

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY FIRE INVESTIGATION TASK FORCE

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Brown County Fire Investigation Task Force was held on Thursday, September 10, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., at the Brown County Sheriff's Office, 2684 Development Drive, Green Bay, WI.

Present: Brad Brodbeck, Rob Goplin, Alan Matzke, David Poteat, Brandon Dhuey

Excused: Derek Beiderwieden, Glenn Deviley, David Lasee

Item #1. Adoption of the Agenda.

A motion was made by Matzke and seconded by Dhuey to adopt the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Item #2. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting.

A motion was made by Dhuey and seconded by Matzke to approve the minutes from the meeting on June 11, 2020. **Motion carried.**

Item #3. Report of General Membership Coordinator.

Dhuey reported that the Task Force was called out to three fires since the last meeting.

07-11-20 S. Webster Ave., De Pere

07-27-20 Piggly Wiggly, Howard

09-03-20 Edgewater Beach Rd., Scott

Dhuey stated a 12-year-old in Howard lit a couch on fire, but the Task Force was not requested. He feels the juvenile could have been put in the juvenile firesetter program.

Dhuey stated that DCI and DA Lasee are working together on the Bellevue apartment complex arson from June.

Dhuey stated the September General Membership meeting as well as both the spring and fall IAAI conferences were canceled due to COVID, so there is money in the budget for other training. He stated there is an interview/interrogation class being offered in October in Onalaska at \$150 per person. He wanted to know if the Board would approve the fee and possibly also the hotel room for four nights for anyone interested. He didn't feel many would sign up for it. He stated it is needed for FIT certification and that members need training hours due to conferences/classes being canceled because of COVID. He also stated the Knowledge 1 program has three self-paced online classes at \$60 per exam which also count toward training hours.

A motion was made by Goplin and seconded by Matzke to approve reimbursement for the registration fee and hotel for up to four members who wish to attend the IAAI interview and interrogation training. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Goplin and seconded by Matzke to approve reimbursement for three tests at \$60 each through the Knowledge 1 self-paced online program for any Level III or IV investigators if completed by the end of the year. **Motion carried.**

Dhuey stated that Howard Fire now has a fire marshal's office and will be handling anything that is non-criminal. They are in the process of getting it up and running. Because of this, there will be less calls for the Task Force.

Item #4. Financial Report.

Brodbeck reported the balance in the budget is \$22,828.90, so there is money that can be spent on training. Dhuey will check into any equipment that is needed.

Item #5. Old Business.

A. Disposition of Case Proceedings.

None.

Item #6. New Business.

None.

Item #7. Report of Juvenile Firesetter Program Coordinator.

Dhuey reported no juveniles are in the program at this time.

Item #8. Other Matters.

Dhuey noted that Greg Dougherty had asked to step up to a Level IV investigator and is doing a great job.

Item #9. Set Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, December 10, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., at the Brown County Sheriff's Office.

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Item #10. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Matzke and seconded by Dhuey to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 a.m. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Laurent  
Recording Secretary