

Dallas Fort Worth Council of Safety Professionals

Monthly Meeting

Minutes

**July 11, 2023
Spring Creek BBQ
Irving, Texas**

Board Members Present:

Steve Wilhems
Teresa Schneider
Peyton Inge

Kenny Ray
Gary Babbitt
David Serach

Welcome/Treasurer Report

1st Vice Chairman Steve Wilhems called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m., and asked 2nd Vice Chairman Kenny Ray to lead the group in prayer and pledge of allegiance. Treasurer Teresa Schneider provided a reported our balance with no outstanding checks. Motion was made and seconded for their acceptance. Wilhems introduced the board members and recognized new attendees.

Upcoming Events/New Business

Ray informed attendees that TXTA will be holding the NATMI courses needed for safety certification in DFW at the Cummins headquarters on August 14-18, 2023, in S. Dallas:
4855 Mountain Creek Pkwy
Dallas, TX 75236

Ray also spoke about the Annual Educational Safety Seminar that will be held on November 16, 2023, in Arlington, TX.

Wilhems informed the group that the board has a vacant Secretary position and that Member at Large David Serach has agreed to move into that position. Motion was made and seconded for Serach to serve as Secretary. There is now a vacant Member at Large position, and Wilhems asked the members to submit nominations to the council email address so that we can vote at next month's meeting.

Wilhelms discussed the following upcoming events:

- 2023 TXTA Annual Conference July 25 – 28, JW Marriot San Antonio
- DFW Chapter Meetings – Thursday June 15th - Shady Valley CC, Arlington Tx
- East Tx Chapter Meeting – Tuesday, August 22nd – Willow Brook CC Tyler, Tx
- TXTA Fall Safety Seminar – September 27th – 29th – Embassy Suites, San Marcos, TX

Wilhelms informed the group that the CVSA Annual Conference will be September 17-21, 2023, in Grapevine, TX. Major Nordloh has requested help from DFWCSP to provide shuttle drivers for the event to transport attendees from the event center to the boat docks for TXDPS boat tours, and to transport spouses to local shopping centers. The council agreed to provide this service. We will need volunteers.

Wilhelms reminded the group that DFWCSP is in need of a new cargo trailer and that we are accepting donations.

DPS/MCSAP Update

Chris Vinson (Midlothian PD) discussed June's inspection detail results. July's inspection detail was cancelled. Next inspection detail will be in September.

ATA Update

Wilhelms discussed that CVSA Operation Safe Driver is week is currently underway this week. Also discussed that the National Truck Driving Championship and the North American Inspectors Challenge (NAIC) will be occurring August 15-19, 2023 in Columbus, OH.

Wilhelms recognized the DFW MCSAP officers who competed at Texas Challenge.

- Passenger/Bus Inspection
 - 1st Place – Jason Belz (Arlington PD)
 - 2nd Place – Jared Koester (Fort Worth PD)
- Hazmat Inspection
 - 1st Place – Jason Belz (Arlington PD)
 - 2nd Place – Chris Vinson (Midlothian PD)
- Level 1 Inspection
 - 1st Place – Jared Koester (Fort Worth PD)
- MCSAP Grand Champion
 - 1st Place – Chris Vinson (Midlothian PD)
 - 2nd Place – Jason Belz (Arlington PD)

Chris Vinson will be competing at NAIC.

Jason Belz and Chris Vinson spoke regarding their appreciation for the support officers receive at Texas Challenge and issued custom cups they had made for persons who attended the event and supported DFW Inspectors.

Legal Update

Member at Large Peyton Inge spoke about the TX Supreme Court making a decision that even if a plaintiff attorney can convince a jury to award an obscene amount, the court can overturn that decision because the amount has to be relative to the damages actually caused.

Inge also recommended that when preparing for a deposition to have your attorney provide a video of the plaintiff counsel giving a deposition to another party so you can be prepared on how your deposition may go.

Presenter

Steve Wilhelms (Director of Safety & Compliance at TVC Pro-Driver) delivered a presentation “When Drivers Become Heroes”.

- Agenda
 - Situational Awareness
 - The Hero Truck Drivers
 - Formal Recognition Programs
 - Distracted Driving
 - PTSD From Saving a Life
 - What is Resiliency?

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Total Attendance: 55