

- 3. Discussion and possible action on the review of appointments (and appointees) to the fire fighter advisory committee.**

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Texas Commission on Fire Protection
Attn: Chris Connealy, Presiding Officer
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Austin, TX 78768-2286

Dear Mr. Connealy:

After much consideration it is with regret that I must withdraw the Letter of Support for Deputy Chief Amado Cano, Jr., to serve as an Advisory Board member of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. This decision is based on the fact that the McAllen Fire Department is striving to achieve a better ISO rating than what we presently have. This endeavor will require a full commitment of time from Deputy Chiefs, especially the Training Deputy Chief, which is the position Amado Cano presently fulfills.

The City of McAllen Fire Department has been very supportive in the commitment of Deputy Chief Cano's position on the Advisory Board for the past four (4) years. Through its support, we feel that our city has contributed tremendously to the Commission's regulation of standards for Firefighters in the state of Texas.

I hope the Commission understands the City of McAllen Fire Department's position regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rogelio Rubio
Fire Chief

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cc: Gary L. Warren, Sr., Executive Director
John Soteriou, Director of Standards

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT STATEMENT

The City of McAllen does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age and handicapped status in employment or the provision of services.

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Fire Fighter Advisory Committee Matrix**

Candidate Name	Rank	Paid, Volunteer, or Combination Department	Fire Department Affiliation	Active or Retired	Certification Level	Discipline	Years of Experience	Certifying Entity	Previous Service on Commission Committee	Verified	Letter of Support (Chief)
1 Chris Alexander	Firefighter Paramedic	Paid	Allen	Active	Intermediate	Structure Fire Instructor II Fire Officer I Driver/Operator	5	TCFP	No	Yes	Yes
2 Gilbert T. Bennett	Captain	Paid	Houston	Active	Advanced	Structure Fire Instructor II	30 14	TCFP TCFP	No	Yes	Yes
		Volunteer	Rosehill	Active							
3 Efrem Zimbalist Burns	FF/Paramedic	Paid	LaMarque	Active	Intermediate Intermediate Basic	Structure Fire Investigator Fire Inspector Fire Instructor III Fire Officer I Fire Officer II HazMat	7 3 2 6.5 3.5 3.5 2	TCFP TCFP TCFP TCFP TCFP TCFP	No	Yes	Yes
	Asst. Fire Chief	Volunteer	Stafford								
4 Christopher Celaya	Division Chief	Paid	El Paso	Active	Master Basic Basic	Structure Fire Investigator Fire Inspector Fire Instructor III Fire Officer I	20 6 9 17 7	TCFP TCFP TCFP TCFP TCFP	No	Yes	Yes
5 Alan Dillon	Instructor	Paid	TEEX	Active	Advanced	Structure Fire Instructor I Driver/Operator HatMat	20 14	TCFP TCFP TCFP	No	Yes	Yes
	F&R Officer		Killeen	Retired							
6 Tim Gardner	Battalion Chief	Paid	Mansfield	Active	Advanced Advanced Advanced	Structure Fire Investigator Fire Inspector Fire Instructor III Fire Officer I Fire Officer II Driver/Operator	23 11 13 11 3 1 1	TCFP TCFP TCFP TCFP TCFP TCFP TCFP	No	Yes	Yes
7 Stephen C. Green	Firefighter	Paid	Lewisville	Active	Master	Structure Fire Instructor III	13 10	TCFP TCFP	No	Yes	Yes
	FF/Instructor	Volunteer	Aledo								

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8 Michael Paul Jones	Lieutenant	Paid	Burluson	Active	Advanced	Structure	12	TCFP	Yes	Yes	Yes		
						Fire Instructor III	9	TCFP					
						Fire Officer I	3	TCFP					
						Fire Officer II	1	TCFP					
						Driver/Operator	8	TCFP					
Haz/Mat	8	TCFP											
9 Richard Craig Kolls, Jr.	Training Officer	Paid	Kyle	Active	Advanced	Structure		TCFP	No	Yes	Yes		
					Advanced			Aircraft				TCFP	
					Advanced			Fire Instructor II				TCFP	
	Assistant Chief	Volunteer	Chisholm Trail			Driver/Operator		TCFP					
10 Mark R. Moellenberg	Battalion Chief	Paid	TCESD #2	Active	Advanced	Structure	13	TCFP	No	Yes	Yes		
					Advanced			Fire Investigator				3	TCFP
					Intermediate			Fire Inspector				4	TCFP
								Fire Instructor II				9	TCFP
								Fire Officer I				3	TCFP
	Fire Chief	Volunteer	WCESD#2										
11 Monty Owens	District Chief	Paid	Amarillo	Active	Master	Structure	24	TCFP	Yes	Yes	Yes		
					Basic			Aircraft				15	TCFP
								Fire Instructor II				17	TCFP
								HazMat				10	TCFP
12 William (Bill) Palya	Fire Chief	Combination	Bonham	Active	Advanced	Structure	30	TCFP	No	Yes	Yes		
								Fire Instructor III				25	TCFP
								HazMat				9	
13 Eduardo (Lalo) Rodela	Lieutenant	Paid	El Paso	Active	Master	Structure	21	TCFP	Yes	Yes	Yes		
					Basic			Aircraft				12	TCFP
								Fire Inspector I				<1	TCFP
								HazMat				6	TCFP
14 Patrick Shipp	Fire Chief	Paid	Webster	Active	Advanced	Structure	10	TCFP	No	Yes	Yes		
					Basic			Fire Investigator				3	TCFP
					Basic			Fire Inspector				3	TCFP
								Fire Instructor II				6	TCFP
								Fire Officer I				6	TCFP
								Fire Officer II				6	TCFP
								HazMat				7	

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15 Clayton Dale Skinner	Training Chief	Paid	Euless	Active	Master	Structure	21	TCFP	No	Yes	Yes	
						Fire Instructor III	10	TCFP				
						HazMat	10					
16 Robert Louis Smith, Jr.	Lieutenant	Paid	OrangeCoESD#1	Active	Intermediate Basic	Structure	3	TCFP	No	Yes	Yes	
						Fire Investigator	3.5	TCFP				
						Fire Instructor I	0.5	TCFP				
						HazMat	14					
17 Columbus Stutes, III	Fire Chief	Paid	Terrell Hills	Active	Master Master Master	Structure	31	TCFP	No	Yes	Yes	
						Fire Investigator	28	TCFP				
						Fire Inspector	12	TCFP				
						Fire Instructor I	18	TCFP				
18 Steven Paul Tonick	Lieutenant	Paid	Grand Prairie	Active	Master Master	Structure	23	TCFP	No	Yes	Yes	
						Fire Investigator		TCFP				
						Fire Instructor III	2	TCFP				
						Fire Officer I	2	TCFP				
19 James Richard Townsend	Fire Chief	Volunteer	Forney	Active	Master	Structure	31	TCFP	No	Yes	Yes	
						Fire Instructor II	21	TCFP				
20 Chris Watson	Battalion Chief	Paid	Austin	Active	Master Basic Basic	Structure	20	TCFP	Yes	Yes	Yes	
						Fire Investigator	1	TCFP				Fire Instructor
						Fire Inspector	9	TCFP				Ad-Hoc
						Fire Instructor III	9	TCFP				Fire Officer
						Fire Officer I	8	TCFP				Ad-Hoc
						Fire Officer II	8	TCFP				