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## Chapters Proposed!

### Vote on Bylaw Changes, Code of Ethics Revisions and Officers

The TBFAA Board of Directors is recommending several changes to improve communications and clarify requirements and improve our bylaws and code of ethics. The most significant recommendation would create a way for groups of members in a specific area to form chapters.

See pages 5 & 9 for more information



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# President's Message

## Dealing with My Own Snakes

Unless you have been under a rock recently, you have probably heard of a movie titled Snakes on a Plane. In the movie an agent - Neville Flynn escorts a witness onto a plane. Problem is, an assassin, bent on killing the witness, has released a crate containing about 450 snakes onto the same plane. Neville finds out and he's bent on doing his job and getting the snakes back where they belong; on land. or in snake heaven, where they'd be harmless before it is too late.

As the President of TBFAA and the owner of a central station, I sometimes have days when the snakes can seem overwhelming. Here is a list of just a few of the issues I have faced in the past few weeks:

- \* dealt with systems that work one minute on a VoIP line, but fail the next,
- \* confronted cities that are evaluating verified response at one extreme or providing free or reduced price monitoring to their citizens at the other,
- \* met with the public utility commission on the type of notice that should be given to potential VoIP customers and who should give the notice,
- \* wondered about the impact of the changes in cellular service,
- \* debated the type of additional standards (if any) that should apply to our industry in Texas.

In the film the passengers band together to overcome the challenging snakes. In real life the leaders of TBFAA have banded together to help me confront our own "snakes" so that TBFAA can continue to effectively represent your interests and keep you prepared. Our plan is to follow Tom Landry's advice *"I don't believe in team motivation. I believe in getting a team prepared so it knows it will have the necessary confidence when it steps on a field and be prepared to play a good game."*

As you will see in this issue, we have held meetings in outlying areas and proposed several bylaw changes that will make it easier for dealers throughout Texas to band together. At our October convention we will give you the tools to be part of the prepared and competitive team.

Join Us

Chip Bird  
TBFAA President



TBFAA President Chip Bird

## East Texas Dealers Organize

Twelve different companies and 22 people attended a meeting held on the 24th of August in Longview Texas to discuss the formation of the East Texas Chapter of the TBFAA. All companies understood the importance of being organized and working together to speak as one voice in dealing with issues that affect our industry. By the end of the 2-½ hour meeting attendees expressed enthusiasm about the formation of a local TBFAA chapter and set the next meeting time and place.

I encourage all TBFAA members to contact companies in the East Texas region and notify them of the next meeting to be held on September 28th at Oak Forest Sports Club in Longview.

Brant Pierce  
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## 2006 Training Schedule

### Level 1 Class Schedule

February 9-10- McAllen  
February 23-24- Dallas  
March 23-24- San Antonio  
April 27-28- El Paso  
May 25-26- Houston  
June 22-23- Austin

July 27-28- Amarillo  
August 10-11- McAllen  
September 14-15- Dallas  
October 12-13- El Paso  
November 16-17- Houston  
December 14-15- San Antonio

### Fire Prep Class Schedule

January 20- Dallas  
January 30- San Antonio  
March 17- Houston  
April 21- Dallas  
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# Revisions Proposed for Code of Ethics

As part of the process of amending the bylaws to create chapters, we also conducted a legal review of our code of ethics.

Robert Reagan, of the law firm Reagan and McLain, identified language in the code of ethics that could present antitrust issues. After review the Board of Directors has adopted the following change and will ask the membership to ratify the change with a vote at the annual meeting.

Items in *[Red in Brackets with Italics]* are additions. Items in ~~[Red with strikethru]~~ are deletions.

## Code of Ethics

As members of the Texas Burglar and Fire Alarm Association, Inc. we shall strive to maintain the highest level of integrity and professionalism within the electronic protection industry by adhering to this Code of Ethics.

- We shall maintain a high level of honesty, and integrity *[and quality]* in the sale~~[, service, installation and monitoring]~~ of electronic systems *[and any other services offered]* ~~-, sell products of high quality at fair market prices, provide proper service after completion of installation and honor warranty claims made by the consumer.~~
- We shall work continuously to improve the craftsmanship and quality of installations through proper training and education of all concerned.
- Provide mutual support and assistance between members and disseminate information vital to the alarm industry.
- Cooperate with and assist regulatory agencies in producing codes and legislation beneficial to the general public and the alarm industry.
- Strive to eliminate excessive regulation that causes increased consumer cost with no apparent benefits.
- Support resolution of disputes through independent arbitration.
- Maintain a good relationship with state and local government agencies.
- Conduct business within the laws and ordinance of said agencies.
- Participate in worthwhile community activities, which relate to areas outside the security industry as well as within.
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# TBFAA Convention - Galveston October 2006



**What:** TBFAA Annual Convention and Trade Show

**When:** Thursday October 26  
Friday, October 27  
Saturday October 28

**Where:** The Tremont House -  
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## Schedule

### Thursday October 26

8:30 AM Start Golf--Galveston Island Municipal Golf Course  
6:30-8:30 pm Presidents Reception

### Friday October 27

8am-8pm Registration Open  
9am-Noon Wireless Networking and IP Based Security  
9am-10am Texas Margin Tax  
10am-Noon Contracts Update  
1-2pm TBFAA & Legislative Update  
2-3pm Fire License Update  
3-4pm Texas Private Security Board Updates  
4-8pm Exhibits & Dinner  
8-Midnight Casino Night

### Saturday October 28

8-2pm Registration Open  
9am to Noon Coping with VoIP and Changes in the Cellular Network  
9:30-10:30am Ethics Class  
10:45-11:45am Understanding the CP-01 Control Panel Standard Required by Texas in 2007  
11:45am-Noon Board Meeting  
Noon-2pm Annual Meeting & Lunch  
2-4pm Networking 101 - with applications in Video Security  
2:15-5:15pm Board Meeting

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# TBFAA Convention Classes

## Friday Oct 27

### 9am to noon- Wireless Networking and IP Based Security

By Henry L. Homrighaus CHS-V, Roy Marin, P.E. and Stephen Homrighaus, PSP

Learn how to design and configure a wireless network. Review how to perform a site visit and to communicate the benefits of a network. Explore some common components and how they are used.

### 9 to 10 am- Texas Margin Tax

By Mitch Reitman, CPA of S.I.C. Consulting, Inc

You may have heard that the Legislature "solved" the school funding crisis. What you may not have heard is how it will affect alarm companies. The new Texas Margin Tax will replace the current Franchise Tax and be effective for tax years ending in 2007 and later. Unlike the old Franchise Tax, the Margin Tax will apply to substantially all Texas businesses. Join Mitch Reitman, CPA of S.I.C. Consulting, Inc. for a discussion of the tax and other state and federal tax issues.

### 10am to Noon- Contracts Update

By Jeff Odea, Burt, Barr & Odea

Do your contracts cover you properly for changes in Texas Laws? Have you adapted your contracts to deal with Verified Response or VoIP? Does your contract meet the requirements of your insurance coverage?

## Saturday Oct 28

### 9am to Noon- Coping with VoIP and Changes in the Cellular Network

Moderated by Chip Bird, Southwest Dispatch Center

Join us for a panel discussion on the challenges posed by VoIP and the changes in the cellular network. Explore code requirements, efforts at the Public Utility Commission and State Fire Marshals Office as well as technologies offered to ensure that your signal gets through.

### 9:30 to 10:30 AM- Ethics Class

By Bill Parsley, Dispatch Center

Get your requirement for the ethics class completed.

### 10:45 to 11:45- Understanding the CP-01 Control Panel Standard Required by Texas in 2007

By Stan Martin, Executive Director, SIAC

### Understanding CP01 - Continued

Learn about the programming and operation of control panels built to this new ANSI standard. New features and default settings dramatically change how panels will operate out of the box. Every owner, manager, installer, salesman and service tech will need to understand these changes and how it will impact their customers, monitoring center and operations before January 1, 2007 when all new systems will be required to utilize panels built to this standard.

### 2 to 4pm- Networking 101 - with applications in Video Security

By Jeff Horne, D-Link Systems and Jeff Willis, Bass Computers, Inc

Learn the answers to common question including. What is networking? What parts make up a network? What is a switch? What is a PoE switch? What is a router? What is a wireless access point? Learn specific examples of how to use networking equipment, including. How to connect a camera system together that is spread between 2 separate buildings using wireless and that parts required to set up a Power over Ethernet camera solution.

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The primary objective of the Texas Burglar and Fire Alarm Association is to represent the alarm industry before the Texas Legislature and other governmental agencies. The objectives of the association can only be accomplished by the combined efforts of the Board of Directors and our lobbyist McWilliams & Associates. The Board of Directors, headed up by President Chip Bird, coordinates the activities of the association. McWilliams & Associates heads up our lobbying effort. It would be fair to say "he opens a lot of doors".

The Texas Burglar and Fire Alarm Association incurs a cost of more than \$90,000 per Biannual Legislative Session for our legislative effort. The membership dues are not enough to cover this expense. Special help is needed.

We, the Board of Directors, are asking the professional alarm dealers of the state of Texas to participate either monthly or yearly in this ongoing legislative effort. With the team concept we can get the job done.

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## Officers Nominated for 2006

The nominating committee has nominated officers to serve a one year term beginning at the conclusion of the annual meeting. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting on Saturday October 28. Current President Chip Bird has completed one year of a two year term and will continue to serve through to the next annual meeting

The nominees are

- **Vice President- Rodney Hooker,**  
Dispatch Center- San Antonio
- **Treasurer-**  
No Nominee at this time
- **Secretary- Debi Ulmer**  
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# Bylaw Changes Proposed

## TBFAA Proposed Bylaw Amendments for 2006

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Visit the members only section of the for a printable copy of these changes or a copy of the full bylaws with the changes highlighted.

### First Set of Proposed Amendments

#### Intent:

To create chapters as a way for groups of TBFAA members in a local area to network and organize to exchange information and enhance their communication with TBFAA.

#### Impact of Creating TBFAA Chapters

- Communication with TBFAA Membership is likely to increase.
- May increase number of members in areas not served by a local association, because members will be able to attend a local meeting.
- Should increase awareness of local issues throughout the state and enhance the industry's impact on local issues.
- Provides an additional option to Local association relationships but does not replace the existing local associations.

#### Proposed Language

##### [ARTICLE IX

##### CHAPTERS

##### Sec. 9:1. Purpose

The Board of Directors may create a Chapter to allow an appropriate level of local autonomy without the redundant legal structure and demand on resources. It may provide an easier and more effective way for groups of local dealers to network and organize.

##### Sec.9:2. Creation

A group of TBFAA members in a specific area can apply to the Board of Directors to create a chapter. The application shall specify the counties to be included in the chapter. Each county shall only be served by a single chapter. Existing regular TBFAA members in the counties proposed to be included in the chapter shall be polled by email, mail or

vote at a meeting called with appropriate notice as specified in the TBFAA bylaws. The application to create a chapter shall also name officers who would serve to lead the chapter until an election could be held. A chapter shall be formed upon approval by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors will approve a list of counties covered by each local association recognized under Section 3:1, Paragraph 5 of these Bylaws. Chapters will not be created in the listed counties without the approval of the affected local association.

##### Sec 9:3. Management

Each chapter shall elect a Chapter Vice President and a Chapter Secretary and at least one director. Each chapter shall be allowed to elect a board consisting of additional members including and associate representative. Each chapter board shall have an odd number of members. Members of the Chapter board with the exception of the Associate director shall be TBFAA Regular members. The Associate director shall be a TBFAA Associate member.

##### Sec 9:4. Chapter Membership

All regular TBFAA members with paid memberships for offices located in the counties assigned by the Board of Directors to the Chapter shall automatically become a member of that Chapter. Associate and central station members located in the assigned counties shall automatically become a member of that Chapter. Associate and central station members located outside the assigned counties may join all chapters as Associate Members for a flat fee set by the Board of Directors.

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# Bylaw Changes Proposed (continued)

## First Set of Proposed Amendments Proposed Language *Continued*

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### Sec 9:5. Chapter Duties

Each Chapter shall agree to meet at least once every 3 months; to participate on regional conference calls and to take minutes at every Chapter meeting.

### Sec 9:6. Chapter Officers Elections

Chapter Officers shall be elected for one year terms at a scheduled meeting of the Chapter or by a vote by mail with appropriate notice of the election.

### Sec 9:7. Duties of Chapter Officers

The Chapter Vice President shall convene and run the board and membership meetings and represent the Chapter on Regional teleconferences The Chapter Secretary shall take minutes of all board

and membership meetings and forward them to the TBFAA secretary within 10 days of their approval. Each chapter would designate an alternate representative to serve if the Chapter Vice President is unable to attend a conference call.

### Section 9:8. Regional Teleconferences

Regional Teleconferences shall be held at the discretion of the Board of Directors to allow the chapters and local associations to give input to the Regional Board representative and to be informed about TBFAA activities.

### Section 9:9. Chapter Finances

Dues shall be billed and received by TBFAA. Chapters shall not add an amount for local dues. TBFAA shall not give back an amount for local dues. Training revenue shall go to TBFAA. The Chapter by a majority vote of the Chapter board can request the TBFAA Treasurer to track funds raised by the Chapter for a specific purpose in separate general ledger account. Separate bank accounts will not be required. The Chapter would request the TBFAA Treasurer to pay designated expenses.

### Section 9:10. Chapter Seats on the TBFAA Board

Chapters with more than fifteen (15) TBFAA regular paid members may petition for a voting seat on the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may award or remove the voting seat by a majority vote.

### Section 9:11. Chapter Dissolution

The chapter may be dissolved by a 2/3 vote of state Board of Directors.]

## ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Sec. 3:1. Composition; Number.

[7. Chapter Directors as specified in Article IX. Sec. 3:3 Board Member Qualification, Election; Term.]

### B. ELECTION

[6. The chapters referenced in ARTICLE IX shall appoint the chapter directors.]

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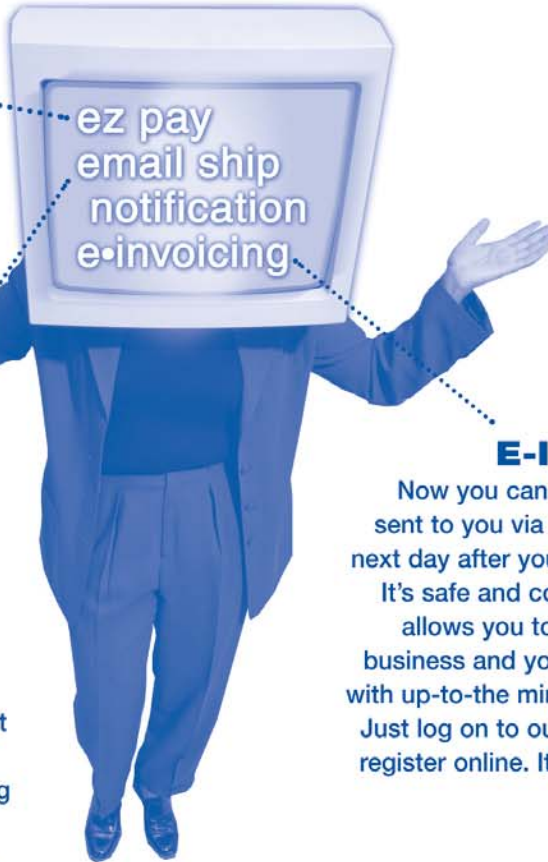
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# Bylaw Changes Proposed (continued)

## First Set of Proposed Amendments Proposed Language *Continued*

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### Sec. 3.9. Duties of the Board of Directors.

**[J. CHAPTER DIRECTORS**  
**Chapter Directors shall perform duties as assigned in Article IX and shall perform such other duties and have such other authority and powers as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe or delegate.]**

## Second Set of Proposed Amendments

### Intent:

To clarify the ability of, as well as the process for, the board to execute deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, agreements, or other instruments on behalf of the association.

### Impact of Clarifying Board Authority to Make Agreements

Current bylaws give the board the authority to act on behalf of the association this amendment clarifies the process for executing deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, agreements, or other instruments on behalf of the association.

### Proposed Language

#### [Sec. 8.10 Agreements

The President, the Secretary, or any other proper officer of the Association, authorized by the Board of Directors, may sign any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, agreements, or other instruments which the Board of Directors have authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors to some other officer or agent of the Association.]

## Third Set of Proposed Amendments

### Intent:

To clean up language left over after a change in 2003 that eliminated the subscriber category.  
Impact

Makes the bylaws more accurate because all items in Article II apply to members.

### Proposed Language

## ARTICLE II

### MEMBERS ~~AND NON-MEMBERS~~

#### Sec. 2:1. Classes of Members and ~~Non-Members.~~

The Members ~~and Non-Members~~ of the Corporation shall be divided into four (4) classes: Regular Member, Associate Member, Individual Member, and Honorary Member. Regular Members must be active members in good standing of the Corporation. Associate Members, and Individual Members, must be in good standing with the Corporation.

## Fourth Set of Proposed Amendments

### Intent:

To make requirements for the number of members to qualify for a board seat more consistent with Local associations and chapters.

### Impact

- Increases the minimum number of members in a local association from ten to twenty for a local association to be recognized by the board.
- Does not effect requirements for currently recognized associations.

### Proposed Language

## ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### Sec. 3:1. Composition; Number.

5. One (1) Local Association Director from each local association that has met the below listed requirements and has been recognized by the Board of Directors. The director shall be the President or their designated representative.
- a. The Local Association shall be in existence for a minimum of one year.
  - b. The Local Association shall have a minimum of ~~ten~~ [twenty] members.
  - c. The Local Association shall have at a minimum, regular quarterly meetings.
  - d. The Local Association President or the designated representative must be a member of the TBFAA.
  - e. The Local Association shall lose its recognized status and that director shall be removed from the board of directors automatically when the Director is absent or misses three (3) consecutive Board of Directors meetings.

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# Bylaw Changes Proposed (continued)

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## Fifth Set of Proposed Amendments

### Intent:

To make language used in the bylaws consistent throughout the bylaws.

### Impact

Makes the bylaws more accurate because common terms are used.

### Proposed Language

#### Sec. 3:7. Board of [Directors] Action Without Meeting.

B. The purpose and intent of Board [of Directors] Action Without Meeting is to expedite actions that require an immediate action. Board [of Directors] Action Without Meeting is not intended to replace scheduled regular meetings where the presence of the general membership is encouraged. Results of the Board [of Directors] action will be added to the minutes of the next regularly scheduled Board [meeting of the Board of Directors].

#### Sec. 3.9. Duties of the Board of Directors.

##### A. TREASURER

5. Report to the Board of Directors by mail, e-mail, facsimile or any other acceptable media as to the financial condition of the Corporation. This report shall be by the fifteenth (15th) of each even numbered month, unless a Board [of Directors] Meeting is scheduled for that month and at least annually by an acceptable form of media that is only accessible by corporation members and.

#### Sec. 4:3. Notice of Special and General Membership Meetings.

Notice stating the place, date, time of the meeting, and the purpose for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered either personally, by phone, mail, email, or facsimile (FAX) transmission to each Member not less than fifteen (15) days nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting, when directed by the Board of Directors. *Continued on page 18*

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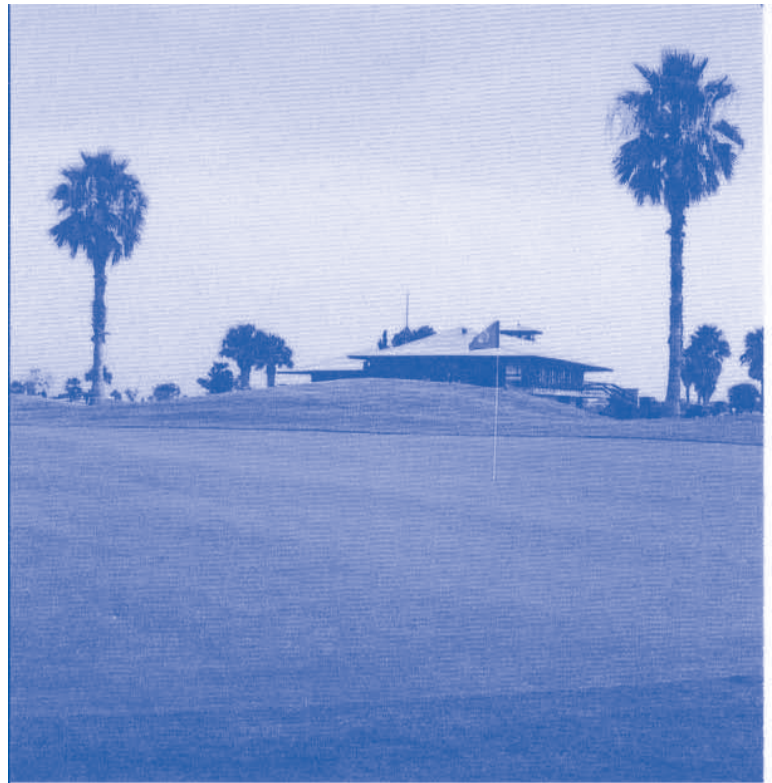
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The Best Alarm Company  
Time Warner Home Security  
Tony's Burglar Alarms Systems  
TotalCom Management  
Triangle Electronics, Inc.  
Turbo Communication, Inc.  
Tutor Security, Inc.  
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Valero Security Systems, Inc  
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VCS Security Systems  
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Alarm Masters  
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All-Safe & Sound  
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Atlas Alarms  
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Newstream Building Technologies  
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Southern Supply  
Southwest Dispatch Center  
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Texas Home Electronics  
Time Warner Security  
Today's Integration  
Total Entertainment Solution  
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## North Texas Alarm Assn.

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BMA Systems, Inc.  
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Brink's Home Security  
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## South Texas Alarm Assn.

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ASG Security  
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Dispatch Center, Ltd.  
Elite CEU, Inc.  
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San Antonio Security  
Security Controls (DBA Construction Security, Inc.)  
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# Bylaw Changes Proposed (continued)

## Fifth Set of Proposed Amendments Proposed Language *Continued*

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If mailed, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the Member at his or her address as it appears on the records of the Association [Corporation], with postage thereon prepaid. If notice is given by email or FAX, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when the email or FAX is sent from the initiating party.

### Sec. 4:7 Voting

A. Board [of Directors] Meeting Voting

## Sixth Set of Proposed Amendments

### Intent:

To simplify the process for approving new members.

### Impact

Eliminates the requirement that a prospective member be approved by the Board of Directors. This requirement was included before dealers were licensed in Texas. At the time some method was required to verify that a member was appropriate. The association would be subject to liability if it denied a membership to a prospective member meeting the licensing requirements who agreed to the specified terms. Streamlining the procedure will allow us to quickly extend membership status to prospective members.

### Proposed Language

#### Sec. 2:1. Classes of Members and Non-Members.

##### A. REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

Regular membership shall be open to any business entity licensed by the State of Texas, which shall meet the following requirements:

1. Have as its major activity the security and/or

fire alarm business, including the installation, servicing, selling, consulting services, or monitoring of electronic alarm systems; and

2. Be licensed in the State of Texas with either or both of the following licensing agencies:

- a) Texas Commission on Private Security, and/or
- b) The State Board of Insurance Office of the Fire Marshall

3. Be willing and agree to conduct their business in accordance with the Code of Ethics of the Corporation; and

4. Pay to the Corporation the required dues as set forth in these By-laws; and

5. Be sponsored by one (1) Regular Member, or Associate Member in good standing, and be approved by the Board of Directors; and

6. Be willing to contribute personal time for the betterment of the Corporation as further detailed herein.

## Seventh Set of Proposed Amendments

### Intent:

To clarify the requirements for regular membership.

### Impact

Clarifies that regular members must be companies that install, service, sell, consult about, or monitor electronic alarm systems. Would exclude companies that respond to alarms, but do not offer the other services from regular membership. Response companies would be eligible as associate members.

### Proposed Language


Sec. 2:1. Classes of Members and Non-Members.

##### B. REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

Regular membership shall be open to any business entity licensed by the State of Texas, which shall meet the following requirements:

1. Have as its ~~major activity the security and/or fire alarm business, including the installation, servicing, selling, consulting services, or monitoring of electronic alarm systems~~ [primary business the installation, servicing, selling, consulting, or monitoring of electronic alarm systems in either the security alarm or fire alarm business, and]; and

**The proposed changes will be voted on at the annual meeting on October 28.**



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**Note - Exhibitors in bold returned from last year**

## Fire Alarm Advisory Council Meeting

### TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE FIRE ALARM ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA

Thursday, September 14, 2006 10:00 a.m.  
 Texas Department of Insurance  
 William P. Hobby Bldg.  
 333 Guadalupe Austin, TX  
 Room 100

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Roll call of council members in attendance.
3. Pursuant to Texas Insurance Code Art. 5.43-2 Sec. 6(c), discussion and possible action concerning review and recommendations to the Commissioner of Insurance regarding possible rule changes or additions to the fire alarm rules, 28 TAC Chapter 34, Subchapter F, including but not limited to the following:
  - a. Review and possible modification to the existing adopted national standard concerning the means of transmission of a fire alarm signal from a protected household to a monitoring station as it applies to current state-of-the-art technology.
  - b. Any other proposals from the council or the public for rule amendment of Subchapter F, the Fire Alarm Rules.


4. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendations to the Commissioner concerning any possible costs associated with any recommended proposed rule changes.

5. New matters from the public, not included in the preceding agenda items, which may be placed on the agenda for discussion at future meetings.

6. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates.


7. Adjournment of meeting.

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# Texas Private Security Board Meeting

## Notes from the Texas Private Security Board Meeting June 15, 2006

Notes taken by Debi Ulmer, TBFAA Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 9:00A.

- Status Report from Identix:
- A random letter will mailed out requesting CEU certificates on Texas Online renewals
- Texas Online template maybe going away and something customized maybe taking its place covering 25 to 30 different types of registrations.
- Large amounts of data being transferred via TOL are bogging down the system. A computer rewrite is currently under way with a original scheduled date of April 2007, the project us running ahead of schedule and the new target date in January 2007.
- Continuing Education Advisory Committee: Records from out of State schools will need to be kept on Texas soil, someone with in the State will be held responsible.
- Discussion and possible action regarding the:
  - Amendment of Rule 35.41 Company Names addressing the use of names identical or substantially similar to those of companies that are currently licensed. under suspension. or whose license has been revoked. Approval pending publication Texas Registry
  - Adoption of Rule 35.52 Summary Action Following Convictions: clarifying the effect of convictions on preceding under 1702.364 of the Occupations Code. Clarified / Action may be taken on arrest or pending charges.
  - Amendment of 35.93 "Penalty Range" to change the title to "Administrative Fine Schedule" and to clarify the scope of fine schedules' application. Administrative fines are over and above any other actions and/or in addition to.

## Captain Grumbles Report:

- PSB will be adding 3 permanent personnel in the investigations division
- 735 cases have been resolved and about the same number have been added.
- Criminal cases presented to DA office have tripled. The DA in Harris County has been very cooperative in accepting charges on corporation and individuals.
- Texas Online has currently:
  - 4456 Company Licenses
  - 1138 Class A
  - 2397 Class B
  - 609 Class C
  - ..42 Class D
  - ..243 Class P (Private Companies)
  - ..27 Class X (Govt. Agencies)
  - 104,986 Individual Licenses
  - ..5058 Alarm Installers
  - 3458 Alarm Sales People
  - 3068 Alarm Monitors
  - 632 Electronic Companies
  - 16,601 Commissioned Guards
  - 60,522 Non-Commissioned Guards
  - 12,216 in the alarm industry vs. 77,123 in the guard industry; they are 6.5 greater than our industry.
  - 127,025 Active Renewal Licenses
- From September 1, 2005 there have been:
  - 446 New Company Licenses Issued
  - 3501 Renewal of Company Licenses
  - 26,723 Individual Licenses
  - 14,393 Pocket Cards Issued

A REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2006  
9:00 A.M.

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# News Around Texas

## **New FAST Option for Obtaining Fingerprint Cards**

Fingerprint Applicant Service of Texas (FAST) is a Texas Department of Public Safety program that provides electronic capture of your fingerprints. This is the fastest and highest quality option available to Private Security Bureau (PSB) applicants.

Applicants using the FAST program will benefit from the system's state of the art technology resulting in 98% of fingerprint submissions accepted without reject (compared to approx. 75% with traditional ink). FAST locations are situated in professional environments throughout the state as opposed to traditional law enforcement facilities.

Service is available now and the FAST agent, Identix Identification Services (IIS), may operate a nearby center (full statewide implementation of the FAST program is scheduled for completion by March 1st 2006). You can schedule an appointment online at <http://www.identix.com/iis> or by calling IIS at 1-888-467-2080. When scheduling online, select Option B – Fingerprint Cards, or if scheduling via phone, please request Fingerprint Cards or "Print and Go".

If IIS does not currently provide services in your area, you may still take the agency supplied fingerprint cards to any law enforcement agency that rolls applicant fingerprints. For more information on the Fingerprint Applicant Services of Texas, see [http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/crime\\_records/applicantfingerprintservices.htm](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/crime_records/applicantfingerprintservices.htm)

## **TBFAA Helps Austin Dealers Meet to Discuss Options**

TBFAA Associate Director Kelly Ryan facilitated a meeting of Austin area dealers in June to discuss ways that dealers can network on an ongoing basis to exchange information. The group has met twice since the initial meeting and is considering the proposed Chapter program (see Bylaw changes page 9)

## **TBFAA Representatives meet with Public Utility Commission On VoIP**

President Chip Bird along with TBFAA Board Members Brian McKinney and Chris Russell met with Commissioner Smitherman of the the Texas Public Utility Commission on August 22. The meeting was called to identify more effective ways to notify alarm users of potential problems with VoIP. Commissioner Smitherman became concerned about the issue after his parents experienced problems with their alarm when they switched to VoIP service.

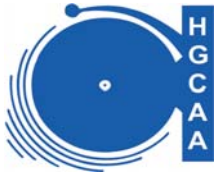
## **Duncanville, Cedar Hill, and Desoto Propose Monitoring of Alarm Systems.**

President Chip Bird and NTAA President Chris Russell have attended several meetings of the city councils of Duncanville, Cedar Hill, and Desoto to gather information and express concern as they consider expanding limited alarm monitoring they now perform for city employees to a wider number of city residences.

## **New Carrollton City Alarm Ordinance**

On Tuesday, June 6, the Carrollton City Council unanimously approved changes to the City's alarm ordinance. The changes mirror the recent changes enacted from SB0568 affecting Chapter 214, subchapter F, Local Government Code. The adopted changes to the Alarm ordinance are effective immediately (starting June 7, 2006).

Please verify that your monitoring station is utilizing enhanced call verification (ECV a form of two-call verification) on all alarms in the city of Carrollton. Also of note; Carrollton requires all alarm systems to be permitted, but does not have a no permit, no response policy. However, the alarm users must have an alarm permit or they will be subject to fines under city ordinance (since 1984).



# Houston Gulf Coast Alarm Association

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 www.HGCAA.org

<p><b>HGCAA Board</b></p> <p><b>President</b>  <b>Brian McKinney</b>      Infinity Security</p> <p><b>Vice President</b>  <b>Rick Strickland</b>      Alarm Response</p>	<p><b>Secretary</b>  <b>Kelly Ryan</b>      ADI</p> <p><b>Treasurer</b>  <b>Debi Ulmer</b>      DispatchCenter, Ltd</p>	<p><b>Director</b>  <b>Walter Tutor</b>      Tutor Security</p> <p><b>Associate Director</b>  <b>Phillip Wood</b>      ADI</p> <p><b>Director</b>  <b>Jeff O'Dea</b>      Havins &amp; O'Dea</p>	<p>The Houston Gulf Coast Alarm Association holds membership meetings at Steak &amp; Ale Restaurant 2425 Mangum Road Houston, TX 77092 on the 2nd Friday of each month from 11:30 am to 1pm. Please use this schedule to make plans and attend as many as you can.  <b>We welcome any new attendee with a free lunch.</b></p>
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# North Texas Alarm Association

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 TEL: 214/352-9352 FAX: 972/871-3338  
 Web Site: www.ntaa.org

<p><b>President</b>  <b>Chris Russell</b>      Amazon Alarm Systems, Inc.</p> <p><b>Vice President</b>  <b>Mark Matlock</b>      United Central Control, Inc</p> <p><b>Secretary</b>  <b>Penny Hayter</b>      Las Collinas Association</p> <p><b>Treasurer</b>  <b>Christopher Geymuller</b>      Protection Networks</p>	<p><b>Associate Director</b>  <b>Joel Shewry</b>      Security General International</p> <p><b>Directors</b>  <b>David Simon</b>      Brink's Home Security</p> <p><b>Jim Foster</b>      Paramount Alarm Systems</p> <p><b>Robert Fischer</b>      Custom Integrated Systems, Inc.</p> <p><b>Past President</b>  <b>Nathan Bryant</b>      Sentinel The Alarm Company</p>	<p><b>Directors Emeritus</b>  <b>Chip Bird</b>      Southwest Dispatch Center, LP</p> <p><b>Tommy Henson</b>      Southwest Alarm Systems</p> <p><b>Malcolm Reed</b>      Knight Security Systems, Inc.</p> <p><b>Rex Adams</b>      American Security Devices</p> <p><b>Ray Cherry</b>      Dallas Security Systems, Inc.</p>	<p>The NTAA holds CEU training classes on the third Wednesday of the month, every other month in Dallas. When you register for these courses, you can receive the required 8-hours of CEU's in one day! For further information, please contact Paula Fischer at 972-402-8612 OR Kathleen Schraufnagel at 72-871-3807</p>
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The NTAA meets on the third Thursday of each month at Pugsley's Library  
 2443 Walnut Hill Lane Dallas, Texas 75229 Tel. 972-243-1111



# South Texas Alarm Association

South Texas Alarm Association  
 716 W. Byrd Blvd  
 Universal City, TX 78148-4363  
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Web Site: www.southtexasalarm.com

**General membership meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at The Alamo Cafe, 14250 US Hwy. 281 North, San Antonio, TX**

<p><b>STAA Board</b></p> <p><b>President</b>  <b>Bill Parsley</b>      Dispatch Center, Ltd.</p> <p><b>Vice President</b>  <b>Danny Little</b>      United Central Control</p>	<p><b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>  <b>Sandra Barton</b>      Security One, Inc.</p> <p><b>Past President</b>  <b>J.D. Benfer</b>      Response Center USA</p>	<p><b>Rep from Distributors</b>  <b>Jackie Baldwin</b>      ADI</p> <p><b>Rep from Dealers</b>  <b>Tom Gleitz</b>      Gleitz Alarms</p>
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# TBFAA Calendar

## September

- 08 HGCAA Membership Mtg- Steak & Ale Houston
- 12 STAA Membership Mtg Alamo Cafe', San Antonio
- 13- 17 CEDIA Conference & Expo Denver
- 14-15 Level 1 Dallas – ADI- Farmers Branch
- 20 NTAA CEU Training ADI- Farmers Branch
- 21 NTAA Membership Mtg- Pugsley's Library Dallas
- 22 Fire Prep Class Houston - ADI
- 25- 28 ASIS Conference & Exhibits Orlando

## October

- 6 Fire Prep Class Dallas- ADI- Farmers Branch
- 10 STAA Membership Mtg Alamo Cafe', San Antonio
- 12-13 Level 1 El Paso- SGI
- 13 HGCAA Membership Mtg- Steak & Ale Houston
- 18 NTAA CEU Training ADI- Farmers Branch
- 19 NTAA Membership Mtg- Pugsley's Library Dallas
- 24- 25 ISC East NY
- 26- 28 TX Annual Conference & Trade Show
- 28 TXBFAA Board Meeting Galveston

## November

- 10 Fire Prep Class San Antonio
- 14 STAA Membership Mtg Alamo Cafe', San Antonio
- 14 HGCAA Membership Mtg- Steak & Ale Houston
- 15 NTAA CEU Training ADI- Farmers Branch
- 16 NTAA Membership Mtg- Pugsley's Library Dallas
- 16-17 Level 1 Houston- ADI
- 03 -08 CSAA Annual Meeting Rome

## December

- ?? TXBFAA Board Meeting Austin w PSB Meeting
- 01 Fire Prep Class Houston - ADI
- 08 HGCAA Membership Mtg- Steak & Ale Houston
- 12 STAA Membership Mtg Alamo Cafe', San Antonio
- 14-15 Level 1 San Antonio- Tri-Ed
- 20 NTAA CEU Training ADI- Farmers Branch
- 21 NTAA Membership Mtg- Pugsley's Library Dallas
- 24 Christmas Eve Holiday
- 25 Christmas Holiday
- 31 New Years Eve

## Rudy Smith Passes Away

Rudy Smith, President of Alarm Express in Dallas, Texas died June 28th from a heart attack while enroute to the hospital. Rudy was born July 18, 1960 in Amarillo, Texas. Rudy was only 45 years of age and leaves his wife Pamela and children Jason, Jackie, Stacy, Kevin and Cleanna. Rudy is also survived by his mother and sister both of San Antonio, Texas

Rudy Smith founded Alarm Express in August of 1972 and rapidly built into a major competitor in Texas. His strategy of specializing in the fire alarm market and his relationship with Mike Ryan was a revolutionary approach setting Alarm Express apart from his competitors.

The very unique concept of Rudy's bus filled with working demos delivered to potential customers, seminars and events was its own success story. The later addition of good friend Keith Dalton was a welcome addition bringing the CCTV expertise which further enhanced his business. Jason Smith working under his father's tutelage rapidly grew into a resource allowing Rudy to spend some personal time away from the office.

Rudy Smith leaves behind a strong organization with purpose and character that will continue to excel in delivering support their dealers and customers.

## TPSB Information

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<http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/fire/index.html>

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