TEXAS FIRE MARSHAL CONFERENCE

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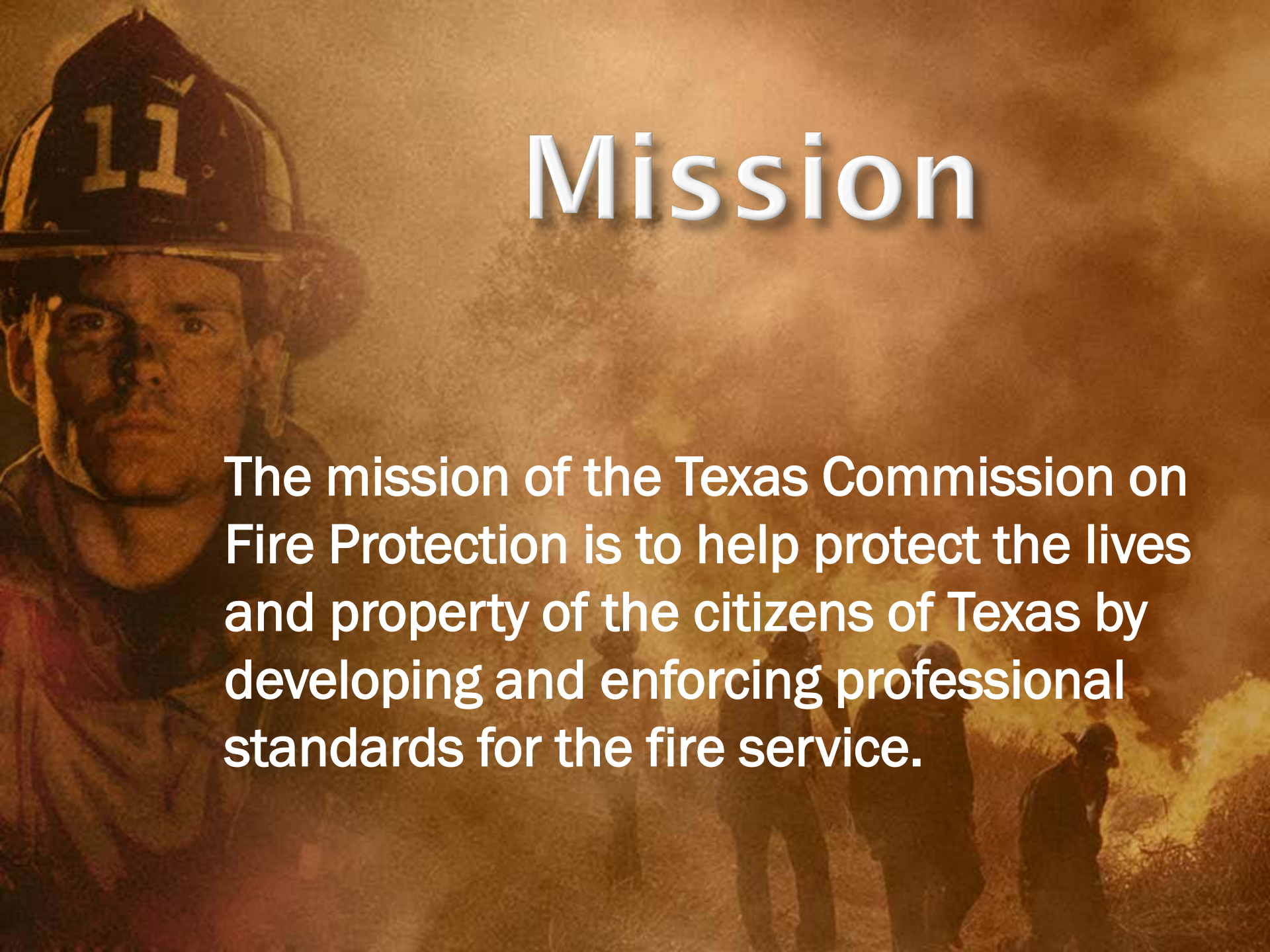
TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION



Mission

The mission of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection is to help protect the lives and property of the citizens of Texas by developing and enforcing professional standards for the fire service.

Authority
The Commission's authority:
Chapter 419 of the Texas
Government Code

Goals of the Commission

Two major goals:

Provide education and assistance to the fire service

- Fire Protection Resource Library
- Injury Reporting

Enforce statewide fire service standards

- Curriculum
- Certification of training facilities
- Training approval and testing
- Certification of personnel
- Standards compliance

Certifications

Certifications offered by TCFP

- Fire Suppression
- Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighter
- Marine
- Inspector
- Fire/Arson Investigator
- Instructor
- Fire Officer I & II
- Hazardous Materials Technician
- Driver/Operator
- Head of Department
- Wildland Fire Protection
- Incident Safety Officer

TCFP Certifications Coming Soon

- Fire Officer III and IV
- Hazardous Materials Incident Commander

- Curricula and rules approved by Curriculum and Testing Committee and Advisory Committee
- To be presented to Commissioners at next meeting

Required: Inspector Certifcation

- Texas Government Code **§ 419.909**
  - **House Bill No. 3866**
  - **Effective September 1, 2011**
  - *Career / Part-time / Volunteer*
    - *INSPECTORS MUST BE CERTIFIED*
- TCFP- certified Inspector required for:
  - Inspections or enforcement of: **FIRE** codes, ordinances or laws
- Certified Inspector NOT required for:
  - Pre-firing planning / fire company surveys

Head of Department

- **Texas Administrative Code Title 37**
- PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS Part 13
- TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION Chapter 449

- **RULE §449.5**
  - **Minimum Standards for Certification as Head of a Prevention Only Department**

If "Fire Prevention / Fire Marshal's Office" is an independent entity with a separate FDID number from the Fire Department and the individual in charge is appointed as the Head of the Department and supervises individuals, then certification as Head of Department is required.

…now that I have it, how do I keep it?

- Current proposal: 18 hours of CE required per year, with an additional 2 hours per assigned discipline
  - i.e., 18 plus 2 for inspector and 2 for investigator etc.
  - Hazmat Tech requires additional 8 hours of Tech – level CE
  - Wildland requires additional 4 hours CE

- **LIMITS ON USING TCLEOSE & EMS for CE**

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- What do I do with it?
  - Department : Keep CE on file
  - Individual certificate holders: Keep CE on file
    - Both are subject to audit
- A single fee renews ALL certifications held
- All now have October 31st renewal date

Validation of Credentials

- International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) seals
- Third-party validation of the State of Texas testing for certification
- Summer 2013: Accreditation Review

Doing Business On-line

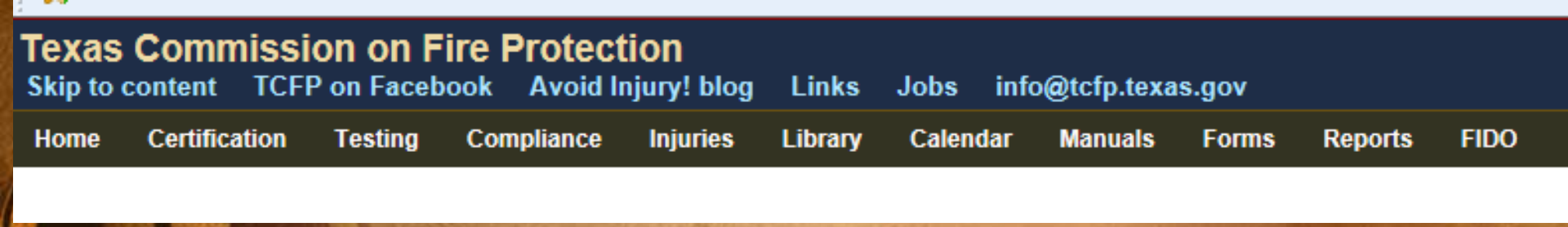
Renewal:

- Payments by ACH or check

Course Approvals: December

Testing: January

Applications: Late 2013



Contact & Websites

- Texas Commission on Fire Protection
  - **http://www.tcfp.texas.gov/**
- TCFP on Facebook
  - **http://www.facebook.com/pages/Texas-Commission-on-Fire-Protection/178213491471**
- *Avoid Injury!* A blog from TCFP
  - **http://www.tcfpblog.blogspot.com/**

Regional Map

Region 3 – Lamar Ford

Region 2 – Larry Whitis

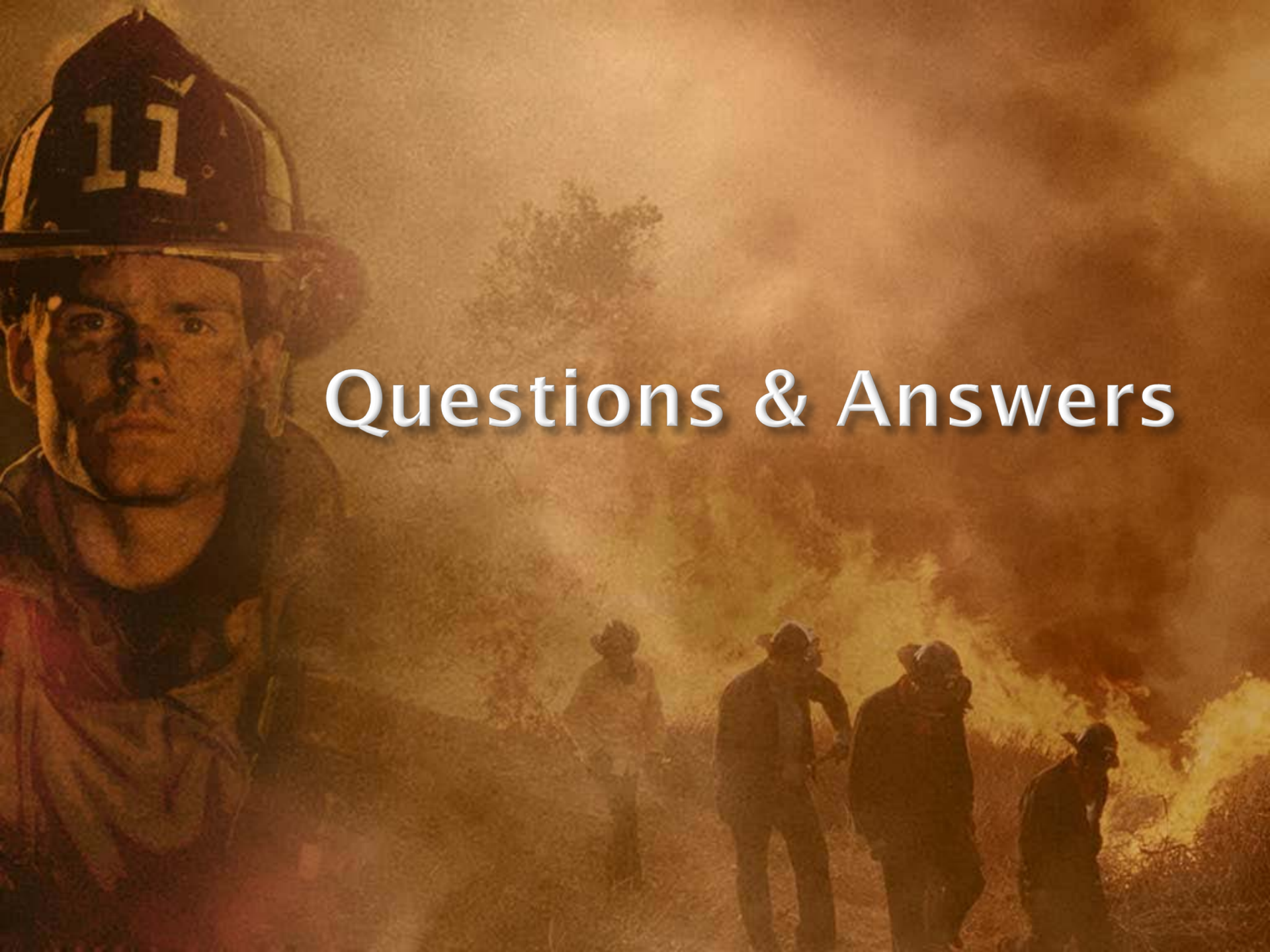
Region 4 – Bob Manly

Region 5 – Fred Green

Region 6 – Ed Russell

Region 7 – Tim Gardner

Region 1 – Vacant


Questions & Answers