

Austin Area Chapter Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

President's Corner

Tracy Bohmer, CFE, CPA

We had an outstanding meeting last month! There were 57 attending (a record number) and nearly all seemed pleased with the facility. The Board has decided to have all of our meetings and seminars at this location.

Catfish Parlor Restaurant
4705 E. Ben White

Note: You can order non-fried food. Just let them know when you order.

The Board is finalizing the details for our fall seminar. We have a great lineup of speakers. The Seminar is planned for Wednesday, December 9th at Catfish Parlor Restaurant (same location as our luncheons). Be sure to check our website <http://www.austinacfe.com> for current info and upcoming events and get registered!

It is also time to begin thinking about scholarships again, so inform Glyn Rogers or any Board member if you know of a candidate.

If any of our members have attention-grabbing information or articles to share, let us know so we can add them to the newsletter.

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Chapter Meeting Schedule

Time: 12:00 to 12:50 p.m.
Lunch served promptly at 11:45 a.m.

Location: Catfish Parlour
4705 E Ben White Blvd

Cost: Luncheon Only:
\$12.00 – Chapter Member and
Non-Chapter Member

This Month's Meeting

Date: October 5, 2009

Speaker: Dr. Suzanna Dana
Central Texas Autopsy PLLC

Topic: "Cases from the Forensic Files of Dr. Dana"

Dr. Dana will discuss some of her more interesting cases in her 26 year career as a forensic pathologist.

Warning - "Actual autopsy photos will be shown during this presentation."

Register on line: <http://www.austinacfe.com/>
or

call 512-923-8656

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What You Missed

By Mike Garner, CFE, CIA



Terry McMahan
Sept speaker

If you were not one of the 57 that were able to attend the September 14, 2009 chapter meeting, you missed a presentation on "Investigations at the University of Texas at Austin" by Mr. Terry

McMahan, Assistant Chief of Police, University of Texas at Austin. Assistant Chief McMahan has been in Law Enforcement for 24 years and holds a BS in both Chemistry and Math from UT at Permian Basin. He served at UT Permian Basin as Chief of Police for 10 years before moving to UT Austin and has served there as Assistant Chief for the last nine years. He holds a Masters and an instructor certification from TCLEOSE and graduated from the FBI National Academy and West Point Leadership Academy.

Assist Chief McMahan said that he usually goes by the Mark Twain quote that it is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt, but that he has made an exception so as to make this presentation. He started his presentation by discussing how incidents had caused university law enforcement to change over the years. On August 1, 1966 when Charles Whitman killed 14 and wounded 31 from the UT Tower, causing the emergence of the SWAT Team. SWAT when developed in 1968 originally stood for Special Weapons Assault Team but because this sounded too much like a military unit the name was changed to Special Weapons and Tactics Team.

The Columbine High School massacre in Colorado on April 20, 1999 was an event that showed a weakness in SWAT tactics and police response that caused a change in university law enforcement. Instead of being taught to wait for the SWAT team to arrive, street and university officers have received training and weaponry to take immediate action during incidents that clearly involve suspects' use of deadly force. Street officers were increasingly being armed with rifles, and issued heavy body armor and ballistic helmets, items traditionally associated with SWAT units. The idea is to train and equip street officers to make a rapid response to so-called active-shooter situations. In these situations, it is no longer acceptable to simply set up a perimeter and wait for SWAT.

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The Virginia Tech massacre was another school shooting consisting of two separate attacks approximately two hours apart on April 16, 2007, that took place on the campus of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) in Blacksburg, Virginia. The perpetrator, Sueng-Hui Cho, killed 32 people and wounded many others before committing suicide. The massacre is the deadliest peacetime shooting incident by a single gunman in United States history, on or off a school campus. This incident help change the tactics to better ensure the crime scene was safe before any investigative action is considered.

He also discussed the Oklahoma City bombings and the incidents of September 11, 2001 as changes to better communication between law enforcement agencies (local, state, and federal).

Assistant Chief McMahan then turned his presentation to the emergence of White Collar crime and the history of how prevention and investigation of these crimes progressed from the early 1990s until today. In the early 1990s as this crime was emerging both the preventive and investigative responsibilities were assigned to Internal Audit at UT. As the crimes became more sophisticated it was necessary to get other departments and law enforcement involved resulting in a Crime Prevention Unit. The emphasis matured to a teamwork approach that includes risk management, training and awareness, and investigations. He discussed some of the concerns and investigations that UT is currently involved including falsifying, counterfeiting, and selling tickets to sporting and other events; prevention measures and dealing with threats of bombs and other potential disasters at events; internal fraud; etc.

Assistant Chief McMahan closed with what is being emphasized by UT security. There is so much at stake that security is of utmost importance. If a significant incident does take place, it will hurt those involved; those in the collateral area; the University, the Community, the State, the Nation, and the world. Therefore, they have at least three rings of security that includes up-to-date best practices training and clear communication and coordination with all available law enforcement and governmental support agencies. Although he feels that UT, Texas, and local law enforcement is well prepared, they must continue to get better to stay ahead of the bad guys because there is so much at stake for everyone.

Speaker's Biography Dr. Suzanna Dana



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Dr. Dana has been practicing forensic pathology since 1983, serving as a Medical Examiner in both Bexar and Travis County until 2006 when she left government employment to establish a private medical practice -- Central Texas Autopsy, PLLC – in Lockhart, TX. She is only the second private physician in Texas to establish a private medical practice that specializes in the performance of autopsies.



Gilbert Mokry receiving his CFE certificate
at the September meeting

The Spotlight's On You!

A special feature focusing on members of the Austin Area Chapter of ACFEs

Michael Lang has been a member of the
ACFE

for the past 2 years.

But maybe you didn't know...



Job Description:

Criminal Fraud Investigator

What I'm working on now:

A major IKE related fraud scheme

Best part of my job:

Obtaining a conviction of suspect.

Ambition and/or Goals: To transition from Associate member to a full fledged CFE and to continue to battle fraud.

Years in audit field/ with State:

3 Years as a criminal fraud investigator

My first job:

Cutting grass/Newspaper delivery

Hobbies:

Keeping abreast of current events and technology.

Favorite Movie:

Glory

Last books I read:

Fair Tax Plan

Favorite foods:

Tex-Mex

Favorite Restaurants:

El Arroyo

My pet(s):

None

It's a good day when:

An indictment is handed down for a case that I have worked.

Pet Peeves:

Lack of cooperation of witnesses/victims.

What I would do with a surprise afternoon off:

Relax at home

I'm most proud of:

Service to my country in the military and community as a law enforcement officer.

Most people probably don't realize:

How much insurance fraud affects their lives. Nationally, insurance fraud costs consumers an estimated \$150 billion annually, an average of nearly \$1,000 per family each year in additional insurance premiums and added costs to consumable goods.