



# Texas Fire Marshal's Association

## COUNTY COMMITTEE

### 2018 October Report

10/1/2018

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#### 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.