

**TNT Meeting Minutes**  
**January 13, 2014**  
**Frontier of Flight Museum**  
**Dallas, TX**

Meeting in session @ 10am

**Welcome & Introduction—Mindy Conner Adams**

What is one thing you recently learned to do, make, etc.?

Attendees: 37

**Treasurer's Report— Robbyn Hart**

Balance- \$1321.27

Less lunch & room

Plus registrations

Currently being maintained on QuickBooks

**TC Licensing/Chapter 33- Mindy Adams**

TC's hired prior to January 1, 2014 and who have completed Basic Telecommunicator (1013) will become licensed automatically.

TC's who have not completed the Basic Telecommunicator (1013) and/or hired after January 1, 2014 will be required to take the State Licensing Test for TC's within one year of their date of hire. Currently has to be the TCOLE course.

TDD is still required every 6 months.

As of January 1, 2014 all license course in the State of Texas must be taught/tested by an academy or state license testing center.

TC's must also obtain their certification for TCOLE Crisis Communications (2120) during their first year of employment.

TCOLE has asked the Texas 9-1-1 Trainers to form a committee of TCOLE Certified TC Trainers to develop the State 1013 Licensing Test. TC Curriculum Development Co-Chairs Mindy Adams & Sherry Decker reached out to the Testing Committee Chair Roxie Dodd and Proofing Committee Chair Laura Litzerman to have their teams complete the State Test by October 1, 2013. To date the test has been accepted by TCOLE.

*All TCOLE Licensees* must pass the Chapter 33 Course with 100% accuracy before they can take the state test. It is an open book test; computer generated and can take as many times as needed to pass. There is no charge. If you are grandfathered in as licensed you do not have to take this test.

At this time we do not know who will be allowed to give the State Exam. Cost \$35

CE must have 20 hours every 2 years. Courses have not been determined at this time.

TC's will be able to get a master licenses – unknown how at this time.

Every licensed course taught in the State of Texas must be reported through an Academy.

TCOLE requires the 1013 & 2120 to be taken in a classroom, not on-line. Exception: TEEQ's is the only approved on-line provider to 1013 & 2120 at this time.

You do not have to take Crisis (2120) to sit through the State Exam.

Check TCLEDD's entry to make sure all your TC's, that have at least their Basic TC, are currently showing licensed. If not, research why they are not. Should show an "L" rather than a "C".

Change made to hiring standards – After January 1, 2014 psych test is required for hiring.

Mindy is confirming with TCOLE about CE due in first half of training cycle. Will send answer in an e-mail blast.

You can exceed TCOLE requirements you just cannot do less than.

TCOLE website has it outlined clearly on their website. <http://www.tcleose.state.tx.us>

We do not know when the academies will receive the tests.

Within the next year TCOLE should be coming to TNT to decide how we acknowledge Intermediate & Advanced Certificates.

The definition of a TC is in the Texas Occupational Code.

TCOLE no longer issues paper license's unless you pay for it. They now have a card available.

Tina Chaffin has as a spreadsheet of agencies that pays additional money to TC's for different levels of certificates. You can e-mail her at [tchaffin@tc911.org](mailto:tchaffin@tc911.org) to get a copy of this.

Send Sherry Decker, Mindy Adams or any of the TNT Board members e-mail of any questions you might have reference licensing.

#### **TERT Update - Tina Chaffin**

TERT is looking at a self-sustained mobile command type vehicle. APCO & NENA is willing to provide help. They have not found a vehicle yet that will work. TERT is looking for something that can be slept in, ate in, etc., for several days. If you are willing to help Sherry send her an e-mail [sdecker@nctcog.org](mailto:sdecker@nctcog.org)

#### **Joint Conference Discussion (Booth, Luncheon, Ribbons) – Mindy Adams**

No cost to set up a booth. We need volunteers to staff the booth. Last year the scavenger hunt did not go over well. This year we will try something different to attract more people to the booth. Sandy & Tina will maintain the sign up list. [spippi@dfwairport.com](mailto:spippi@dfwairport.com) or [tchaffin@tc911.org](mailto:tchaffin@tc911.org)

Go to Texas NENA website and nominate someone in your center for Trainer of the Year. Winner gets \$100 Deadline for Texas NENA is 5pm January 20th & Texas APCO is 5pm February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Carolyn Wakefield, WTAMU PD will be in charge of working with PET in setting up the booth.

Luncheon with PETS in the Convention Center - either a Taco Bar \$22 pp or Sandwich \$18 pp

TNT member will have a ribbon to wear at conference – purple w/silver lettering - \$40 for 100.

#### **New Website – Tina Chaffin**

The website will take 24 hours to be moved over. During this duration the website will be down. [Texas911trainers.org](http://Texas911trainers.org) No log in just password.

Information available on the website: Texas 9-1-1 Trainers, Ask a TNT Member, Past Meeting Agendas & Notes, TNT training resources, TNT History, TNT Membership Directory, TNT News, Training Calendar, Upcoming Meeting, Websites and Contact us.

There is a forum to “ask a TNT member”. It is password protected.

No advertising, no job postings. Requests are set up to go through Tina Chaffin.

Past meeting agendas are on the sight. We have agendas back to 2004. The ones that are not on the website are available through TNT members.

Training resources are password protected.

NCMEC has been taken off the site.

History of TNT is on website from 2005 to this year.

TNT Membership Directory is searchable.

Training Calendar has the link to BlueBoardIT. You can submit classes you are submitted. You can search by categories. You can look at it by agency for bulletin board form.

The password is: TNT2014. It will change as the years change.

Registrations for upcoming meetings will go directly to Robbyn Hart.

Payment is no longer accepted by Denton Co 9-1-1. Checks should be made out to TNT.

#### **Stress Management Curriculum Development Committee Update – Robbyn Hart & Sandy Pippi**

The PowerPoint is ready to add video and links to it. Becki showed examples of stretches to do at the Comm Center stress to help reduce stress on the job.

#### **NCMEC Committee Update – Mindy Adams**

Judith will give a report at next meeting. Nothing to report at this time.

#### **Training Activity Share – Tina Chaffin**

BlueBoardIT is considering charging \$25 per TC per year. TCOLE & TCC has offered to put the training on line for free. You can get college credit for taking the courses.

TCC is willing to report the training through their academy. They are staffed enough to handle it. The State will pay TCC a few for each student. We would upload the course, beta test the course, it would remain TNT's course and be given by TCC on-line.

Mindy Adams & Sherry Decker will be meeting with TCC and TCOLE before a decision is made. The goal is to have a plan in place to discuss by the Conference in April.

We promised TCOLE, the House and the Police/Fire & Sheriff Association we would give the courses \$10 per year it is possibly going to be \$25 per person per class through BlueBoard IT.

TCOLE cut staff by 28% two years ago. Not anticipating on adding additional staff.

BlueBoardIT is overwhelmed with the amount of TC's wanting to take the courses on-line.

It will be after the second week of May, after this semester is over.

TNT is a non-profit organization. The spring meeting at the conference doesn't cost for the meeting just your lunch.

#### **Open Discussion**

Raising the cost of TNT Meetings to \$45 - Everyone is in agreement to revisit change at the meeting for April. Discussion will include the bi-law changes. First meeting will continue to be free.

Currently our bi-laws state that the TNT Board members cannot spend more than \$50 without a vote. This will stay the same.

Request to make the change on a budget cycle. Further discussion will be put on the April Agenda, set to vote on it at the June meeting and change effective November meeting.

Our meetings could be cheaper if we moved them from the Flight Safety Museum (currently paying \$250 [1/2 price]) but then we are looking at the expense to individuals for rental cars to get to another location.

Moving the meeting to various Texas locations has been looked at previously and financially decided to stay in Dallas.

Are we going to look at credit card payments for registration? PayPal? If this was to become available there is a fee for this service.

Several Academies are changing the 1013 to an 80 hour course.

There were a lot of questions on licensing – Mindy will be following up on these questions and Tina will send out information via e-mail.

Come to future meetings with some ideas for training activities to share.

Meeting adjourned