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“Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.” - John F Kennedy

Our industries are constantly moving at an irregular pace. Seemly switching between two speeds; fast and faster. Being President of the TBFAA can sometimes provide a unique perspective and understanding of our industries. The mechanics of what makes our industry in Texas great is directly attributable to the great companies and people we have involved in our alarm associations. We are strong thanks to too many to list, but I am sure that those many are those reading these words right now.

Too often overlooked are those that help us the most. Sometimes it’s missed in what we write or what we say, but what we would miss the most is their support. They are always quietly supporting our industry without any overwhelming expectation of thanks. So the next time you see a TBFAA associate member be sure to thank them, they don’t need it, but certainly deserve it. They are easy to find; simply see find them in this magazine, at our trade show, at our golf tournaments, and parties.

It would not be possible to list all those that help us short of printing out our membership lists then adding about 100 more people. With that being said a second time, I would be remiss for not expressing my grateful appreciation to everyone on the TBFAA Board and those individuals that have assisted us throughout this year including Mitch Reitman, Mike Samulin, Brad Shipp, Dean & Andrea McWilliams, Stan Martin, Captain RenEarl Bowie, Charlie Crenshaw, Mark Redlitz, and George Craig.

As an alarm company owner and as President of the TBFAA for the past two years, my appreciation in recognition is extended to David Simon, Bill Parsley, Brian McKinney, Debi Ulmer, Patrick Craven, and Jeff Bright for their past and current leadership roles and for their persistent dedication to their industry, community, and state.

Last but definitely not least are those individuals that are always available to share their time and wisdom with the board. The TBFAA and it’s Board is very fortunate to include the leadership skills and guidance from 5 excellent past presidents of this Association: Rex Adams, Chip Bird, Roger Byrd, Malcolm Reed, and Rodney Hooker.
Associations & Chapters

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POC: Debi Ulmer p: 281.859.4569 e: debi@dispatchcenter.net

North Texas Alarm Association
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POC: David Simon p: 972.871.3778 e: dave.simon@brinks.com

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Phone: 210.402.6262
Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month. Check website for locations and times
POC: Mike Schobel p: 210-564-2601 e: mschobel@asgsecurity.com

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Phone: 877.908.2322
Meets the 4th Thursday of the month except Oct & Dec at 11:30 am
Springhill Restaurant, 1119 FM 1825, Pflugerville, TX 78660.
POC: Jeff Bright p: 512.845.1460 e: jbright@brightsecuritygroup.com

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Phone: 301.519.9237
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POC: Rex Adams p: 972.437.1213 e: radams@asdsecurity.com

False Alarm Reduction Association
Phone: 301.519.9237
FARA is an association of persons working in public safety False Alarm Reduction Units that exchanges information, influences legislation and establishes relationships and partnerships with other groups interested in false alarm reduction. TBFAA is an associate member of FARA.
POC: Brad Shipp p: 301.519.9237 e: info@faraonline.org
In an attempt to identify future leaders Security Systems news reviewed over 125 submissions to select the top 20.

**Tracey Ritchie, 30** - Director of Marketing & Dealer relations, United Central Control was selected as one of the top 20.

Tracey Ritchie began her career in security as an assistant to the VP of sales at UCC and rose through the ranks. “I have a background in marketing and public relations, and it was through looking for a job in that market that I happened to stumble upon security,” Ritchie says. “I’ve been with UCC for almost seven years now, and have learned so much more about security since I’ve been here.” Ritchie sees security moving in a much more technology-oriented direction and feels the future of the industry will depend on promoting its cutting edge. “We’re already beginning to attract the young, savvy techie crowd,” Ritchie says. “As security gets more into stuff like video and moves more into technology, I think we’ll continue to attract young, bright minds.” Ritchie, who serves on the board of the Texas Burglar and Fire Alarm Association, sees the importance of being involved. “I would like to be someone who has contributed to the industry as a whole,” Ritchie says. “I’d like to know I’ve contributed to helping our industry to grow.”
The Regular Session of the 81st Texas Legislature came to a close on June 1st.

Although committee interim studies and other legislative activity will continue, and although Governor Rick Perry has confirmed that at some point there will be a special session called due to the Legislature having failed to pass legislation to extend the existence of key state agencies, the end of the regular session nevertheless marks occasion to pause and review the status of bills affecting TBFAA’s interests.

The session provided many successes for TBFAA in that key favorable bills and amendments were passed, and other potentially harmful bills were either amended to protect TBFAA’s interests or simply did not pass.

The following is a summary of legislative activity affecting TBFAA’s interests.

DPS Sunset

One of the most significant bills for TBFAA this past legislative session was H.B. 2730 by Rep. Lois Kolkhorst (R – Brenham), relating to the continuation and functions of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Texas Private Security Board. The bill was passed by both the House and Senate and signed into law by Governor Perry on June 19th.

This bill, which was the result of the Sunset Advisory Commission’s scheduled review of DPS, became a vehicle for amendments that had either been brought forth by TBFAA or would directly impact its interests.

Amongst those amendments was language drafted and offered by TBFAA that would have revised and corrected current problems relating to licensing requirements for persons who sell, install, service, monitor or respond to various security camera systems.

Various iterations of this language were debated and discussed by legislators throughout the session, and I worked fervently in conjunction with TBFAA’s lobby team, McWilliams & Associates, in order to advance the amendment.

Ultimately, the attention drawn to the issue by offering the amendment encouraged DPS to entertain the possibility of making the necessary administrative rule changes to rectify those issues. Once this determination was made late in the session, TBFAA made the strategic decision to pull down the camera system amendment, since fixing the problem via administrative rule would likely be a simpler and quicker route.

Deceptive Trade and Unlicensed Activity

A bill whose language did get amended onto H.B. 2730 S.B. 1245 by Sen. John Carona (R – Dallas), relating to the regulation of the business of private security. The bill’s provisions streamlined the licensing and regulation of private security-related occupations to better protect the citizens of Texas. It provided for better regulation of out-of-state companies operating in Texas, so that DPS could inspect more effectively these companies to ensure that they were operating within the law.

It also included a deceptive trade practice provision to discourage unlicensed individuals from performing or offering to perform security services in the state and would require additional background information to be provided to DPS for purposes of making determinations for licensure. The bill also included the camera language requested in separate legislation by TBFAA. Although the freestanding bill itself got mired on the House Calendar late in the session, the language of S.B. 1245 was successfully incorporated into the DPS Sunset bill.

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Reduce the Waiting Period

McWilliams & Associates and I also offered up a proposed amendment to HB 2730 that would have reduced the waiting period for an applicant for a license, certificate of registration, endorsement, or security officer commission from 20 years to 10 years after the after the completion of a felony sentence before the date of application, and from 10 years to 5 years after the completion of a Class A misdemeanor sentence.

However, in conference committee on H.B. 2730, legislators made the last minute decision to simply eliminate the statutory waiting periods altogether rather than reduce them. This proved to be a feasible move as it was found that in the absence of the statute, the Private Security Board is able, and may well be willing, to revamp the waiting periods by means of administrative rulemaking.

Eligibility of Applicants for Licenses

Another key bill dealing with similar issues was H.B. 963 by Rep. Ryan Guillen (D – San Diego), relating to eligibility of certain applicants for occupational licenses. The bill gained significance because the DPS Sunset bill as signed into law by the Governor requires the Private Security Board to adopt rules necessary to comply with Chapter 53, Occupations Code.

This could have proven problematic because the provisions of H.B. 963 as drafted would have limited the Private Security Board's ability to suspend or revoke a person's license for an offense that does not directly relate to the person's duties and responsibilities only if the offense occurred within the last five years.

Although the bill was amended in the Senate to state explicitly that the provisions of Occupations Code Chapter 53 did not apply to a person licensed or applying for a license under Occupations Code Chapter 1702 (the Private Security Act), things began to look dire when that amendment was removed in the Conference Committee between the House and Senate.

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Fortunately, McWilliams & Associates and I successfully lobbied Rep. Will Hartnett (R – Dallas) to agree to read a statement of legislative intent into the record regarding the bill, stating that the revised Chapter 53, Occupations Code, does not apply to individuals licensed as private security services providers under Chapter 1702, Occupations Code.

Rep. Guillen agreed to this statement of legislative intent, which grants it the same status as statutory law for purposes of interpretation of the new law by the courts and state agencies. Rep. Hartnett’s statement of legislative intent thus constituted a key victory for TBFAA.

**Automatic Renewal of Contracts**

A major legislative victory for TBFAA was also achieved with respect to H.B. 2672 by Rep. Charlie Howard (R – Sugar Land), relating to restrictions on the automatic renewal of contracts. The bill as drafted was problematic in that it selectively allowed certain industries such as utilities and banks to remain outside of the bill’s scope, while simultaneously creating onerous burdens for many TBFAA members.

The language in the bill that would have restricted automatic renewals on a monthly basis had never been seen before by the home security industry in Texas. Moreover, the provision in the bill tying contract renewal to price increases would have jeopardized business continuity and profitability for any company.

McWilliams & Associates and I countered these bad provisions by drafting and offering a committee amendment to the bill that made its language applicable to all industries. The amendment was adopted over the objects of the bill’s author, Rep. Howard.

This strategy worked, as it had the practical effect of killing the bill. H.B. 2672 remained mired in the House Calendars Committee due to its new, broader scope and ultimately died there.
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Golf- Essentials of False Alarm Reduction

**Thursday– October 8th, 2009**
Classes, Essentials of False Alarm Reduction & Awards Dinner

**Friday– October 9th, 2009**
Updates, Classes, Membership Meeting, Trade Show & Casino Night

**Saturday– October 10th, 2009**
Farewell Breakfast & TBFAA Board Meeting

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At 11pm the casino night will end and participants will be able to use their winnings in an auction for valuable items. Donated items will be displayed during the casino night along with signage to recognize the contributor. Popular items in past auctions have included gift cards for retail stores or restaurants and tools, DVD players, remote controls and other electronics.

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State Representative Allen Fletcher will Keynote Annual Meeting

By: Brad Shipp, TBFAA

Representative Allen Fletcher, 54, serves the people of Houston area House District 130 in the Texas House of Representatives. Elected in 2008, Allen is president and CEO of Resource Protection Management (RPM), which offers asset protection to corporations to provide a full spectrum of security solutions for commercial, educational, governmental and residential customers.

Allen graduated with honors from both the Houston Police Academy and the East Texas Police Academy. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees in criminal justice from Sam Houston State University (SHSU).

Allen served in the Houston Police Department proudly for 21 years. He began his career in HPD as a uniformed patrol officer in 1977, eventually becoming a supervisor in the Office of the Inspector General. While holding this position, he was responsible for all criminal and administrative investigations of city employees and government contractors. He ended his service with the Houston Police Department in 1998.

Allen is a proud lifetime member of the Houston Police Officers Association as well as a lifetime member of the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas. Allen has been married for 30 years to his lovely wife Penny, and they have two daughters and a son. They are also proud grandparents of three girls.

Rodney Hooker Named 2009 TBFAA Person of the Year

By: Brad Shipp, TBFAA

Rodney Hooker, who became a member of TBFAA more than 18 years ago, will be honored at the TBFAA Awards Dinner on October 8th as the 2009 TBFAA Person of the Year.

As the TBFAA Legislative Chair and Vice President, Rodney’s exceptional efforts representing TBFAA in Austin have earned him awards and letters of appreciation from the Department of Public Safety. Rodney has worked tirelessly with the Private Security Bureau to deal with unlicensed alarm sales in Texas.

Rodney’s accomplishments include helping to form the TBFAA chapters in the Rio Grande Valley and Central Texas. He worked with the PSB to allow CEU credits for attendance at qualified membership meetings. As president of the Dallas County Burglar & Fire Alarm Association (NTAA), he led the fight to allow a special conversion period for the alarm industry to convert from 7-digit to 10-digit dialing plan. In the late 80s and early 90s, he actively worked on the RBOC issue in Washington DC.

Rodney has served TBFAA as Vice President and Legislative Chair for 6 years, 2 years as President and 8 years as board member. Rodney also helped to form the Gulf Coast Alarm Association that ultimately merged to become the Houston Gulf Coast Alarm Association. He also serves on the alarm management committee for the Texas Chief of Police Association.
Here’s just some of the many TBFAA Training Courses Available:

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- **Feb 12-13**: Dallas
- **Apr 16-17**: Houston
- **Jun 11-12**: Longview
- **Aug 13-14**: Dallas
- **Oct 22-23**: Houston
- **Dec 10-11**: Amarillo

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<td>Fire Updates- Mark Redlitz, TX State Fire Marshal’s Office- Learn about recent residential requirements, how fire officials view VoIP and more. Get your questions answered.</td>
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<td>TBFAA &amp; Legislative Updates- Dean McWilliams, McWilliams &amp; Associates &amp; Rodney Hooker, TBFAA Legislative Chair - Explore what may be on store for us in new legislation in the next legislative session. Learn about TBFAA’s plans and possible challenges.</td>
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<td>Instrument Training for Essentials of False Alarm Reduction – FARA Training</td>
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<td>Spouse Hospitality Suite- Meet with representatives from the hotel and visitors bureau to learn what the area has to offer. Meet other spouses to plan your own group activities.</td>
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Election Notice

The nominating committee has nominated a president to serve a two year term and 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 Friday October 9.

The nominees are:
- President: Chris Russell
- Vice President: Jeff Bright
- Secretary: Debi Ulmer
- Treasurer: Malcolm Reed
- Membership Director: Tracey Ritchie
- Training Director: Brian McKinney

Note: Regional Directors will be elected by members for the region who are present, the Associate Director will be elected by the associate members and representatives of the chapters and local associations are selected by their respective groups.
# TBFAA Annual Meeting Registration Form

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- **1-5pm**: Essentials of False Alarm Reduction  
- **8-9am**: Breakfast
- **9-10am**: Spouse Hospitality Suite
- **8am-5pm**: Essentials of False Alarm Reduction
- **10:30am- Noon**: Federal & State Tax Updates
- **Noon-1pm**: Lunch
- **1-2pm**: National Electrical Code  
- **2-3pm**: Code Update  
- **3-4pm**: Survive a Compliance Inspection
- **4-5pm**: Ethics
- **6-7pm**: Presidents Reception
- **7-10pm**: TBFAA Person of the Year Dinner

### Thursday 10/8

- **8-9am**: Breakfast
- **9-10am**: Spouse Hospitality Suite
- **8am-5pm**: Essentials of False Alarm Reduction
- **9-10:30am**: Estate Planning
- **10:30am- Noon**: Federal & State Tax Updates
- **Noon-1pm**: Lunch
- **1-2pm**: National Electrical Code
- **2-3pm**: Code Update
- **3-4pm**: Survive a Compliance Inspection
- **4-5pm**: Ethics
- **6-7pm**: Presidents Reception
- **7-10pm**: TBFAA Person of the Year Dinner

### Friday 10/9

- **8-9am**: Breakfast  
- **9-10am**: Spouse Hospitality Suite
- **9-11am**: Private Security Updates
- **10-11am**: Fire Updates
- **11am- Noon**: TBFAA & Legislative Updates
- **Noon-3pm**: Annual Meeting & Lunch
- **3-4pm**: Pre Exhibit Reception
- **4-5pm**: TBFAA Trade Show
- **6-7pm**: Presidents Reception
- **8pm-Midnight**: Casino Night  
- **7-10pm**: TBFAA Person of the Year Dinner

### Saturday 10/10

- **8-9am**: Farewell Breakfast
- **9am-1pm**: TBFAA Board Meeting & Lunch

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### Attendee Food Fee (Per Person)

- **Thursday Lunch & Reception, Friday- Continental Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner and Saturday- Continental Breakfast**
- **Class**: $500
- **Presidents Reception**: $1900
- **Friday Breakfast**: $1350
- **Friday Lunch**: $2200

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**Annual Person of the Year Dinner**

- **Single seat - Member**: $25
- **Non-Member**: $45
- **Table for 8**: $160

**Sponsorships**

- **Class**: $500
- **Presidents Reception**: $1900
- **Friday Breakfast**: $1350
- **Friday Lunch**: $2200
- **Saturday Breakfast**: $1350
- **Member Lunch**: $4500

**Sponsor Amount:**  
- **Donations of any amount are welcome**

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Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP)

Another bill of note for TBFAA during the 81st Session was S.B. 2492 by Sen. Robert Deuell (R – Greenville), relating to requiring notices prior to certain activities involving Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) telephone service.

I drafted and brought forth the initial language of the bill and worked with McWilliams & Associates to tailor it into language that Sen. Deuell would carry.

The required notices under the bill included various information about the emergency response system and the notifications that should be provided to the customer’s emergency response system provider or alarms system company.

Although the bill didn’t progress, it was a symbolic victory because the bill’s filing raised awareness of an issue that needs to be addressed.

Camera Systems

Other activity this session focused on the original language regarding camera systems that was brought forth by TBFAA in the form of H.B. 4137 by Rep. Stephen Frost (D – Texarkana), relating to licensing requirements for persons who sell, install, service, monitor or respond to certain camera systems.

That bill was considered in a public hearing at which TBFAA registered its support and distributed talking points and educated legislators on the merits of the bill.

The result of that effort was favorable, as H.B. 4137 was voted favorably by the House Committee on Public Safety.

However, the bill got caught in a logjam of House Bills waiting for floor consideration in early May, and was not placed on the House General State Calendar before the deadline for floor action on House Bills had already passed.

Anticipating that this would be the case, McWilliams & Associates and I, immediately began working to amend the language of H.B. 4137 onto another bill that was moving: H.B. 2286 by Rep. Joe Driver (R – Garland), relating to the regulation of the business of private security.

Unlike H.B. 4137, H.B. 2286 was placed on the House General State Calendar on May 11th and therefore offered hope of serving as a vehicle for the camera language.

TBFAA and McWilliams & Associates worked quickly with Rep. Frost’s and Rep. Driver’s offices to prepare a Texas Legislative Council draft floor amendment that would accomplish that goal.

However, due to the tremendous backlog of bills in a session that set a record for total number of bills filed, H.B. 2286 was not considered before the deadline for floor debate on House Bills had passed.
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Bob Valance, TBFAA Golf Chairperson

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