178th Semi Annual Convention Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2026
10:00 AM
Host: Moffat VFD
Temple, Texas

1. Meeting called to order by President Rick Isaacks
2. Invocation delivered by Chaplain Scott Benson
3. President Rick Isaacks led the Pledge of Allegiance
4. 2nd VP Brian Falkenberg welcomed the membership to Moffat and introduced State Representative Brad Buckley (House District 54).
5. State Representative Brad Buckley addressed the membership. He encouraged departments to build direct relationships with their state representatives, discussed the growing service and funding demands facing rural Texas as counties (rather than annexing cities) absorb population growth, and offered his office's assistance with legislative and grant matters.
6. Secretary Alvin Fail conducted the roll call.
    a. Past Presidents - 4
    b. Departments - 8
7. A motion was made by Kurt Jasinski and seconded by Terry Broome to accept the minutes from the 177th Semi Annual Convention. The motion passed.
8. 2nd VP Brian Falkenberg announced the Dollar Bill Drawing.
9. President Rick Isaacks announced a district fundraiser: district-logo glass beer mugs to be sold, with proceeds benefiting the association.
10. President Rick Isaacks announced the following committee appointments:
    a. Resolutions Committee – Cody Gerik
    b. Constitution & Bylaws Committee – Brian Falkenberg
    c. Poster Contest – Reese Fail
    d. Pumper Races – Reese Fail
    e. Credentials/Registration – Alvin Fail
    f. Audit Committee – Rodney Hall
    g. Golf Tournament – Alvin Fail
11. 4th VP James Moseley introduced the vendors present: Greg Atkinson of Heat Safety Equipment LLC and Charlie Williams of IDEX.
12. Charlie Williams (IDEX) presented information on IDEX's SAM automated valve/pressure system and the SAM Boost grant-fundable retrofit for quick-attack lines.
13. 4th VP James Moseley introduced the SFFMA Executive Board members who were present. 4th VP Rick Isaacks, and Assistant Secretary Logan Thompson.
14. SFFMA 4th VP Rick Isaacks (CTFFMA President) gave an update on the SFFMA.
    a. Staffing updates at the state office, including new membership and certification support staff and a contractor hired to support conference planning.
    b. Reminder that SFFMA membership runs January 1 through December 31, illustrated by a recent line-of-duty case in which a lapsed department membership caused a family to miss SFFMA benefits.
    c. Reminder to keep VFIS beneficiary forms current and on file.
    d. Update on the 150th SFFMA Training Conference, June 11–14 in Waco, including hotel availability, registration deadlines, and a revised schedule

(training Friday–Saturday; business meetings conclude Saturday; memorial service and departure Sunday).
    e. Pumper races at the state conference were canceled this year due to City of Waco permit costs.
    f. Reminder on delegate registration requirements and the shift to portal-based credentialing.
    g. TEEX registration is open for summer training schools.
    h. Update on Texas Forest Service 26-04 grant funding, including additional appropriated funds, and an anticipated legislative focus this session on statewide radio interoperability.
    i. Announcement of a bid opportunity for the state office's 16-ft cargo trailer, open to districts May 1–22.
    j. Request for photos and materials for the SFFMA yearbook project and for help locating missing historical convention proceedings (1876–1930s).
    k. Announcement of a 150th-anniversary conference coin, with a request that each district contribute $100–150 toward production costs.
15. Assistant Secretary Thompson reviewed the six proposed SFFMA amendments (posted at sffmatx.org under the conference page):
    a. Amendment 1 – cleans up membership-type and dues-structure language.
    b. Amendment 2 – formally establishes the Education & Travel Grant Committee in the bylaws and funds it through a conference raffle.
    c. Amendment 3 – removes the “chief officer” requirement for Combination Department Committee representation.
    d. Amendment 4 – changes convention voting eligibility from five delegates per department to one vote per paid, in-good-standing member present.
    e. Amendment 5 – merges the Finance and Credentials Committees into a new Administrative Committee.
    f. Amendment 6 – allows the Site Selection Committee to accept multi-year convention host bids.
16. Kevin Creamer (SFFMA staff) reported on a state SAFER-funded grant providing up to $2,000 per department (or per individual) to cover SFFMA dues; distributed information on Crackle magazine subscriptions and the recruitment/retention kit; and requested assistance locating historical convention proceedings for the state archive.
17. TEEX / Certification Report
    a. Brian Scheffer provided updates regarding:
        i. NFPA 1010 changes are in progress for Firefighter I/II and Driver/Operator certifications, with a targeted implementation date of January 1.
        ii. Encouraged departments to use the SFFMA portal for testing scheduling, equivalent-training submissions, and skills testing.
        iii. Update on Master Firefighter certification: seven approved, two in process.
        iv. Announced upcoming courses: common passenger vehicle rescue (May 29–31, Elm Mott), TEEX fire school (Teague, July 12–17), an industrial fire school, and the SFFMA municipal fire school (July 19–24).
        v. The certification board continues meeting regularly and working to maintain reciprocity with TCFP.
18. Guest Speaker – Guest speaker Greg Atkinson (Heat Safety Equipment, grant department liaison) addressed the membership on no-cost grant-writing assistance available to departments and offered to help the district pursue grant funding.
19. Old Business –
    a. Constitution & Bylaws update (Assistant Secretary Thompson):
        i. Reported that the association's previous tax-exempt status had lapsed.
        ii. Recommended forming a new 501(c)(3) entity rather than attempting to revive the old one, including renaming the organization from “Central

Texas Firemen's and Fire Marshals Association" to "Central Texas Firefighters and Fire Marshals Association" to align with the state association's name.

iii. Presented a full draft revision of the Constitution & Bylaws (expanding from 9 to 17 pages), including updated membership classifications, added flexibility for electronic/hybrid meetings, consolidation of the Resolutions Committee's duties into the Constitution & Bylaws Committee, phase-out of the district poster competition and "Miss Flame" references, formalized dues-delinquency and removal procedures, and updated voting eligibility (one vote per paid member present).

iv. Discussion followed among Alvin Fail, Terry Broome, Brian Falkenberg, Jim Maurtz (Lott VFD), Brian Scheffer, and guest Greg Atkinson regarding the legal process for establishing a new entity versus amending the existing bylaws, and the two-reading requirement for adoption.

v. Consensus was reached that this presentation constitutes the first reading. A special electronic (Teams) meeting will be scheduled with fire chiefs and interested members for a second reading and vote, with the goal of completing the process before the Fall meeting. No formal motion or vote was taken.

b. The Executive Board previously approved a $1,200 district sponsorship for coffee and refreshments at the memorial service at the SFFMA state convention.

20. New Business
    a. Firefighter and EMS Responder of the Year program (Assistant Secretary Thompson): presented a streamlined nomination packet aligned with the state (VFIS) application and a new timeline – nominations open January through February 28, the district committee selects a winner by Spring Convention, and the district submits to the state ahead of the state's May deadline.
    b. Secretary Alvin Fail requested department volunteers to fill open SFFMA state committee positions before the roster is submitted.
    c. The state office's 16-ft cargo trailer bid opportunity was discussed; the district determined it had no use for the trailer and took no action.
    d. A motion was made and seconded to commit $100–150 toward the SFFMA 150th-conference challenge coin. The motion passed.
21. Committee Reports
    a. Resolutions Committee – Secretary Alvin Fail presented a resolution thanking the Moffat Fire Department for hosting the Convention.
    b. Audit Committee – Past President Rodney Hall reported that an audit was conducted on the checking account and no issues were found.
    c. Outreach Committee – Colton Brown reported contacting 210 departments, primarily by email, with minimal response.
    d. Registration/Credentials Committee – 3rd VP Reese Fail reported the following attendance.
        i. 8 – CTFFMA Fire Departments
        ii. 0 – Out of District Fire Departments
        iii. 4 – CTFFMA Past Presidents
        iv. 2 – SFFMA Executive Board Members/Staff
        v. 2 – Vendors
        vi. 4 – Special Guest
        vii. 26 – CTFFMA Members
        viii. 3 – Spouses
        ix. 1 – Kids under 12yrs
        x. 50 total attendees
        xi. Attendance Trophy – Burton FD
        xii. Mileage Trophy – Burton FD
    e. Constitution & Bylaws Committee – No Report

22. 2nd VP Brian Falkenberg announced the winner of the Dollar Bill Drawing was Larry Johnson.
    a. Total collected was $92, split evenly: $46 to the winner and $46 to the host department, Moffat FD.
23. Announcements from floor:
    a. President Rick Isaacks reminded members of the Texas Forest Service's annual public input meeting on August 26 in College Station regarding TFS 26-04 grant and training-fund allocations, and encouraged department attendance to advocate for higher per-class training-fund caps.
    b. Candidates for SFFMA 4th Vice President addressed the membership ahead of the June state convention election: James Longbrake (Fire Chief, Pond VFD; Captain, City of Grapevine; North Texas District) and Kelsey Trotter (Captain/Paramedic, City of Longview; Past President, Northeast Texas District).
24. Site Selection:
    a. Blue VFD volunteered to host the Fall 2026 meeting, September 26–27. A host for the Spring 2027 meeting is still needed.
25. Chaplain Scott Benson delivered a closing prayer.
26. A motion was made by Kurt Jasinski and seconded by Brian Falkenberg to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

Attendance

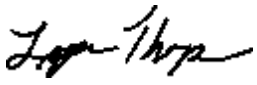
CTFFMA Executive Board

1. President Rick Isaacks
2. 1st VP Cody Gerik
3. 2nd VP Brian Falkenberg
4. 3rd VP Reese Fail
5. 4th VP James Moseley
6. IPP Rodney Hall
7. Secretary Treasurer Alvin Fail
8. Assistant Secretary Treasurer Logan Thompson
9. Chaplain Scott Benson

CTFFMA Past Presidents

1. Terry Broome
2. Alvin Fail
3. Rodney Hall
4. Kurt Jasinski

Respectfully submitted.



Logan Thompson
CTFFMA Assistant Secretary/Treasurer