that nomination and I would like to encourage everyone to get those in early as possible they're open all the time my email works.

**Excellence Award Committee:** Buddy Rice had nothing to report

**Logo Store:** Tina Neely-Lopez her mom is going into hospice she's gone to be with her so keep her in your prayers, so there is no logo store report or historian tonight.

**Legislative Committee and County Committee:** Mark Flathouse, Ron Pray, I guess you jumped ship and went to the dark side right? In the absence of Mark Flathouse, read a report. Flathouse is going to start sending out emails request for conference calls on the Legislative committee, he has established a layout for the state of Texas and is going to assign somebody for each region so if you have legislative questions you can meet with your local rep and he has a full schedule of meetings for the coming year to get all of our associations on the same page in the fire service world, if you're on that committee you'll be getting emails form him.

On the County Fire Marshal he said he didn't even know until Friday that he's in charge of that so he said he will set up a conference call in the coming month for anybody on that county forum and start having monthly conference calls and forums to address county marshal issues.

**Municipal Committee:** Deroy Bennett, nothing to report

**University Committee:** Brad Westberry, nothing to report

**Outreach Committee and Social Media:** Rachel Moreno and Jeff Barnes, nothing to report

Would you speak about your new website and tell them about all the bells and whistles?

**Jeff Barnes**, sure, so as John mentioned both me and Rachel have been collaborating to develop a new website for TXFMA basically the objective was to make it more efficient, make it more user friendly for the members of TXFMA. A lot of it is going to be easier to use moving forward, like I said efficient, you'll have access to any documents that are intended to be transparent. You'll have access to those documents whenever you want them for uploading/downloading, the bi-laws things of that nature, profiles, members board members, etc. all that information relevant to TXFMA that information will be on the new website and it also give a new feel and a new look.

**Rachel**, can I add something real quick? So one of the things we really want you guys to do if you go on the new website and click under calendar there's actually a place you can upload any of your training events that are happening in your community, it's a simple form you fill out. Once we get it in email, we'll upload it to google calendar and we'll automatically auto populate on the website. Hopefully, we'll be able to provide you guys a place to go that has a central location for training all over the state of Texas, so make sure you check that out.

**Professional Trades Committee:** Ariana, nothing to report

**Code and Technical Committee:** Mike Montgomery is not here

**Historian Committee:** Jeff Barnes, we do have a little bit at the last conference we did interviews with a lot of the past presidents and so what we're doing is the objective is to put those interviews together and build a timeline of TXFMA but also the past presidents get to speak on their experience why they got into the membership, the organization of what appealed to them about the organization. That's something interesting that were working on to.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No unfinished business unless there's anything on the report that someone can remember. There was nothing in the last meetings minutes that is going to be pushed to unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Presentation on the Presentation software that we'll be using at conference this year by Rachel.

**Rachel**, If you guys know how much work goes into the conference from the schedule, to running certificates for everybody and working everybody's hours but last year just to do the certificates and that it took about two or three days and about three staff members. What we did was look for a new software that would help us through all of this at a reasonable cost of what we're already paying. I put a slideshow together. The software we're looking at is called Conference Tracker (cost, currently paying at software we're using) everything in one spot, conference website, app and we get a conference lead program for the vendors. Don't have to manage too many things, the total cost is about \$8,700 and it's going to be about \$12.50 per ticket sold. What we are currently paying is about \$3,200 for the splash page for basically the fees. We get the money they remove the fees before depositing into the checking account so it's all on the back end. The conference app we pay about \$1,500 for and we pay about \$1,000 in PayPal fees once people get to the conference and want to pay with a credit card. Total cost from last year's numbers was about 365 tickets sold is about \$16.40 per ticket. It should be a little bit cheaper of what the total cost is going to be.

Cost breakdown (slide references), difference is the Conference Lead software which attendees that have a code on their badge we have to scan their badge and vendor gain that way, we can check people in and out of classes with just iPhones and badge. The main cost difference is the Conference Lead software which we're going to make up that difference by increasing our vendors fees by about \$100.00 that would make up the \$2,000 difference. What we were using in the past and hopefully what we will be using this next year. These are all the benefits of the software what we can do. It's really going to save some time on the conference, planning and on the back end, getting people their certificates, we're also going to be able to track what classes you go to by scanning people out, we're not going to do in and outs. Don't have to worry with take home calls and all that stuff. We'll scan people on the way out and get their certificate we'll have every class you've attended so then you can submit your certificate and get what hours you need for TCFP. We will also be able on Friday to hit a button to say we're finished and everybody will have their conference certificates immediately. So there's no staff time to go through and count who went to what class, what hours, are signed in and all that. It's really going to automate the system and for accounting purposes, we'll be strictly on paypal now, everything will go through PayPal there's not going to be any waiting for Splash That. With Splash That we don't get the money

for the conference until three business days after the conference is over so it's a little lag time so with this software it's going to be an upfront cost where the other one was after cost but we'll be able to transfer our PayPal money almost immediately, that's another benefit. The information it's on the website I'd be happy to send this to anybody but it would be a huge help if we could have this to automate what we already do, it's a lot less man power a lot less time on my end, on the back side, we're doing certificates and it does keep us compliant to make sure we get all the vendors and hours for TCOLE and TCFP.

**John Paul,**

Technically this is a budgetary aspect it doesn't need to a vote the main reason for the presentation was to further this air of transparency we try to establish with the association where the money's going etc. in the end all the board has made a decision that financially this is a better deal that we're going to save money in the long run and it's going to help our number one fan which is Rachel Moreno who does the bulk of the work when it comes to setting this conference up from an administrative standpoint. There is no vote to take on it this is an FYI presentation so that you know where your money's coming in and going out from. Thank you Rachel.

Approval for the NFPA comp. Questions, I understand the issues she has with keeping track of hours, last year I missed hours because I don't remember if I signed the books or not. It ain't worth my time or hers to go back and look.

**(MALE VOICE)** Why is it that were not using TEEX? TEEX has the ability to do the same thing on this programs doing on the ticket side and tracking the hours and they have a recorder where they can keep track of this TFMA Conference but all the other training that you do through TEEX and you would be there to pick up the certificate. So I'm a little confused about why we're not using TEEX with some of our stuff and it doesn't cost us anything. I understand about all this stuff going along with it, the money and all that I think that's a good idea but, I'm just wondering why TEEX is not being used when they're there.

**John Paul,** I know we've tried them before I don't know what way down the line when that happened all I can say to that end is there were some glitches in that position and we chose to be completely self-supportive and not worry about TEEX or even, for that matter the State Fire Marshal's office. One of the things we wanted to do was around Jim Terry and coming around to Laurie was to become completely self-supportive so that we don't, not behold to anybody. We can re look at using TEEX but I don't think it's going to save any kind of money in the long run from the stand point of what we're trying to accomplish to help Rachel.

**Rachel,** One there would be no additional cost, no increase in cost of what we spent last year and what we're going to spend this year. I'm going to make up the additional cost from the vendor, a piece of it which is about \$2,000 or something like that by increasing their vendor fee. There's no additional cost of what we spent last year to what we did this year because regardless of the fact we're still going to have to do a website and registration on line and take payments and that cost money and that's a fact. Whether or not we issue certificates or not it won't be any cost. With TCOLE we have to provide a list of the hours so it helps control that.

**(MALE VOICE)** TEEX does the same thing,

**John Paul,** we can put it to a review for another time, but what I do know what I just said counts and what Rachel's leading to Sam Houston counting our TCOLE hours right now. We have to pick up all our toys and take them across.

**(Second MALE VOICE)** the certificate thing is one thing but the business side of it is going to be same cost where the TEEX comes in and does the certificates which would be great but we're still going to have to pay for

the software to keep track of more than the registration and all the things that go with it. The certificates is just a small portion of what the cost of what this software is going to do for us. Whether TEEX comes in and turns in hours would be a great help but the business side of it is going to cost the same money. The certificates is just a small portion of it.

John, no other comments concerns.

Approval of Travel/Hotel, President goes to the NFPA conference her travels covered and her food is covered all we need is hotel cost not to exceed \$2,000 for Laurie to attend the NFPA Conference, do I have a motion to that end? Buddy Rice, second by Randy, not to exceed \$2,000 for hotel cost for conference for Laurie Christensen. All in favor say I...motion passed.

**Last order of New Business** is a collaboration for boat training,

**Ariana**, if you don't know BOAT is the Building Officials Association of Texas, part of our initiative this year was to recruit other organizations and partner with them, they have an annual training conference it's at Amarillo this year in August 7-10, and what we are considering doing is hosting one day class that's going to be hosted by the Texas Fire Marshal's Association to show collaboration with them during their conference it will be August 8<sup>th</sup> which is a Wednesday, we're looking at hosting the significant changes to the International Fire Code. It's a free class that we have through ICC so there would be no cost to our association for the class itself, except BOAT wants to charge our membership to attend the one day \$145, which would include breakfast and lunch and whatever the vendors for the day. We're still working that out but looking for comments from you guys and whether or not you think that's a good idea. In exchange for that they would like to have time at our conference to host, kind of last minute so I told them not this year but we're looking at next year where BOAT would kind of sponsor a class to show our partnership with them. We're hoping that it costs us nothing but as of right now they are asking for the \$145 on our membership behalf to attend for the one day. It would be eligible for the volunteer fire service.

**John Paul**, Is that reduced cost compared to what other people are paying?

**Ariana**, that would be the same cost that their membership is paying, their cost is \$300 for four days or \$145 if you come for just one day.

**(MALE VOICE)** if they want to come to ours we get free and they get free.

**Ariana**, we tried that. So we wanted to do regional training anyway as one of our initiatives of our association we had intended to do regional training anyway so this Amarillo thing just came up. Now, with our regional stuff our intent was to not charge our membership as one of the benefits of being a member of our organization. Personally, I'm not too keen on the \$145 but I do like the partnership aspect of it so I don't know if I \$145 is something we want to try and see what happens because we're not out any money on the front end. I don't know what kind of draw we'll get in Amarillo.

John the downside is we're not using that class for us.

**Ariana**, it just goes to waste because we're not using it currently.

**Rusty**, can we use it for annual conference?

**Ariana**, we haven't historically used it here recently because ICC is a full day and historically our membership has they didn't want to sit in one class for the full day.

Rusty, so we're trying to use it as a bargain we get it every year anyway, we're trying to use it as a bargaining chip for regional thing. So far it's not panning out too good. I think we need to work on getting the cost down, maybe not free but it should be the same cost if we're hosting the class for them. Otherwise, there's no advantage to us.

**Ariana**, what they're saying the \$145 is the cost of food for the day. Which I have a hard time believing that. It's being hosted at the Embassy Suites, they say there's room available at the Embassy Suites, I just don't want to undermine that

**John Paul**, I like the per diem idea, why don't we go back to them with the price of \$60 per attendee that's a Fire Marshal Association member and that's our line in the sand. If they don't do it let's just pull the offer. If they're not willing to play even with that much it's not worth the network.

Chatter regarding cost and location.....

**John Paul**, can we get a motion and seconded: We are not going to pursue a BOAT sponsorship with ICC by giving them the ICC class and pursue any other options most likely a regional class for our own people to be determined.

Motion and seconded to adjourn.....

Continue to see attached reports...



## Texas Fire Marshal's Association

### By-Laws Committee

# 2018 October Report

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## MISSION

The By-Laws Committee completes a full reviews of the Association By-Laws every three years or as directed by the sitting President of the Association. They are to insure that the By-Laws are consistent with state law and the practices of the Association with regard to the topics they cover.

They are to receive and review By-Laws amendment submittals from the membership and make recommendations to the membership for the denial or approval of submitted amendment requests.

## 2018 Annual Meeting Report Update

This complete “rewrite” has kept as much of the original language as was prudent.

Generally, we have cleaned up grammatical errors and punctuation as we came across them, as well as wordiness and information not important to a specific Article or Section.

Here is a list of the major changes from the old set

- Paragraph Numbering. This link, [http://westsidetoastmasters.com/resources/roberts\\_rules/chap20.html](http://westsidetoastmasters.com/resources/roberts_rules/chap20.html) shows the Roberts Rules of Order recommended order of a set of By-Laws. The original TFMA By-Laws followed that format for the most part. Mostly changing some titled Articles to Sections under a different Article, and the number Articles and Sections in general.
- The addition of an Anti-Discrimination clause
- Added an Indemnification clause for Officers and Directors to protect the board
- Clarified the classes of members based on our actual practice
- Removed the Dues rate from the By-Laws and only explained the method for how they are set and where they are posted
- Added reinstatement procedures for terminations or censure
- Clarified filling vacancies of Officers and Directors based on actual Association Practice
- Defined the Secretary/Treasurer based on Association Practice
- Defined Meetings by type, when they are to be held and minimum requirements
- Expanded the Standing Committees section to reflect Association Practice
- Added the Parliamentary Authority Article
- Rewrote and clarified the procedures for Amendments to the By-Laws to recommended practices
- Cleaned up the Article required by the IFMA to be a Chapter

The FINAL DRAFT was posted on the website to allow for member review and comment from July 19, 2018 until Oct. 1, 2018 (74 days; 29 days longer than the proposed new by-laws will allow [45] for review and comment on a by-law amendment). During that period we received zero comments on the draft.

It is with all confidence that the By-laws Committee (Consisting of John Paul Erskine, Rusty Katner, George Tullgren, Joe Sykora, and John Helwig) recommend this document for approval.





# Texas Fire Marshal's Association COUNTY COMMITTEE

## 2018 October Report

10/1/2018

Chair: Mark Flathouse  
Tim Birdwell  
Edwin Baker

Steven Loving  
Keith Schmidt  
Tony Callaway

### STATEMENT OF YOUR COMMITTEE MISSION AND/OR VISION

**Mission:** *The County Committee is a dynamic force from various counties within Texas that bring the values of the TxFMA to our community, and develop county and state policy while educating the members of TxFMA.*

#### Goals

- We support the County government and work with each jurisdictions on individual needs..
- Provide a group of individuals to help with legislative and other matters involved in interpretation of state laws
- Educate all members of TxFMA of state requirements for county governments
- Develop a network of county fire marshals.

### Action Item

- Will be sending out email to all members for a conference call before December 2018. Asking county governments for updates and maintain a list of county fire marshal.
- Establish an open forum (interactive) website. Working with what we have or develop a question and answer section.
- Coordinate with other associations, list organizations and contacts with each group.
- Meet and coordinate at the conference this year, working together for common goals.
- Develop a power point for the conference county forum.

### 2018 Annual Meeting Report Update

Over the past months, we had had communications through emails and conference calls to prepare for the conference. Last conference call we invited Harris County Fire Marshal's office to help and coordinate information. The following categories are the initial focus and what has been worked on before the conference:

- County laws: LGC 233 and 352
- Mass gathering:
  - Travis county
    - Poorly written document and 2018 document permitting outdoor events with over 1000 fire code (under 251 outdoor music event)
    - Under the occupation code
    - Required for county to take action
- 4 year appointment/not 2 year
  - Asking TxFMA – to request this issue.
- Penalties between civil and criminal for fire code
- Change the use of fireworks, not the sale of Fireworks.
  - Restricting the use of fireworks to the date or time
  - Need to start reviewing and working in this direction.
  - Restriction of distances from residential structures.
  - Review the current number of county adopted fire codes.

# Texas Fire Marshal's Association LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE



## 2018 October Report

10/1/2018

Co-Chair: Mark Flathouse  
Paul Findley  
Jon Lopez  
Ben Davis  
John Helveg

Co-Chair: Laurie Christensen  
James Nykaza  
Rusty Kattner  
Tom Legler  
Justin Jurek

Tiny Neely-Lopez

### STATEMENT OF YOUR COMMITTEE MISSION AND/OR VISION

*Mission: To bridge the avenues of TxFMA, State Legislators, members of the Texas Fire Marshal's and fire departments toward an ongoing dialogue about safety, practices, fire service and all first responders in the state of Texas.*

#### Goals

- Increase Texas Fire Marshal's Association presence and visibility at the State Capitol with state representatives and senators.
- Build coalitions with local and professional support systems to increase availability and access of laws that affect first responders.
- Build and maintain relationships with similar committees with Fire Chiefs, Police Chiefs, and other First Responder agencies/associations.
- Build and maintain relationships with the Legislative Committees
- Build database of legislative information for Texas Fire Marshal has to increase scope of committee events and efforts around the state.
- Provide timely reports to association of the current changes moving forward during the legislative sessions.

### Update

#### Purpose:

- Contribute to the achievement of TxFMA's mission and strategic goals through scanning, research, planning, and monitoring relative to legislative advocacy direction, activities, and issues
- Monitor, analyze, and formulate appropriate positions on current and prospective legislative issues affecting the management of Fire Marshal's
- Develop and disseminate Institute policy on all matters of state legislation affecting the management of Fire Marshals' job duties.
- Provide guidance to association members on strategies and positions on state and local issues
- Monitor the progress of legislative and public policy initiatives and recommend adjustments to the appropriate governance bodies and staff.
- Working on software to help all members stay in touch

### Action Item

- Will be sending out email to all members for a conference call before December 2018.
- Establish an open forum (interactive) website to log in during the legislative session. Working with what we have or use the legislative forum.
- Coordinate with other associations, list organizations and contacts with each group.
- Will have a full-developed schedule for meetings prior to December.
- Meet and coordinate at the conference this year, working together for common goals (Example: city, county, university, etc...)

### 2018 Annual Meeting Report Update

Over the past three months, we had had communications through emails and conference calls. With the initial meetings, we started work on categories and separating into sections, introducing each other on the team. We broke down the season and timelines. We will use the members to provide strengths and needs for the use during the legislative session. The following categories are the initial focus and what has been worked on before the conference:

- LGC 352.019 from a training standpoint. Trying to enhance capabilities of the training outside of firefighting.
  - Proposed language
- LGC 352 – Class C: revision of the language
  - Penal code offense
  - Reduction of compliance
- 4 year appointment/not 2 year
- Asking TxFMA – to request this issue.
- Penalties between civil and criminal for fire code
- Change the use of fireworks, not the sale of Fireworks.
  - Restricting the use of fireworks to the date or time
  - Need to start reviewing and working in this direction.
  - Restriction of distances from residential structures.
  - Review the current number of county adopted fire codes.

**Texas Fire Marshal's Association**  
**EXCELLENCE AWARD COMMITTEE**



## 2018 October Report

10/4/2018

Co-Chair: Buddy Rice  
Co-Chair: Tim Dedear  
Jody Gonzales  
Mike Montgomery

### STATEMENT OF YOUR COMMITTEE MISSION AND/OR VISION

***Vision:** To promote performance excellence in fire prevention organizations*

***Mission:** To provide formal recognition by the TFMA for performance excellence of fire prevention organizations in predesignated categories and criteria as determined by the TFMA.*

**Primary Duties:**

*It shall be the duty of this committee to meet and communicate as often as needed in order to:*

- Support the stated purposes of the TFMA*
- Promote best practices in fire prevention*
- Encourage fire prevention organizations to participate in the Excellence program*
- Provide assistance to fire prevention organizations to qualify and apply for the proper award level*
- Provide for the meaningful exchange of information about fire prevention programs and activities*
- Increase public awareness of best practices in fire prevention*
- Unite others to foster closer cooperation and a better understanding of best practices in fire prevention*
- Serve as TFMA representative to act with others in connection with the development of best practices in fire code prevention*
- Support use and application statewide of the best practices in fire prevention*

### Update

Four organizations have qualified for the Excellence Award

One organization is up for renewal in 2018 - Farmers Branch Fire Department

Encourage organizations to submit applications for the 2019 Excellence Award.