



February Mystery Guest and Topic

Don't worry! It won't be RCFAAA Past President Rick Wilder giving his infamous discussion on the Laws of Thermodynamics. Come and find out what IS in store for us.

The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Richardson Fire Department Training Center on February 24, 2015. WE MUST HAVE RSVPs by noon Friday February 20th at CFAAARSVP@gmail.com.



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President's Message

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Fellow Members,

The 2015 Richardson Fire Department awards banquet was a great success and a gracious thank you is extended to Debbie Conard and Alicia Marshall for their continuing effort to organize this event rewarding the firefighters. A special portion of the ceremony involved the Citizen's Lifesaver Award for citizens acting in emergencies to perform life-saving CPR in the crucial moments prior to EMS arrival.

As part of the CFAAA's effort to prepare citizens with CPR skills, February's CPR class for Richardson citizens put the heart in Valentine's Day with a full class and large number expected for the First Aid class on February 21.

Also on February 21 is the annual TCFAAA Chiefs' Forum hosted by the Plano PFRA at the Plano Emergency Operations Center. The Forum provides an interesting update on the state of member Citizen's Fire Academy Alumni Associations and departments as provided by the chiefs along with a chance for members to interact with the chiefs.

The next CFA class begins March 21. As Alumni we all recognize the fun and value of the CFA program. Please encourage those you know to sign up for the class. Your assistance with class logistics or serving as a mentor is always welcome and insures success. Contact Alicia Marshall to help with the CFA classes.

Finally, it is with great sorrow to report the passing of RFD Chief Danny Roberts on February 9, 2015 in Tyler, Texas. Chief Roberts joined the Richardson Police Department in 1978 as a police officer before moving up to the Richardson Fire Department in 1986. Please lift up Chief Roberts' family in your prayers.

Travis Day



Advisor's Message

What's Happening at the Richardson Fire Depart-



Richardson Fire Department - Breakdown of structure fires and other fires and incidents for 2014:

- 194 Total Fires.
- \$3.3 million in fire loss.
- 7,378 Emergency Medical Responses.
- 855 False Alarms.
- 40 Mutual Aid Responses Given.
- 174 Hazardous Materials Responses.
- 218 Other Hazardous Responses (arching wires, bomb threats, power lines down etc.).
- 994 Other Responses (lock-outs, smoke scares etc.).

Total For ALL Incidents - 9,853.

The RFD experienced 11 Fire Service Injuries and 2 civilian injuries.

Trash Bash is Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 0900-1:00 PM.

Citizens Fire Academy Class 20 begins March 12th. If you know someone who would like to attend, have them complete an application (online) and forward the application to the fire department.

Wildflower Festival is May 15-17, 2015.

Thanks to Alicia Marshall and Debbie Conard for assistant in the 2015 RFD Awards Banquet.

THANKS to the CFAAA for their support of the RFD Awards Banquet.

One final note, we are all saddened for the unexpected loss of one of our own, Battalion Chief Danny Roberts. He will be truly missed!

Steve Dossett



The 2015 After the Holidays Holiday Party



Photos courtesy of John Shea.



The Presents



Stealings, nothing' more than Stealings!





TCFAAA Asks “What has our CFAAA has done throughout the year to support the Fire Dept. and the Community?”

The Chiefs' Forum is Saturday February 21, 2015. The location is at their EOC building located behind Station #12 at Coit Rd & Parker Rd in Plano. The driveway entrance is between Station 12 on Parker Rd and the McDonalds at the NW corner of Parker & Coit. 8:30 am breakfast snacks, 9:00 am meeting.

Richardson has 6 Fire Stations including new replacements at Stations 2 & 4 recently. We also moved into the New Fire Training Center/ Emergency Operations Center/Backup 911 Dispatch Center last year.

On the question "What does our CFAAA do to support the Richardson Fire Dept. and the City?", here is our list.

CFA Classes - March to May 10 weeks each year. We facilitate each class, help with clean-up, and assist at the Graduation dinner.

FIRE 1 Rehab Team - We provide Team Volunteers, Drivers, help with clean-up and restocking supplies.

Fundraising - We host several Fundraisers at restaurants, Ice Cream Shops to raise funds for the Annual RFD Awards Banquet, our Annual Scholarship Program, and special needs for the RFD like the Sparky outfit.

Annual RFD Awards Banquet - We help raise money and get prizes by contacting local businesses and vendors. We also help with letter mailing.

After the Holidays, Holiday Party - We help with set-up and clean-up.

Annual Christmas Parade - We plan and decorate a Reserve Engine using the current theme, we have members ride and walk with our entry along the parade route each year.

Santa's Village at the Civic Center- We help decorate the Fire House and Santa's Village. We have volunteers each night helping the firefighters put Bunker Gear on the kids as they come through the Fire House.

Safety Fairs/Safety Days - We help with Safety Fairs, and provide members at the Annual 4th of July Family Celebration at Breckinridge Park each year. We Bring FIRE 1 Rehab vehicle and provide "Hands Only" CPR instructions to Richardson residents. We also help with the Fire Safety House Trailer when it is at school and church events.

CPR Team - This is our newest program to support the Fire Dept. We provide training to become a AHA CPR certified instructor or member. We teach CPR at RFD and CFAAA events, and we teach "Hands Only" CPR to individuals and company groups as needed.

Reunion Picnic/Joint Picnic - We help plan and organize the annual summer picnic for past CFA Class Graduates, and a Joint Picnic in the Fall with the CPAAA (Police) group and our RCFAAA (Fire) members. We help with set-up, grilling hot dogs, and hamburgers, and clean-up.

Annual Scholarship Program - We provide an Annual Scholarship to an RFD FF family member to

TCFAAA continued.

New Training Center "Walk of Honor"- We did a fundraiser to help pay for the Bronze FF Statue at the New Fire Training Center by selling engraved Bricks at \$50 each that are now part of the walkway at the entrance. The engraved Bricks could "Honor" a family member, Retired or Fallen Firefighters, or any other special person.

Wildflower Festival - We provide volunteers for the RFD First Aid Booth/Tent during this annual event in May each year.

Trash Bash - We have a Table set-up inside the Civic Center for citizens to get info about Fire Safety/ Fire Prevention, and applications for our CFA classes.

Asst. Chief Steve Dossett is the RFD Liaison to our CFAAA Group. Everything we do to support the Richardson Fire Dept. and serve the citizens of Richardson is done under his authority and approval.

2015 Trash Bash! **Saturday, April 18th 2015**

It's "Trash Bash" Time Again! The City of Richardson is excited to announce the annual environmental event which will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2015. It's easy to register and a fun way to spend time with family, friends or coworkers or just enjoying some alone time. Plus where else can you get a little exercise and keep the community beautiful at the same time?

This event is held with the Keep Texas Beautiful "Great American Clean Up". The Richardson Trash Bash started in 1993 and continues to grow each year.

Groups meet at their designated areas around 9 a.m. When done, bring your filled bags to City Hall at 411 W Arapaho and put them in the containers provided. Plan to be at City Hall at least by 11:00 a.m. when the festivities begin. Lunch is provided, plus exhibitors, a children's area, a jazz band and door prizes. If you cannot bring the bags to City Hall, leave them on location. If you choose to leave them on location, let them know where you left them when you sign out.

If you have books or clothing to donate, a donation area is on the west side of city hall to drop them off. Or if you need some compost you can pick up 2.5 cu yards on the East side of city hall. There is plenty of parking available this year as the document shredding and electronics recycling hosted by CPAAA is located in the parking lot at the First United Methodist Church.

For the RCFAAA, Steve Jennings is chairing our contribution. We will be cleaning Cottonwood Park. If you are interested in participating, contact Steve.

Alicia Marshall is looking for some inside help at the Civic Center for Trash Bash.

RFD Awards Banquet—Feb 6, 2015

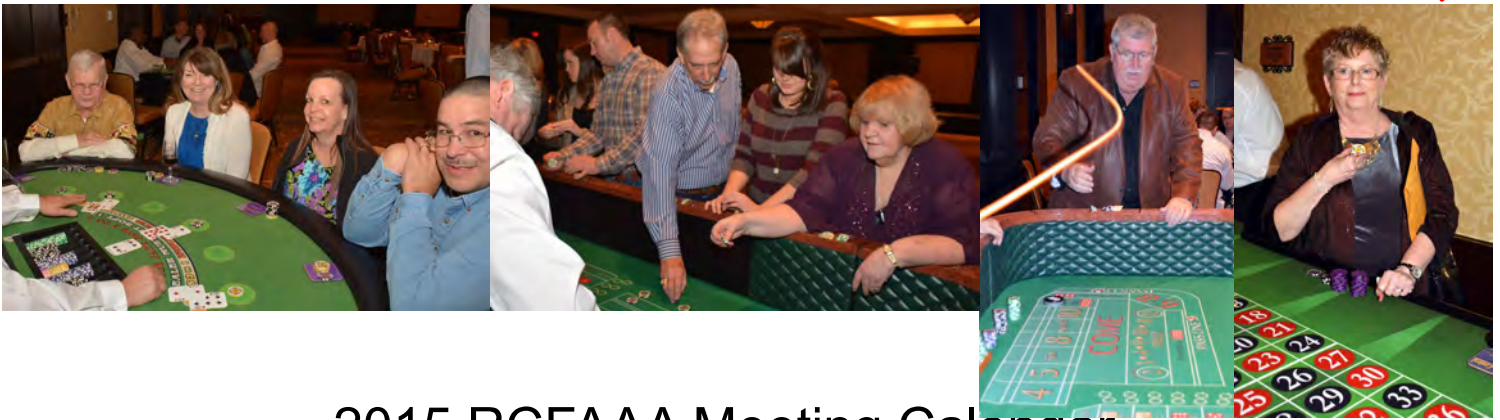


Photos courtesy of Debbie Conard and John Shea.



Survivors and their Rescuers





2015 RCFAAA Meeting Calendar

Board Meeting

January 20

February 17

March 24

April 21

May 19

June 23

July 21

August 18

September 22

October 20

November 10

December 15

General Meeting

January 27 (After Holiday Holiday Party)

February 24

March 31

April 28

May 26

June 30 (Reunion Picnic)

July 28

August 25

September 29 (Joint Picnic)

October 27

November 17 (Board Elections)

(no General Meeting)

Events

RFD Awards Banquet 2/6/2015

CFA Class 20 starts 3/12./2015

TCFAAA Grapevine 04/11/2015

Trash Bash 4/18/2015

Wildflower 5/15-17/2015

CFA Class #20 Graduation 5/21/2015

Fourth at Breckenridge 7/4/2015

Christmas Parade & Santa's Village
12/5/2015

Clothing Orders

Click the below link to go to the clothing order web site page.

https://www.racereach.com/form.php?storeitem_id=14972

Notes:

For women's shirts, order two sizes larger as they run small.

Once you have a shirt embroidered, you can't send it back.

Funeral of Chief Danny Roberts

Fire Chief Danny Roberts died February 9, 2015. Danny joined the RPD in 1978 as a police officer, and then joined the fire department in 1986. He was much loved and well respected.



Photos courtesy of Debbie Conard.

CPR Notes

The CPR team completed a CPR class January 10th and February 14th. Classes are advertised on NextDoor and have filled quickly. Reviews have been great. "I feel this course was the best", "I liked the one to one personal attention and coaching while doing CPR", "Method with a video/ demonstration and practice was very helpful". The only negative comment was the ratio of student to manikin. Several commented the need for more manikins. Great job to the CPR team!

Irene Redwine



Photos courtesy of John Shea



CITIZEN FIRE ACADEMY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Dues Statement

PLEASE PAY THE FOLLOWING ITEM

Invoice Year: **2015**

RCFAAA

Phone: 972-744-5750

c/o Richardson Fire Department

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136 N. Greenville Avenue
Richardson, TX 75081

Date	Type	Description	Amount Due
	Dues Renewal	Calendar year 2015	
		Total	

Thank you!

Terms: Please pay upon receipt of this statement.

REMITTANCE: (Please complete this section)

DATE: _____

AMOUNT: _____

YOUR CANCELLED CHECK IS YOUR RECEIPT.

Please print:

NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ ALTERNATE PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Check below type of membership: Can we include your information in the members directory: Yes___ No___

\$12.50 – Discount this year until January 1, 2015 _____

\$25.00 – Single One Year _____

\$45.00 – Single Two Year _____


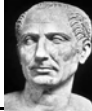

\$65.00 – Single Three Year _____



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The mission of the Richardson Citizen Fire Academy Alumni Association (RCFAAA) is to function in an auxiliary capacity to assist, promote, and support the Richardson Fire Department through service, education and recognition.

March 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 	9	10	11	12 CFA #1	13	14
15 	16	17	18	19 CFA # 2	20	21 
22	23	24 Board Meeting	25	26 CFA # 3	27	28
29	30	31 General Meeting				

We're on the Web at: <http://www.cor.net/index.aspx?page=180>.

COMING EVENTS—MAR 2015—APR 2015

- March 12, 2015: First CFA class starts.
- March 19, 2015: Second CFA class.
- March 24, 2015: Board Meeting.
- March 26, 2015: Third CFA class.
- March 31, 2015: General Meeting.
- April 2, 2015: Fourth CFA class.
- April 9, 2015: Fifth CFA class.
- April 18, 2015: Trash Bash.
- April ??: Telecommunicators Week
- April 21, 2015: Board Meeting.
- April 28, 2015: General Meeting.

Fund-Raising and Speakers:

If you have any ideas for fund-raising, please send them to Veronica Day.

If you have any suggestions or leads on speakers for our monthly meetings, please send them to Alicia Marshall.

CFAAA Board Meetings

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| January 20, 2015 | July 201 2015 |
| February 17, 2015 | August 18, 2015 |
| March 24, 2015 | September 22, 2015 |
| April 21, 2015 | October 20, 2015 |
| May 19, 2015 | November 10 2015 |
| June 23, 2015 | December 15, ,2015 |

"Board meetings are open to any CFAAA member. They are held **Tuesdays** at **6:30 P.M.** in the conference room at the Admin Building on Greenville Avenue."

