TEXAS FIRE MARSHALS' ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COLLIN COUNTY FIRE AND ARSON INVESTIGATION ASSOCIATION, THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS ANTHROPOLOGY LAB, AND SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY; FORENSIC FIRE DEATH TRAINING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Texas Fire Marshals' Association recognizes the cooperative efforts of the Collin County Fire and Arson Investigation Association, the University of North Texas Anthropology Lab, and Sam Houston State University in creating a much needed course on forensic fire death investigations, and;

WHEREAS, this unique course offers hands-on investigation techniques utilizing live-burn training aids in as many as ten scenarios, gaining participants considerable knowledge of how to approach a multiple death fire scene, and;

WHEREAS, this low cost course is targeted at smaller jurisdictions with limited funds as well as those who perform fire death investigations at every level of governmental, and;

WHEREAS, the program has been hugely successful in its first three years having delivered training to well over 150 students from Texas and beyond, and;

WHEREAS, the program, in its fourth year, will serve 110 students from Texas and the nation, representing fourteen different states;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas Fire Marshals' Association is in full support of the cooperating organizations' efforts to provide forensic fire death training at a frequency and cost that will benefit anyone needing the skillset.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be read into the permanent minutes of the Texas Fire Marshals' Association and copies will be sent to the Collin County Fire and Arson Investigation Association, the University of North Texas Anthropology Lab, and the Sam Houston State University's Center for Biological Field Studies, the Southeast Texas Applied Forensic Science Facility, and the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas.

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TFMA President July 6 20/6
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