

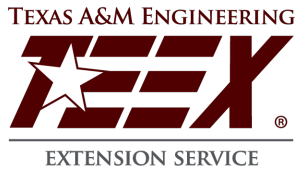
2026 South Texas Fire Investigators Association Conference

City: South Padre Island, Texas
County: Cameron
When: November 18 – 20, 2026 – Registration and Check-In start at 7:00a
Where: Isla Grand Hotel (2nd Floor Conference Area)
Fee: \$350.00 Payable to – The South Texas Fire Investigators Association – RGV
Must pay on the first day of class - (Payment Questions – POC listed below)
 Training may be eligible for Texas A&M Forest Service training tuition assistance
[FireConnect](#). Application process can be found at [TexasFD.com](#).
Registration: Register Online with TEEX - <https://tinyurl.com/2ybep3p>



Course	Day / Time	*REQ	Objectives/Description	Hrs.
2026 South Texas Fire Investigators Association – RGV <u>Fire Investigation Track</u>	Wednesday November 18, 2026 8:00a – 5:00p	0	Analyzing the Validity of the Tools Utilized in Fire Investigations - Dr. Gregory E. Gorbett, PhD, CFEI, IAAI-CFI, CFPS – Professor Eastern Kentucky University & Fire/Explosion Analyst - Tommy Sipsy, Doctorate in Forensic Science Chief Fire & Explosion Investigators Group - Richard W. Jones Jr. – Chief Fire Investigator, Forensic Investigators Group	8
2026 South Texas Fire Investigators Association – RGV <u>Fire Investigation Track</u>	Thursday November 19, 2026 8:00a – 5:00p	0	Analyzing the Validity of the Tools Utilized in Fire Investigations	8
2026 South Texas Fire Investigators Association – RGV <u>Inspector Track</u>			Suppression System Inspections: What to Look For - Gerald Bonham	8
2026 South Texas Fire Investigators Association – RGV	Friday November 20, 2026 8:00a – 12:00noon		Preparing Fire Investigation Reports for Submission to the District Attorney - Edward A. Sandoval	4

***ESTI Student Safety Manual** PPE requirements for levels (0-5). Classes are subject to change and/or cancellation.



Course Description: Join us for the annual STFIA Conference, where fire professionals / Inspectors and investigators from across Texas will gather to enhance their skills, exchange knowledge, and engage in hands-on learning.

For more information: Jorge A. Mata Jr. – Fire Marshal – Cell (956) 680-4164

Checks Payable to: Enter Checks Payable to – South Texas Fire Investigators Assoc. - RGV
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(Include department and student names with payment.)

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