



# FPANT

## This Month's Meeting:

## “State Fire Marshal’s Office” by Ed Salazar with the SFMO

### Next Meeting:

Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

### Location:

Love and War in Texas  
2505 E. Grapevine Mills Circle  
Grapevine, TX 76051  
972.724.5557

[www.loveandwarintexas.com](http://www.loveandwarintexas.com)

### Presentation:

Ed Salazar with State Fire  
Marshal’s Office

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### 2010 Chapter Officers:

President: Bryan Beckner,  
Rowlett Fire Dept  
Vice President: Steven Epstein,  
Richardson Fire Dept.  
Treasurer: Todd Haines,  
DFW Airport Fire Dept.

### 2009 Chapter Directors:

Andrew Barr, McKinney Fire Dept.  
Terry Broome, Lewisville Fire Dept.  
Bob Morgan, Fort Worth Fire Dept.



Ed is a licensed attorney and has been with the SFMO since 1994. He will be discussing the services provided by the SFMO and recent issues. He is a graduate of the University of Texas, but we will try not to hold that against him!

**Please be aware that your 2010 FPANT Membership fees are due!**

**Fees may be paid by credit card at [www.fpant.org](http://www.fpant.org).  
Membership applications are available for download at the site as well.**

### Last Month's Meeting Minutes:

No meeting held in January, due to conflict with TEEX conference. December meeting called to order at approximately 12:08 pm, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at 'Love and War in Texas' in Grapevine, TX. November's meeting minutes were accepted.

Treasurer Report: \$2276.24

No Committee Reports.

Internet: [www.fpant.org](http://www.fpant.org)

Membership: FPANT paid for the meals of members and guests for the December Meeting.

Old Business: Discussed last month's training – thanks again to Kimbrough for providing such worthwhile training to the membership.

New Business: Fire Advisory Board - 1/2 through Chapter 9 for COG amendments.

Building Code Amendments near completion. Jeff Shapiro has contacted FPANT representatives to start the discussion and work on the residential sprinkler legislation for the State. Discussion included work through the legislative committee on recommendation or a letter from FPANT to building officials and state reps, work with other state fire protection organizations, and meet with building officials to get support in each jurisdiction.

Have fire departments or other representatives to submit for the FPANT newsletter lessons learned or fire prevention activity due to fires or other options to showcase.

Presentation: Larry Pruitt briefly discussed SMPL's fire retardant application techniques and NFPA requirements. Stephen Epstein - VP – made a request to the membership of ideas for meetings and training for the next year – please email the officers or board members with such.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:40 pm.

## Training Events:

- Continuous: Public Agency Training Council - [www.patc.com](http://www.patc.com)
- Emergency Preparedness Training Schedule via NCTCOG - [www.nctcog.org/ep/training](http://www.nctcog.org/ep/training)
- **55<sup>th</sup> Annual Arson Investigators Seminar - March 21-26, 2010 - Austin, TX -**  
[http://txiaai.org/Home/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=15&Itemid=30](http://txiaai.org/Home/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=15&Itemid=30)
- **ICC Final Action Hearing – May 14-23, 2010 – Dallas, TX –** [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org)
- International Hazardous Materials Response Team Conference – May 19-23, 2010 – Baltimore, MD – [www.iafc.org](http://www.iafc.org)
- NFPA Conference and Expo – June 7-10, 2010 – Las Vegas, NV – [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)
- Fire-Rescue International (FRI) - August 24-28, 2010 – Chicago, IL – [www.iafc.org](http://www.iafc.org)

If you have other training opportunities that you would like to have posted in this newsletter, please email them to [bob.morgan@fortworthgov.org](mailto:bob.morgan@fortworthgov.org). Thank you.

## Requests from Members:

- **Next Fire Advisory Board meeting for COG is scheduled for Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. in the Pitstick Board Room at Centerpoint II at COG.**
- **Next Regional Codes Coordinating Committee meeting for COG is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm at Southlake Town Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Rooms C & D, 1400 Main St., Southlake, TX 76092.**

## Employment Opportunities:

FROM Johnson County ESD:

Johnson County ESD is opening a Fire Dispatch center around April 1, 2010. We are looking for firefighters to fill our part-time positions. If it is permissible, please forward this e-mail to your fire stations. The salary is \$13.50 per hour. The application can be found at our web site, [www.johnsoncountyfire.org](http://www.johnsoncountyfire.org). *Note that plans are to have 16 hour shifts from 3pm – 7am (16-32 hours per week).*

Thank you

Patrick Hunter

Communications Supervisor

Johnson County Emergency Services District #1

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FROM MPI Architects:

I am a Principal with MPI Architects located in Dallas, TX and Lee Jones offered me your contact information. He indicated that you might be able to help me contact a few fire inspectors for contract inspection work over the next 12 months.

MPI Architects is currently contracted with VA Dallas hospital to review and inspect (during construction as the Owners Representative) the removal and replacement of the existing CPVC sprinkler piping (with steel pipe) in Building 2 J on the VA Dallas campus. Our construction inspection contract with VA requires us to provide a Level 1 (minimum) Fire Inspector each shift during sprinkler pipe replacement for this project. The piping replacement will commence in approximately one week and I am currently in process of assembling a pool of retired fire inspectors (or currently employed fire personnel) who would be interested in working one (or possibly two) shifts per week.

The Fire Protection Contractor completing this construction has been requested to complete all work after normal business hours to which they have agreed. Their work schedule is such that their crews will be working four days per week x 10 hour shifts during graveyard hours ---4 PM to 3 AM --Monday through Thursday each week.

Our approach is that we will contract directly with 4-5 fire inspectors that might be interested in working only 1-2 days per week during these hours at VA hospital in south Dallas on Lancaster Rd . It is my understanding that you might be able to publish an advertisement in the FPANT newsletter or otherwise get the word out on the street for this opportunity.

## Employment Opportunities (continued):

The responsibilities of our Fire Inspector(s) are noted as follows:

1. Duration of project is currently scheduled for approximately 12 months.
2. Inspector shall be responsible for on-off valving of individual fire suppression zones being worked each night he is on duty.
3. Provide "fire-watch" for all areas (where zones are turned off) while sprinkler work is in process.
4. Review sprinkler contractors work product each day for compliance with codes and contract documents.
5. Serve as liaison and direct communication contact to V.A. Energy Center (where alarm is sent) when sprinkler zones are valved-off and on.
6. Confirmation that all work areas are properly "re-assembled" each night by Sprinkler Contractor which will allow VA employees to occupy their respective spaces during "normal business hours" since all of the sprinkler work will be completed in furnished areas.
7. Serve as an emergency contact in case of an accident during work hours.

We will offer additional details as required but was curious to know if you could possibly publish this as an advertisement in your newsletter to help get the word out for me.

Please advise if you need additional information which we will provide. I will take calls at the phone number listed regarding this request or e-mail contact is acceptable also at:

[ddelisse@mpiarch.com](mailto:ddelisse@mpiarch.com)

Thank you in advance for your help !!

Dennis J. DeLisse, AIA, CSI, LEED® AP

Principal

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**From ICC ([www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org)):**

The ICC Final Action Hearings for the IBC, IFC and IRC (Home Fire Sprinklers) are coming to Dallas, May 13-23, 2010. Please go to <https://www.goeshow.com/icc/SpringHearings2010/ereg927240.cfm?pg=register> and register now to attend and vote at the hearings for free. You must be an ICC member to vote at these hearings. I hope to see a very large showing from our FPANT members at these hearings.

### **Spring 2010 Group A Final Action Hearings**

#### **May 13-23 - Sheraton Dallas Hotel - Dallas, TX**



The Sheraton Dallas Downtown will be the host for the 2010 Group A Final Action Hearings. This downtown Dallas location is located in the Arts and Financial District near the American Airlines Center, the historic 6th Floor Museum and great dining options.

**Group A Final Action Hearings will include IBC (all groups), IEBC, IFC, IFGC, IMC IPC, IRC (only Building, Mechanical and Plumbing) and IWUIC.**

#### **Dallas Building Tour - Thursday, May 13**



Come learn about the architecture and local code challenges by attending an educational and exciting Dallas Building Tour. Students will see firsthand how architects and builders are bringing more sustainable buildings and housing to Dallas. There will be two different tours hosted by individuals who have extensive local code knowledge. Students can earn up to .5 ICC CEUs for participating in this educational tour. **The fee is \$63 for each tour.**

##### **1st Tour: 9:00 am-11:30 am**

**Location #1:** This 3,500 square-foot home takes the shape of a two story box. Around two sides an engawa, a veranda of Japanese origin, anchors a liner garden and morphs into an enclosed porch on the upper level. Innovate building materials include cast-in-place board-form concrete, red-painted hardy plank (over conventional wood frame), foam insulation and more. Explore this home with the architect involved in the project. **Location #2:** An existing 7,500 sq-ft PowerStation built in the 1920's is being converted to a single-family residence/exhibition space. A new stair and elevator tower are being added along with other mep upgrades inside.

##### **2nd Tour: 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

**Location #1:** This LEED Gold home was built for a retired engineer who was very active in the construction process. Built in a gated community to exceptional standards, this home features a rainwater collection service with an underground cistern. It is filled with natural light and its high performing windows are placed to capture and move air through the home, reducing cooling costs. You will have the opportunity to tour this exciting LEED Gold home with the owner, architect and builder. **Location #2:** Information on this exciting home will be posted soon... please check back to our website.

##### **When**

Event Starts:  
**Thursday, May 13 2010**  
Event End:  
**Sunday, May 23 2010**

##### **Where**

Sheraton Dallas Downtown  
Dallas, TX

##### **RSVP**

April 30, 2010

[REGISTER NOW](#)

# 55<sup>TH</sup> TEXAS FIRE AND ARSON INVESTIGATORS SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First MI Last

Complete all information and return with remittance to: **TEEX – Emergency Services Training Institute**  
 (Make check payable to TEEX) The Texas A&M University System  
 301 Tarrow, College Station, Texas 77840-7896  
 Phone: 979/845-7642 or (Toll-Free) 866/878-8900 • Fax: 979-458-0649

**DEADLINE MARCH 12, 2010**

Last 4 digits of SSN \_\_\_\_\_ TCLEOSE PID #: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB (MM/DD/YY) \_\_\_\_\_ Sex  M  F  
(Law Enforcement only)

Department/Company \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Dept./Co. Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Dept./Co. Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or PO Box City State ZIP

County \_\_\_\_\_ Nation \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Contact \_\_\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Liability Release Signature - Please See Back Date

**IMPORTANT: DOB REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION. NO ONE UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE WILL BE ALLOWED TO REGISTER. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE LIABILITY RELEASE INFORMATION ON THE BACKSIDE OF THIS FORM.**

**For Office Use Only**

Record # \_\_\_\_\_ Student # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Slip # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Invoice # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trace # \_\_\_\_\_

It is the policy of the Texas Engineering Extension Service that all Federal Statutes will be followed pertaining to employment and recruitment of students without regard to race, sex, color, religion, national origin, age, or disability. If you have special needs, please notify us in advanced so that proper arrangements can be made.

The TEEX Transfer, Cancellation and Refund Policy is found on the next page of this registration form.

**\*PAYMENT OF FEES MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION\***

**Form of Payment (check one)**

Purchase Order *(Please include copy with registration form. Subject to approval.)*  
 Check *(Make payable to TEEX)*  
 VISA  MasterCard  AMEX  Discover

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ 3-Digit# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Tuition: The fee of \$185 each applies to Advanced Registration (before March 12, 2010.) The Late and On-site Registration fee after March 12, 2010 is \$200 each.**

*Entire Seminar with Banquet	# of Students @ \$ 185 each
*One Day of Seminar with Banquet	# of Students @ \$ 95 each
*One Day of Seminar without Banquet	# of Students @ \$ 70 each
*_____ Extra Banquet Tickets	# of Tickets @ \$ 25 each

**Total Enclosed** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## LIABILITY RELEASE

1. In consideration for receiving permission to participate in the 55<sup>th</sup> Texas Fire and Arson Investigators Seminar, I hereby release, indemnify, and covenant not to sue the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), The Texas A&M University System, The State of Texas, their officers, agents or employees (Releasees) from any and all liability, claims, costs and causes of action arising out of or related to any property damage or personal injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, while participating in such activity, or while on the premises owned or leased by Releasees. I acknowledge there may be physically strenuous activities. I know of no physical or mental condition which would preclude my full participation.
2. I am fully aware of the risks and hazards involved with 55<sup>th</sup> Texas Fire and Arson Investigators Seminar, including but not limited to burns, heat stroke, heart attack, heat exhaustion, falls and other related injuries, and I choose to voluntarily participate in said activity with full knowledge that said activity may be hazardous to me and my property.
3. I understand that TEEX does not maintain any insurance policy covering any circumstances arising from my participation in the activity or any event related to that participation. As such, I am aware that I should review my personal insurance coverage.
4. In signing this release, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Release; and that I am at least 18 years of age and fully competent.
5. By registering for this course, I hereby give the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) and the Emergency Services Training Institute (ESTI) permission to reproduce and publish my name and/or photographic likeness.

## TRANSFER, CANCELLATION AND NO-SHOW POLICY

If you cannot attend a class, you **MUST** contact TEEX in advance to either transfer or cancel your registration. Please refer to the transfer, cancellation, and no-show policy listed below.

### Transfers

Transfers to another scheduled class (or from one customer to another) are accepted at any time before the start of the class at no charge.

- Customers are encouraged to transfer to a future scheduled class of the same course.
- If the customer cannot transfer to a scheduled class of the same course, then he/she may transfer to another class of a different course and receive either a refund or pay the difference between the two class fees (if applicable).
- If the customer cannot attend any scheduled class, then the Cancellation/Refund Policy is in effect.

### Cancellations/Refunds

- TEEX will provide a full refund if you cancel 15 or more calendar days before the start of the class.
- Cancellations received 14 calendar days or less before the start of the class will be charged a fee of 10% of the class tuition.
- If TEEX cancels a class, customers will be offered:
  1. a transfer to a scheduled class of the same course.
  2. a transfer to another class of a different course (customers will receive either a refund or pay the difference between the two class fees (if applicable).)
  3. a full refund.

### No-Shows

Registered participants who do not contact TEEX in advance to cancel their registration and do not attend their scheduled class will be charged the entire class fee.

02/03/2010

## News report demonstrates power of home fire sprinkler system

CBS3 in Philadelphia reports on two recent home fires: one which burned the structure to the ground, and one which was "stopped cold" by a home fire sprinkler system. "We wouldn't be in the house today if not for the sprinkler system", says the owner of the sprinklered home.



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## Study: sprinklers proven to protect the environment

The initial findings of a groundbreaking study show that home fire sprinklers protect the environment. The study, a collaborative effort of [FM Global](#) and the [Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition](#), involved the burning of two furnished living rooms, one of which had been outfitted with a quick-response sprinkler.

At a January 19, 2010 press conference at the International Builders' Show in Las Vegas, Christopher Wieczorek, PhD, a senior research specialist at FM Global, showed side-by-side video of the rooms burning. Forty-four seconds after ignition, the single sprinkler head in the protected living room activated and began to fight the fire, while fire raged in the unprotected room. After five minutes, the fire in the sprinklered room continued to be contained, while in the unprotected room, every combustible item was burning.



After the test, FM Global compared the environmental impact of each fire, specifically:

- the types, quantity and duration of air and water pollutants released from a home fire
- water usage from fire sprinklers and firefighters' hoses
- the environmental impact resulting from burning household furnishings and finish materials as well as disposing the fire-damaged contents of a home
- the carbon footprint associated with rebuilding a burnt home

Announcing the initial findings of the study, Dr. Wieczorek said that in the event of a home fire where sprinklers are present:

- **the release of greenhouse gases (CO2) are reduced by 99%**
- **the amount of water usage is reduced by 50%**
- **the amount of fire damage to the room is less than 3%, compared to a 100% loss in the unprotected room**

Dr. Wieczorek added that the amount of materials burned by the fire that had to go into a landfill, and the amount of raw materials needed to rebuild after a fire were also reduced.

The final results of this study will be released in March. Download the [initial results of the FM Global study](#) (PDF, 1.6 MB). Also see [photos and more information about the test burn involved in this study](#).

## Meetings and Associations

- Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers meet first working Monday of the month, Sept through May at the Double Tree Hotel, 4099 Valley View Ln., Farmers Branch, TX at 11:30 a.m. For reservations email at [sfpe-dfw@comcast.net](mailto:sfpe-dfw@comcast.net).
- The Metroplex Fire Safety Educators Assoc. meets during odd numbered months the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. See website at [www.mfsea.net](http://www.mfsea.net) for time and location, or call Christopher Balanciere, Public Education Specialist, Garland Fire Department, at 972-205-2271 or email [GFDpubed@ci.garland.tx.us](mailto:GFDpubed@ci.garland.tx.us) for more information.
- The Tarrant County Fire Investigators Association meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office, 2750 Premier Drive, Fort Worth, TX. Contact Sabino Vasquez, Fire Investigator, Fort Worth Fire Dept., 2222 Wenneca Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76102, at (817) 392-6856 or [sabino.vasquez@fortworthgov.org](mailto:sabino.vasquez@fortworthgov.org) for further information.
- The North Texas Fire Investigators Assoc. meets monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at the Double Tree Hotel, 4099 Valley View Ln., Farmers Branch, TX at 11:30 a.m. Contact Wesley Caskey, Captain, Fire Prevention, Richardson Fire Department, 136 N. Greenville Avenue, Richardson, Texas 75081, (972) 744-5750 or email [wesley.caskey@cor.gov](mailto:wesley.caskey@cor.gov) for more information.
- The North Texas Fire and Police Chaplains Association will meet on December 6 at 11:00 a.m., at the Double Tree Hotel, 4099 Valley View Ln., Farmers Branch, TX. Contact Mark Chambers, at 972-744-5755 or [Mark.Chambers@cor.gov](mailto:Mark.Chambers@cor.gov) for more information.
- Each month Tarrant Co. hosts a Juvenile Fire Setters meeting periodically at the Tarrant Co. Fire Marshal's Office, 2750 Premier Dr., Ft. Worth, TX. At 9:00 a.m. This meeting includes the Fire Services, Police, School Districts, Juvenile Justice Department, Tarrant Co. DA, Mental Health Department and Counselors. For more information contact Mike Rehfeld at (817) 838-4600 or [mrehfeld@tarrantcounty.com](mailto:mrehfeld@tarrantcounty.com).

## Internet Links of Interest

- FPANT <http://www.fpant.org>
- ICC <http://www.iccsafe.org>
- NFPA <http://www.nfpa.org>
- TCFP, Texas Commission on Fire Protection <http://www.tcfp.state.tx.us/>
- Texas State Fire Marshal's Office <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/fire/fmlinefaq.html>
- IAAI, International Association of Arson Investigators <http://www.firearson.com/>
- interFIRE Online <http://www.interfire.org/>
- BOAT, Building Officials Association of Texas <http://www.boatx.org/>
- Society of Fire Protection Engineers <http://www.sfpe.org/>
- NIST Building and Fire Research Laboratory <http://www.bfrl.nist.gov/>
- National Fire Academy <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/fire-service/nfa/nfa.shtm>

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