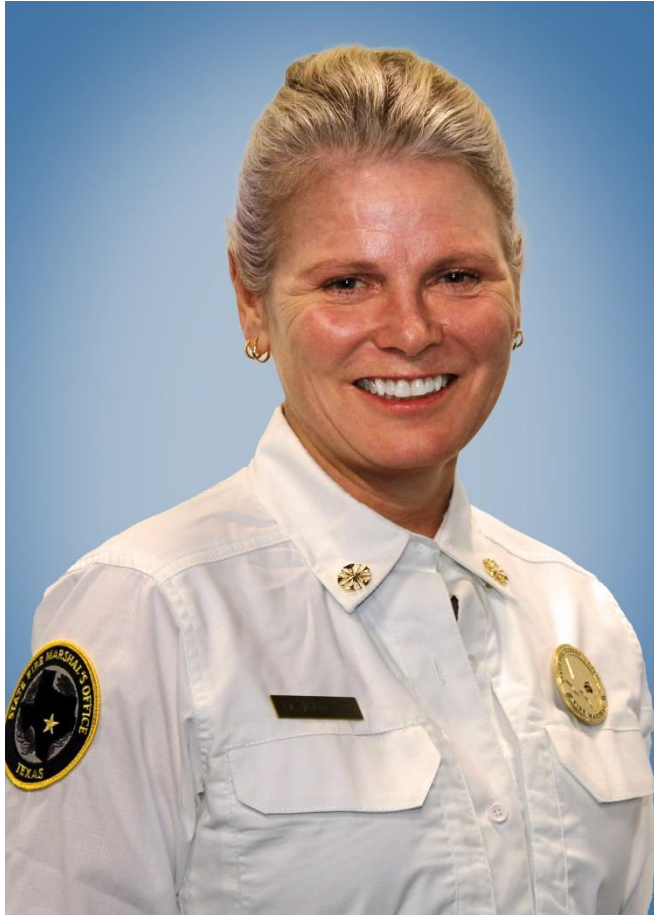




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Prevention • Education • Protection

# Chief Debra Knight



- State Fire Marshal
- Doctor of Jurisprudence – South Texas College of Law
- Colonel, United States Army – Retired in 2014
- FEMA Region VI Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer
- Former Deputy Commissioner – Compliance and Investigations, Division of Worker's Comp
- 30+ years of experience in administrative and criminal law, and insurance and compliance analysis.



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# Assistant Chief Chuck Allen



- Bachelor's Degree from West Texas A&M in Emergency Management
- Master's Degree from Grand Canyon in Leadership with Emphasis in Disaster Preparedness and Executive Fire Leadership
- Master Fire Inspector and Fire/Arson Investigator
- Master Peace Officer
- Certified Fraud Examiner
- Former County Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Coordinator
- Over 30 years of public safety (Municipal, County, and State)
- TFMA-Board of Directors and Assistant Chaplain
- IFMA Codes and Standards Committee



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# Deputy Chief-Investigations- David Rives



- Master Peace Officer
- Advanced Arson Investigator
- Basic Fire Inspector
- Certified Fraud Examiner
- Certified Master Trainer through the North American Police Work Dog Association
- Certified Detection Canine Instructor with U.S. Customs and Border Patrol
- National Association of Fire Investigators Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator and Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator
- Over 23 years of public safety experience, 20 years with the SFMO

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# Deputy Chief-Inspections- Kelley Stalder



- Forensic Engineer for SFMO
- Registered Professional Engineer - Texas
- Master Structural Firefighter
- Advanced Arson Investigator
- Advanced Fire Inspector
- Over 33 years of public safety experience, 15 years with the SFMO
- Former Commissioner and Presiding Officer for the Texas Commission on Fire Protection



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# Deputy Chief of Administration - Eric DeArmitt



- Advanced Fire Investigator
- Advanced Fire Inspector
- Advanced Structural Firefighter
- Certified Fire Plans Examiner
- Served on various local / industrial / county / state emergency response teams
- Education includes Fire Science Technology, Fire Protection Engineering, and Fire Service Administration
- Over 28 years of public safety experience (Fire/EMS), including service in the US Army.
- Oversees SFMO Licensing Administration, NERIS/TXFIRS, and is the PPC Oversight Officer

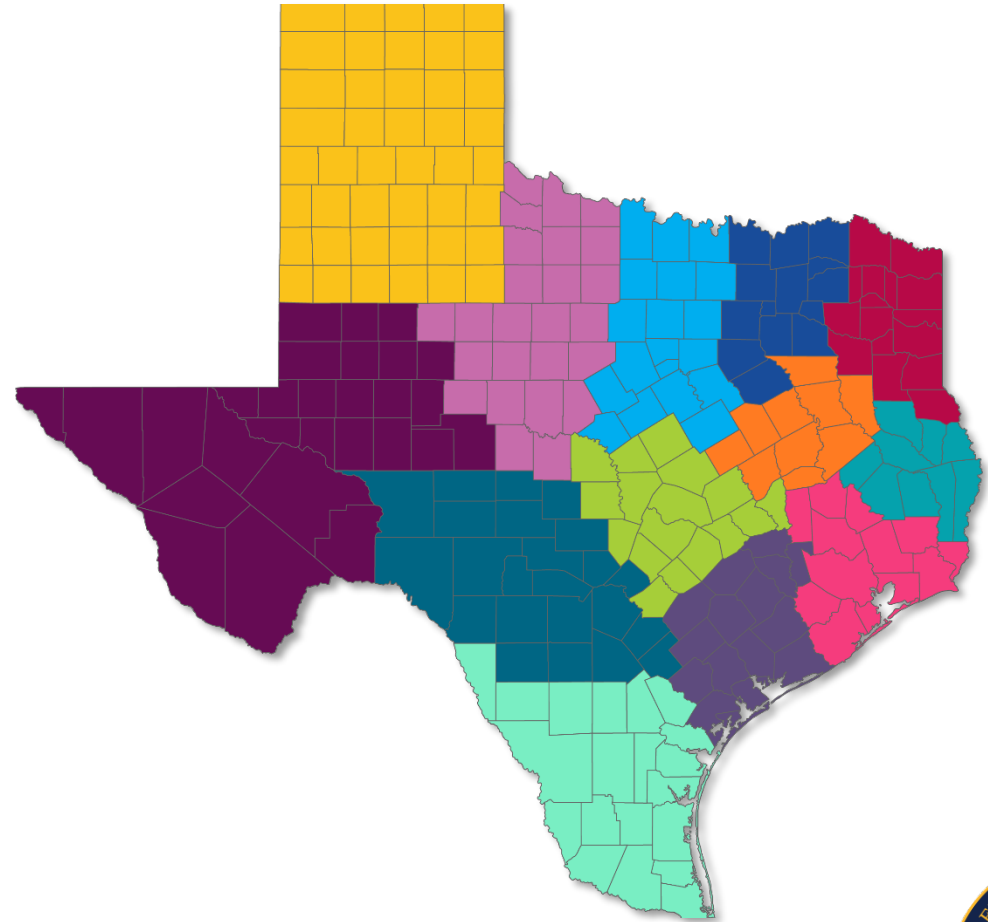
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# Mission and Function

## Mission

The Texas State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) will reduce the loss of life and property caused by fire through prevention, education, and protection.



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# Overview

- FFF Investigations
- License FP industry
- Investigations
  - Fire
  - Licensee
- Inspections
- PPC-oversight
- TXFIRS/NERIS

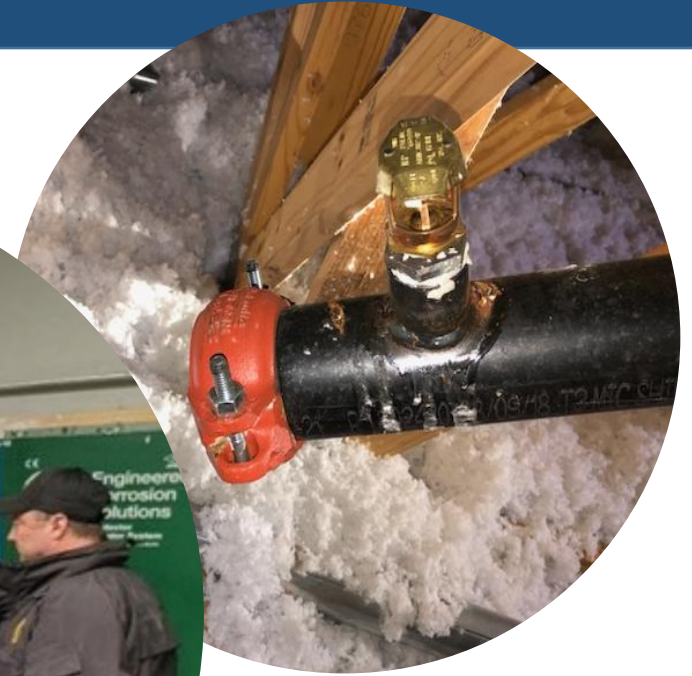
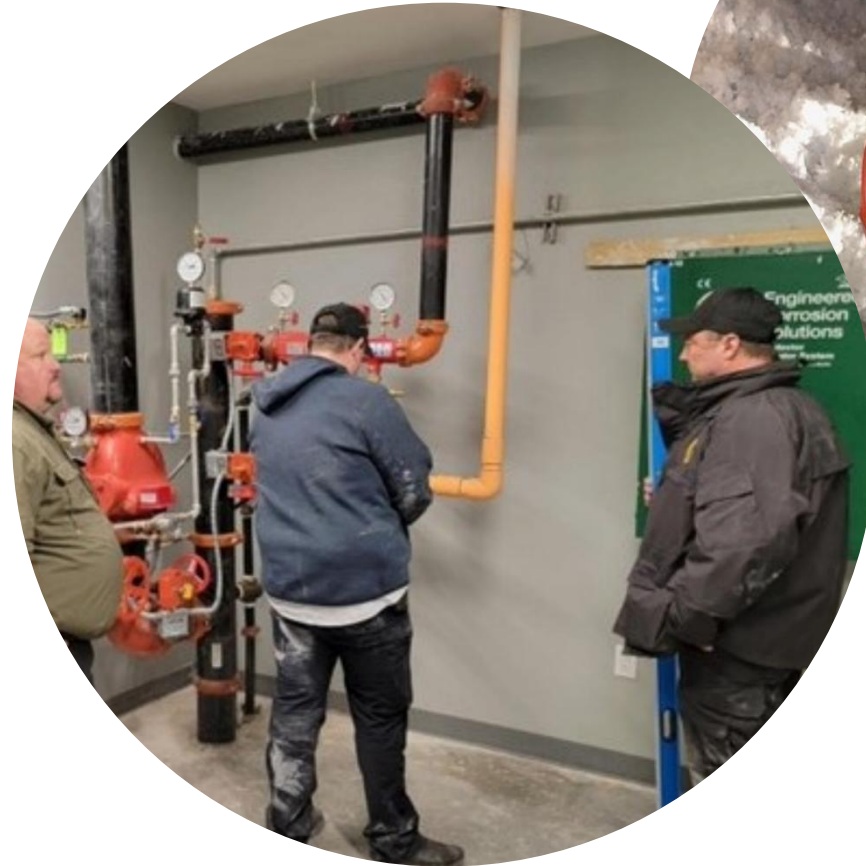
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# Licensing Investigations

SFMO has seven (7) licensing investigators stationed around the state to investigate fireworks industry companies and companies licensed to perform fire equipment service to ensure the equipment is properly installed and complies with adopted standards and state law.



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# Fire Investigations

SFMO has 15 fire investigators stationed around the state responsible for conducting fire and explosion investigations with the authority to enter fire scenes, examine evidence, collect testimony, and collaborate with local fire departments, law enforcement agencies, and authorities having jurisdiction.



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# Ignitable Liquid Detection Canines

SFMO has five (5) ignitable liquid detection canine teams stationed around the state.

The canine teams locate and collect evidence from fire scenes and assist with scene safety, diagramming, on-scene interviews, fire debris removal, and fire pattern analysis.

All SFMO canine units hold certifications for accelerants from the North American Police Work Dog Association and SFMO. They are recertified annually.



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# Fire Safety Inspections

SFMO has 12 inspectors stationed across the state who are responsible for inspecting all state-owned or leased buildings including colleges and universities.

SFMO inspectors also conduct fee-based inspections child/adult day cares; licensed foster homes, nursing homes, assisted living facilities; schools, industrial facilities, hospitals, city/county jails.



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# FY 26 Data

- LODD-Opened 6 investigations
- Licensing Administration-Issued 8,934 permits/licenses
- Licensing Investigations-250 cases initiated
- Fire Investigations- 1,068 investigations initiated (only had 511 last year)
- Fire Inspections- 3,448 building inspections

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# We Are The State and Here to Help!

- Fire Investigations
  - Canines
  - Drones
  - Inspections
  - Licensing Investigations
- 
- Consider us the Texas Rangers of Fire Science and Life Safety

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# FIREFIGHTER

# FATALITY

# INVESTIGATIONS

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# Firefighter fatality investigations



If a firefighter dies in the line of duty or if the firefighter's death occurs in connection with an on-duty incident in this state, the state fire marshal shall investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of the firefighter, including any factors that may have contributed to the death of the firefighter.

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# Firefighter fatality investigations



Report all deaths involving firefighters, no matter how long it has been. Let us decide what meets the criteria for us to complete a statutorily required report. These can be from suicide, medical, or other. If you have someone who collapses or gets injured on a scene, immediate notification to 512-676-6780 or 512-417-7443 (Chief Allen) is imperative.

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# Firefighter fatality investigations

We are having reports made to our office for suspected FFFs weeks after the death. Often the individual has already had their funeral. It is difficult to gather information and facts. One may have resulted in criminally negligent homicide but took a lot of interviews and interagency coordination to create the report.



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# Firefighter fatality investigations



Critical Injuries- Notify us and let us determine to the extent we will create a report. It is mandatory you notify TCFP, and we always communicate with each other when one or the other gets notified of a critical career ending injury.

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# SFMO Response

- Receive Notification
- Notify TCFP/TxLODD TF
- Determine response
  - Suppression/Accident/Medical
  - Origin and Cause
  - Chief Leadership
  - Tactics Review Team Need
- Joint Investigation



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# SFMO FFF Tactics Review



- Current Metro Departments (Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Austin, Houston, and El Paso)
- Non-Metro, ESD, Volunteer, Combination
- Developing procedures and expectations

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# SFMO FFF Investigation

- Simultaneous investigations
- Tactics Review Team
- Search Warrant-Right of Entry
- Autopsy
- Report Process
- Review Process
- Publication



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# FY 26 Firefighter Fatality Investigations

- 6 REPORTED DEATHS

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# Firefighter fatality investigations

- 512-676-6780- Main
- Chief Chuck Allen  
512-417-7443
- Chief Debra Knight  
512-567-8482



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PUBLIC  
PROTECTION  
CLASSIFICATION

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# Public Protection Classification (PPC)

PPC is a countrywide classification system used by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) to grade a community's local fire protection.

This grade may be used to set property insurance rates.

The PPC oversight officer approves/disapproves rating recommendations, mediates complaint resolutions, and provides technical assistance to departments.



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# SFMO PPC Oversight Section

Oversees PPC surveys statewide.

Monitor ISO's evaluation process and submittals.

Mediates appeals.

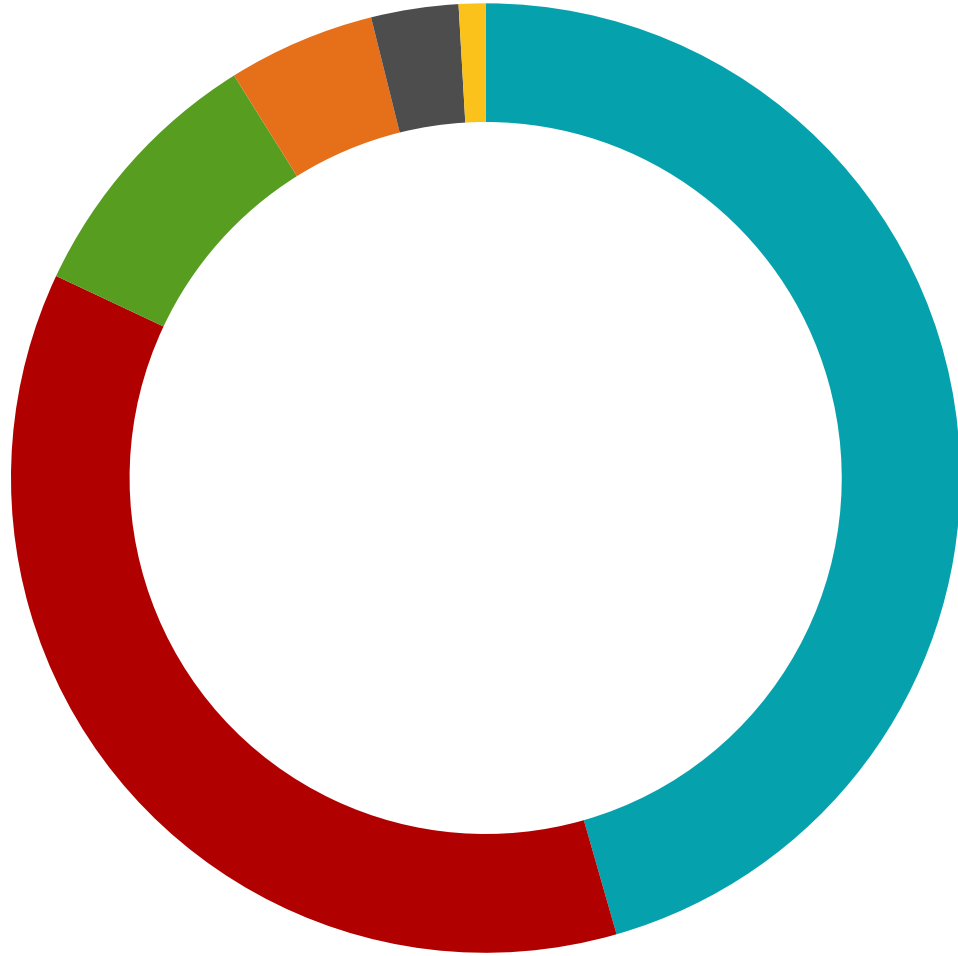
Approve/disapprove assessment criteria and findings.

Assists fire departments and municipalities.

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# Fire Suppression Rating Schedule



- Maximum points by category

Type	Points
Fire departments	50.00
Water supply and distribution	40.00
Emergency communications	10.00
Community risk reduction	5.50
Texas exception: training*	3.26
Texas exception: compressed air foam system	1.00

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# PPC Updates

Verisk is the parent company of ISO

Register for ISO's free platform – Mitigate

Submit updates to ISO at anytime

ISO will contact communities 6 months out

ISO's retrogression improvement plan

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**Schertz Fire Department and  
Vector Solutions  
Presents**

**The ISO Grading Schedule  
A Guide to Improving Your Community's  
Fire Protection Class**

Recommended For:

Fire Department Personnel      City Officials  
Communication Center Officials      Water Utility Officials

This course will take an in depth look at the grading schedule. Whether you have just completed your survey and have questions on the results, looking to improve your PPC score, or preparing for your next evaluation, this class will help you identify what steps are needed to make that happen.

The course is taught by ISO's PPC Field Team - Jeff Edwards, Chris Cardin and Greg Lippe.

This course will be a great opportunity to understand how to improve the score for your community, gain a better understanding of the ISO process, and receive the newest updates from ISO.

*Seats are limited to 50 so register today!*

Date:  
One day only:  
April 30, 2026  
9:00AM – 4:30PM

Location:  
Schertz Civic Center  
Blue Bonnet Room  
1400 Schertz Pkwy.  
Schertz, TX 78154

Registration:  
To ensure we have sufficient space for what we expect will be a large turnout, please register by April 15, 2026.

To register, scan or contact:

ben.boney@schertztx.com  
619.229.1302



Fire Marshal Ben Boney  
E: [bboney@schertz.com](mailto:bboney@schertz.com)  
P: (210) 619-1302

Cost to attend:  
Free – Lunch will be provided on site by Vector Solutions!



**Weatherford Fire Department and  
Fire Engineering Training  
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*Seats are limited to 50 so register today!*

Date:  
One day only:  
May 13, 2026  
9:00AM – 4:30PM

Location:  
Weatherford Fire Dept.  
614 Fort Worth Hwy.  
Weatherford, TX 76086

Registration:  
To ensure we have sufficient space for what we expect will be a large turnout, please register by May 1, 2026.

To register, contact:  
OPS Chief Wes McBride  
E: [wmcbride@weatherfordtx.gov](mailto:wmcbride@weatherfordtx.gov)  
P: (682) 229-2504

Cost to attend:  
Free – Lunch will be provided on site by Fire Engineering Training!



# PPC Update

- Shortfalls:
- Training (number of hours per year and type – minimum 12 hours per member per year and must be structure fire related - if in doubt, reference it under a JPR from NFPA 1001/1010 for FFI or FFII)
- Water supplies (Tanks, Ponds, Mutual Aid Tenders vs. AutoAid Tenders)
- Deployment (Apparatus and personnel)
- Documentation, documentation, documentation – If it isn't written/recorded, it didn't happen!! Also, be truthful with documentation. Checking to see if a keyset is in a Knox Box at a business does not count as 3 hours of structural fire training – this has been attempted...

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# PPC FAQ's

- Q: What is a fire suppression rating?
- A: It's a way to measure how well a community can respond to residential structure fires. The rating looks at things like emergency communications, the fire department's staffing, equipment, structural fire training, and the water supply system, including the inspection and flow testing of hydrants and a careful evaluation of the amount of available water compared with the amount needed to suppress fires.

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# PPC FAQ's

- Q: Why does this information have to be filed with the Texas Department of Insurance?
- A: Because insurance companies use fire protection ratings when setting property insurance premiums. Texas law requires that any rating system used for that purpose be filed with and overseen by the state to make sure it's applied fairly and consistently.

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# PPC FAQ's

- Q: Why can a private company like ISO rate a community?
- A: Texas law allows insurance companies to rely on outside organizations to collect data and apply a standardized scoring system. ISO is one of those organizations. Even though it's a private company, the rating system it uses is regulated by the state.

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# PPC FAQ's

- Q: What is the role of the Texas State Fire Marshal?
- A: The Texas State Fire Marshal works under the direction of the Insurance Commissioner to review fire protection ratings for compliance with state rules. The office also provides technical assistance to fire departments and communities to help them understand the rating process and identify ways to improve fire protection.

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# PPC FAQ's

- Q: Does the State Fire Marshal set insurance rates or assign the grades?
- A: No. Insurance companies set rates. The PPC class itself (for example, Class 1 through Class 10) is developed and recommended by ISO using the FSRS. The State Fire Marshal does not calculate the FSRS score but reviews and either approves or disapproves ISO's recommended classification for regulatory use in Texas. Insurers may then use the approved PPC classification, along with their own underwriting and rating models, when determining eligibility and premiums. The State Fire Marshal neither sets policyholder premiums nor determines whether a specific insurer will give credit for an improved PPC grade. The State Fire Marshal's role is oversight and compliance — making sure the process follows Texas law.

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# PPC FAQ's

- Q: Do communities have to provide information to ISO?
- A: No. Communities are not legally required under Texas law to provide information to ISO or any other advisory organization. Participation in an ISO fire protection survey is voluntary. However, insurers may rely on fire suppression ratings as supplementary rating information when setting insurance premiums. If a community does not participate or does not provide complete information, the advisory organization may assign a rating based on available public data or limited verification, which may not fully reflect the community's fire protection capabilities and can result in a less favorable classification. As a result, many communities choose to participate to ensure the rating accurately reflects their level of fire protection.

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# TEXFIRS/NERIS

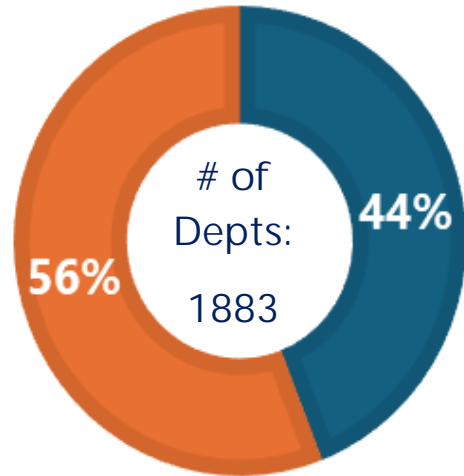
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# Texas NERIS Onboarding Status

## TEXAS REPORTING STATUS

■ Reporting: 830    ■ Not Reporting: 1,053



\*As of 4/13/2026

Total Reported Incidents

701,692

Total Departments Reporting

830

Total Users

3,621

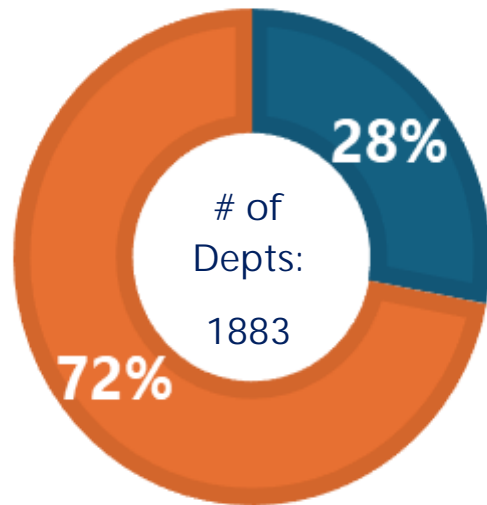
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# Texas NERIS Onboarding Status

## VERIFIED/CONFIRMED STATUS

■ Confirmed: 537    ■ Unconfirmed: 1,346



\*As of 4/13/2026

Total Confirmed Departments

537

Confirm your department's data in NERIS to become verified.

- Basic HQ information
- department boundaries
- department stations
- unit details and staffing attributes

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Is your department fully onboarded?

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# Onboarding

Fully Onboarded = Confirmed/Verified + Reporting

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# Onboarding Metrics

## Onboarding Metrics

- Only **454** Departments are fully onboarded (Confirmed + Reporting)

*\*As of 4/13/2026*

- **376** departments are **Reporting** but **Unconfirmed**

- **941** departments are unconfirmed and not reporting

Onboarding Status	# of Departments
❖ Reporting + Confirmed	454
❖ Not Reporting + Confirmed	83
❖ Unconfirmed + Reporting	376

[Access to NERIS 913](#)

❖ Unconfirmed + Not Reporting	941
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Inactive 29

Total \_\_\_\_\_ 1883

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# Onboarding

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# Onboarding



## NERIS Onboarding Acceptance

Please complete this form to confirm your department's participation in the National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS).

Expectations for your Agency:

- **Engagement:** Complete the initial onboarding form by providing detailed information about your department.
- **Data Reporting:** Complete your department profile first, then transition incident reporting from NFIRS to NERIS no later than January 1, 2026.
- **Vendor Coordination:** Notify your Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) providers of your department's participation in NERIS.
- **If your department currently reports incidents directly through eNFIRS** (without an RMS), please submit a helpdesk ticket to request activation of direct-entry capability in NERIS for your account.

## Acceptance Confirmation:

By completing this form, your department confirms:

- Commitment to participating in the NERIS Version 1 (V1) onboarding process
- Agreement to the NERIS [Terms of Use](#) and participation guidelines.

My department agrees to the NERIS Terms of Use

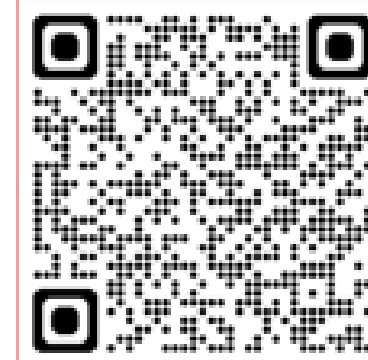
Search for your department by starting to type its name below. NOTE: if using a mobile device please [click here](#).

\* Fire Department Name

Q Show more results for "Austin Fire Department"

- Port **Austin Fire Department**  
Port **Austin**, MI
- Austin Fire Department**  
**Austin**, AR
- Austin Fire Department**  
**Austin**, TX
- Austin Fire Department**  
**Austin**, MN
- Austin Straubel International Airport Fire Department**  
Green Bay, WI

- Select your department from dropdown list by typing department name and complete onboarding form.
- <https://safetyscience.my.site.com/neris/>



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\* Fire Department Name

Complete this field.

Can't find your fire department? Please complete the following form: [Add Fire Department](#)

\* Fire Chief First Name

\* Fire Chief Email

\* Fire Chief Last Name

## NERIS Admin Information

Please enter the name and email of the person who will be acting as the NERIS administrator for your department.

Chief will be NERIS Admin

\* Admin First Name

\* Admin Email

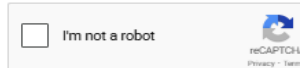
\* Admin Last Name

## Important Notes

- Initial department administrator approval routes through State Office
- Onboarding resources and support will be provided after submission.

## Questions?

- Support: [neris\\_helpdesk@ul.org](mailto:neris_helpdesk@ul.org)



Submit

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# Can't find your department?

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# Onboarding


## Submit a “Add department” request to NERIS Helpdesk

NERIS Helpdesk / NERIS / Raise a request



Welcome! You can raise a request for NERIS Helpdesk using the options provided. Try searching our knowledge base for answers to common questions and issues before submitting a ticket.

What can we help you with?

 **Submit a Request**  
Here you can request to add or remove a department, make a feature request, or ask a general question

Required fields are marked with an asterisk \*

Email confirmation to \*

Request Type

Help the NERIS team understand your issue

NERIS Environment

NERIS Department ID

State FDID

State Fire Department ID

Summary \*

- Or email with any help at [neris.helpdesk@ul.org](mailto:neris.helpdesk@ul.org)

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# Is Your Department Confirmed/Verified?

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# Verified Department

- Verified Departments: Have confirmed their department data currently in NERIS such as:
  - basic contact/HQ information,
  - (GIS) information of department boundaries
  - Department stations, unit details and staffing attributes

## Data Accuracy

### Department Information Accuracy Confirmation

 You have not yet confirmed your data's accuracy. Please remember to check your boundaries and that all station and unit data found below are also correct.

I confirm that the entered data is an accurate representation of FSRI Fire Department

We know things change -- please continue to update this information

Check this confirmation box

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# Is your department reporting?

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# Reporting

- **83** departments have accessed NERIS and confirmed their department data but have not started reporting.

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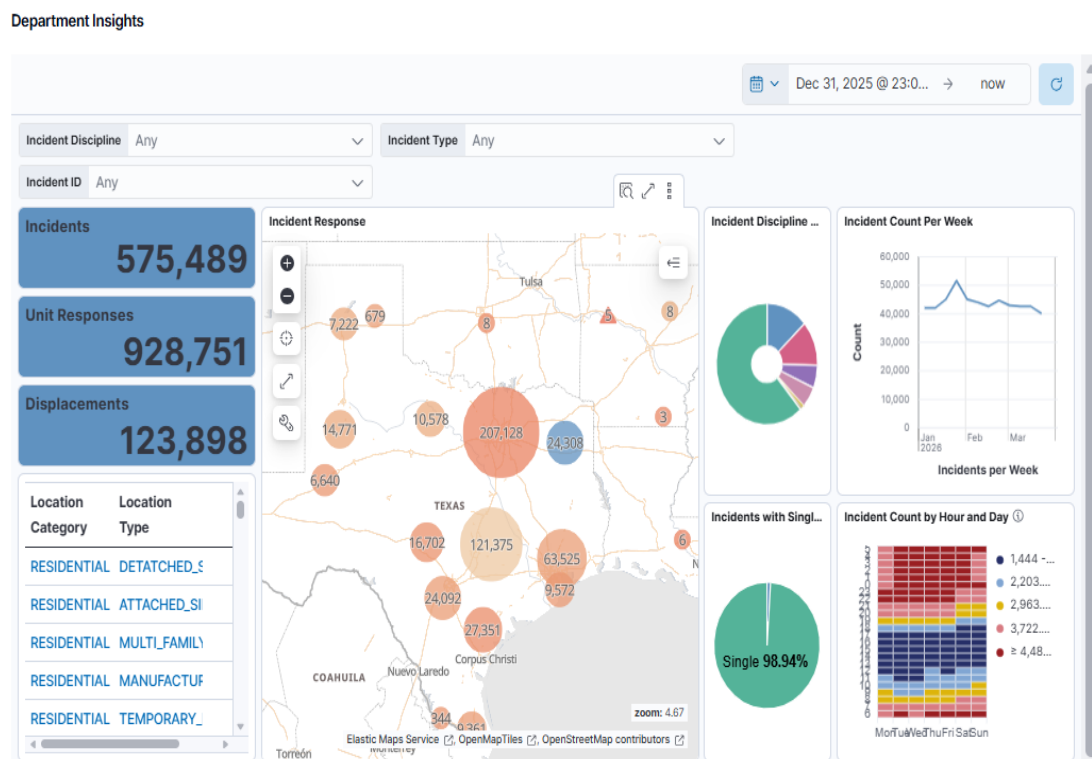
Report directly through NERIS now or through a certified RMS vendor.

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# Reporting

## Directly through NERIS: Manual Entry



- Free and with real time incident reporting capability
- Data can be entered in a tablet or mobile device.
- Easier incident reporting with drop-down boxes instead of codes.

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# Reporting

## Option 2: Third-party RMS software vendor

**REMINDER:** Use the Client ID provided by your vendor, not your NERIS ID.

**NOTE:** If you copy and paste the Client ID, make sure there are no extra spaces before or after it.

- Contact and obtain Vendor's Client ID
  - Begin API integration by entering Client ID in the Client ID field and,
  - Select Enroll Integration
- Client ID: is a multi-part code provided by your Vendor (for API Enrollment/Integration) with dashes, formatted like this:

05dd2999-329b-41ec-b94dxxxxxxxxxxxxxx



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# Reporting

## Logging an incident is now easier.

- Section 3: Incident Details (selection & dropdown boxes)
  - Emergency Medical Info
  - Hazards
  - Displacements
  - Exposures
- Section 4: Incident Narrative
- No narrative? Submit Incident.

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# Reporting

Logging an incident is now easier.

## 4 Sections

- Section 1: Incident Basics
  - Incident Type (1-3 drop down)
  - Incident timing (fill in fields)
  - responding units and
  - Location- select "Map Point or Mark Area" on GIS map or type address (GIS)
- Section 2: Aid, Actions, Casualties & Rescues (selection & dropdown boxes)
  - Interagency Aid? (Select yes or no)
  - Actions & tactics - Details for actions & tactics taken

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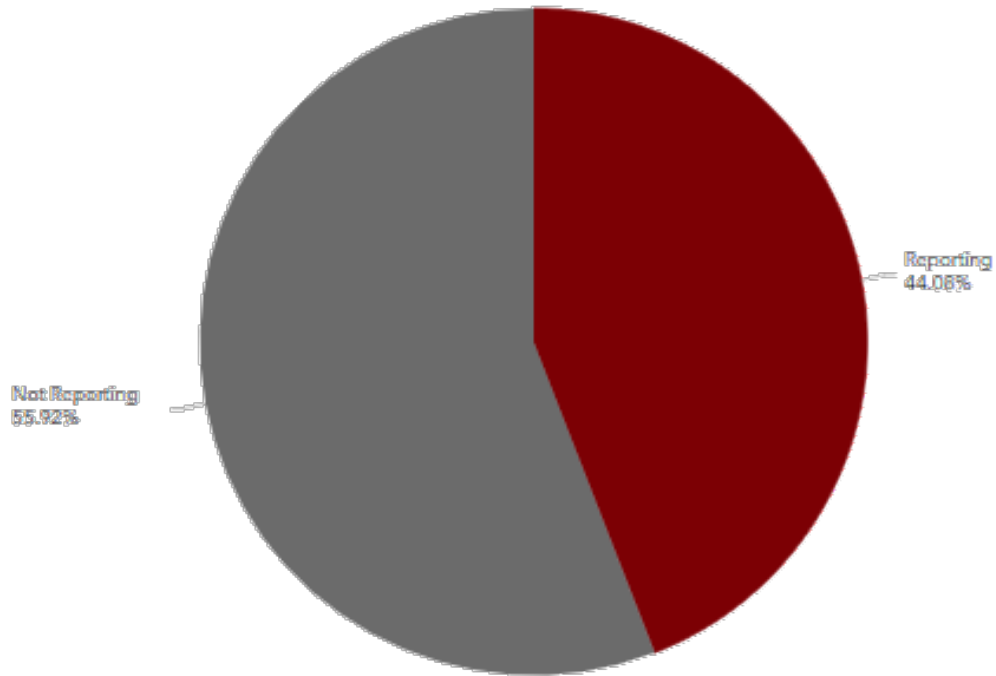


April 2026

# The Present

# Where We Stand Today

## Department Reporting Status



## Department Reporting Status

830

Departments Reporting

1,883

Texas Departments in NERIS

701,692

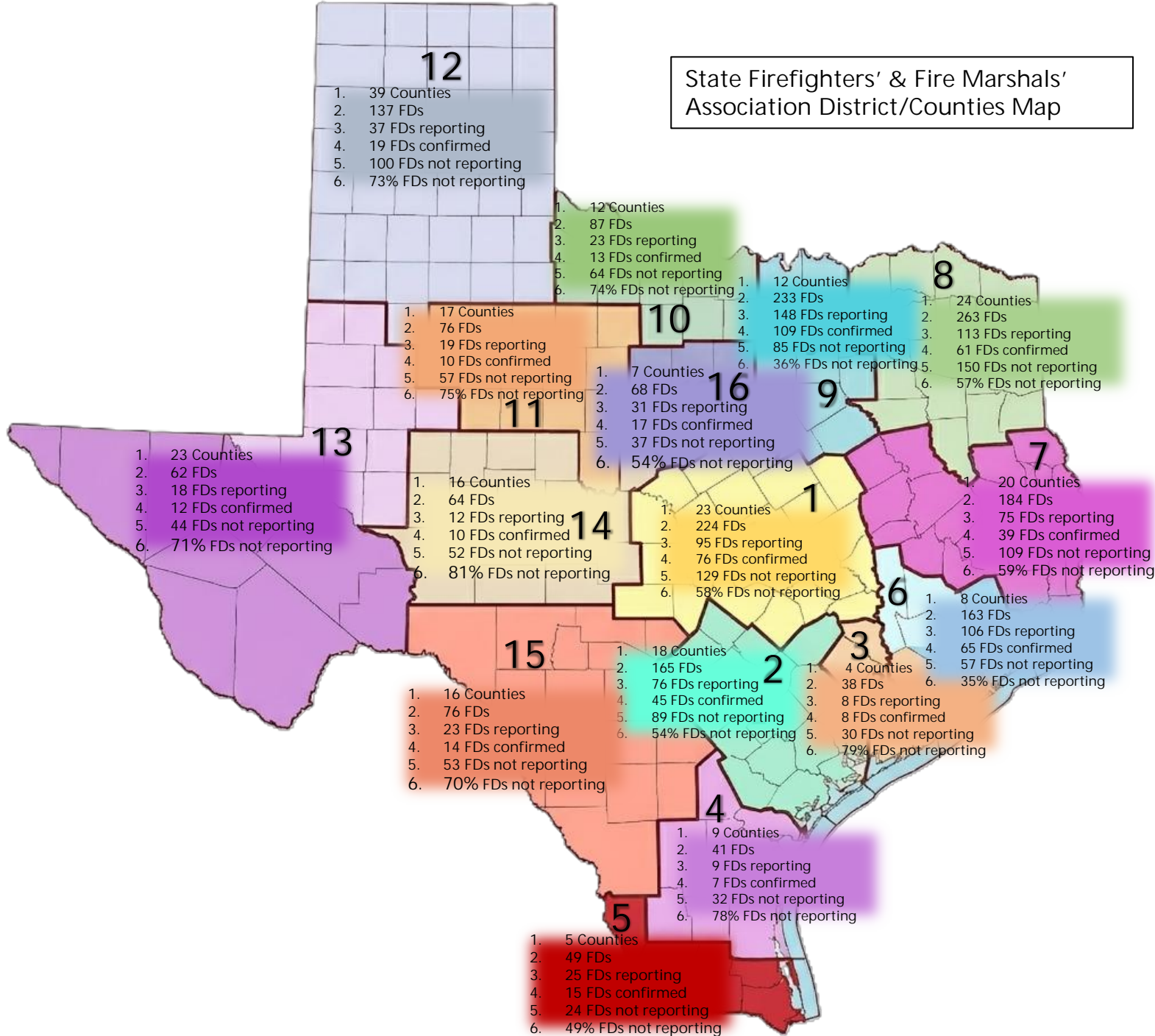
Total Incidents Reported

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State Firefighters' & Fire Marshals' Association District/Counties Map



# Texas Fire Department NERIS Participation

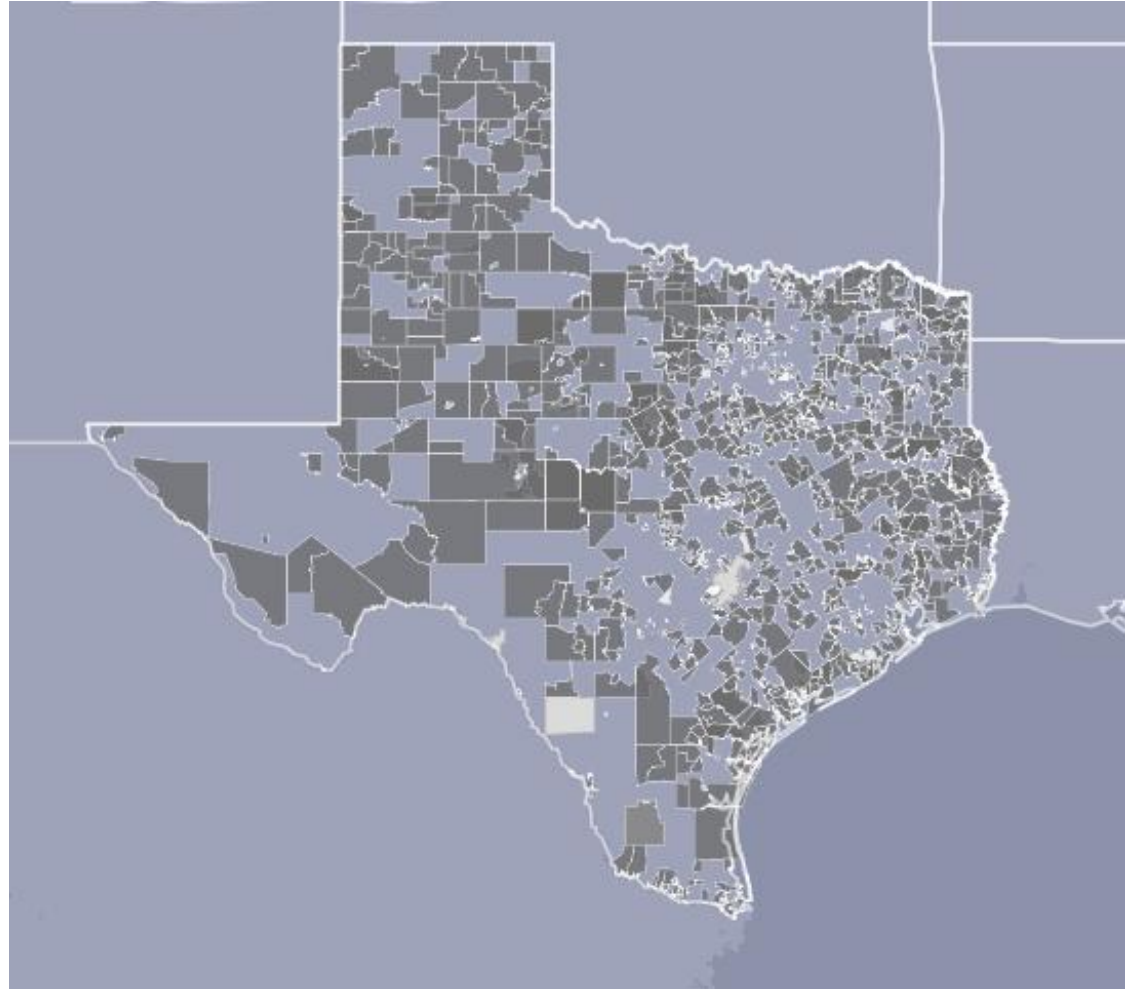
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# Continuing to Move the Needle:

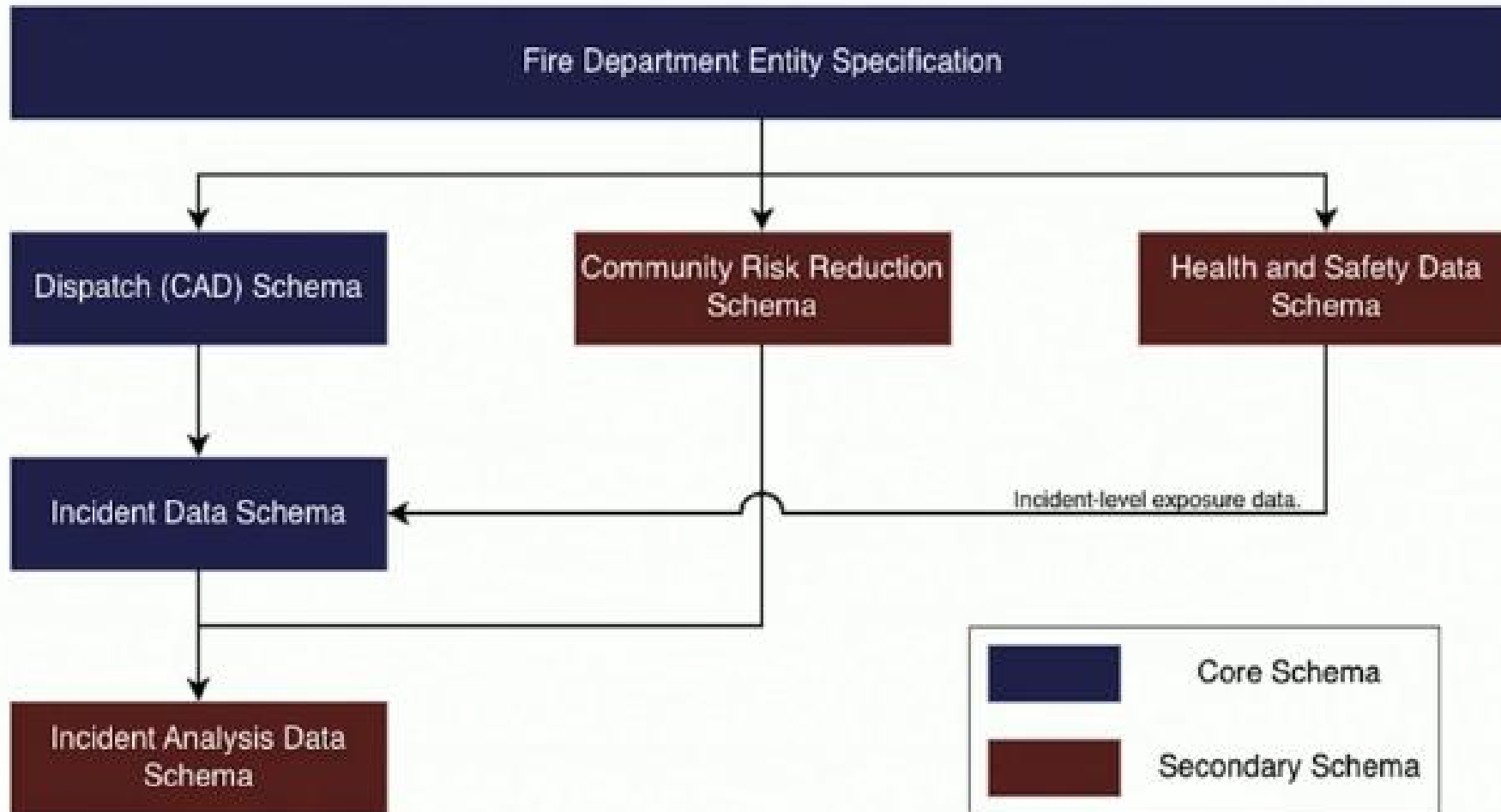
- Targeting unconfirmed and non-reporting departments
- 2026 Goal = 100% confirmed departments reporting



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# NERIS Schema



Core Schema – currently in use  
Secondary Schema – Coming Summer 2026

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# Secondary Schemas:



Incident Analysis



Community Risk  
Reduction



Health and Safety



# Secondary Schemas:

Adds specialty data to incidents

- Final cause and origin
- Outdoor fire specifics
- Property and contents loss in \$
- Consumer product tracking
- Vehicle specifics

# Secondary Schemas:

Commercial  
Inspections

Community  
Events

Home Visits

Hydrant  
Inspections

Outdoor  
Inspections

Parcel Data  
Collection

Structure  
Inspections

# Secondary Schemas:

Firefighter injury and casualty tracking

- Streamlining information fire departments need without compromising PII



# TEXFIRS Contact Information



Texas State Fire Marshal Office  
Texas Fire Incident Reporting Program (TEXFIR)  
State Program Manager  
O: (512) 676-6800; option 7 | D: (512) 676-6787  
[TEXFIRS@tdi.Texas.gov](mailto:TEXFIRS@tdi.Texas.gov)  
[Cecilia Munoz@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:Cecilia Munoz@tdi.texas.gov)



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# 89R Legislative Session

- SB 34: Relating to the preparation, prevention and mitigation of wildfires-
- SB 1948: Relation to the authority of a political subdivision to regulate fire prevention standards for certain agriculture buildings (7 occupancies where sprinklers are now exempt)
- HB 3824: Requires permit application for BESS. Requires SFMO to create rules and gives enforcement. Not sure this is all going to look. Takes effect Jan 1, 2027
- HB 5084: Firework sales for Lunar New Year. Requires Comm Court Approval prior to.
- SB 996: Allows the sale of fireworks on July 5, 2026. Means they can sell fireworks that season from June 24 to July 5<sup>th</sup> at midnight.
- HB 1899: Drops age from 21 to 18 to purchase a display permit or to obtain a shooter license. Still have to meet all the other requirements. These were only two situations that required 21 age.
- HB 554: Allows the sale of fireworks for Juneteenth. Must have Commissioner Court approval prior to.
- HB 1629: Allows sale of fireworks for May for counties adjacent to the Mexico border to 150 miles versus 100 miles. Requires commissioner court approval.

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# 89R Legislative Session

- SB 2835- Relating to regulation of stairway requirements of certain multifamily residential buildings by political subdivisions.
- SB 1177- Relating to fire safety inspections at public and private schools.
- HB 3687- Related to certification requirements for a fire marshal and any employee
- SB 2143- Relating to the authority of a county to commission certain individuals as peace officers and establish law enforcement agency.

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# Legislation

- HB 3824 (89R, 2025)
  - New chapter in Utility Code: Battery Energy Storage Facility Safety
  - Key professions
    - TDI/SFMO adopt fire safety code- 2023 or later NFPA 855
    - Allows municipalities or counties to
      - Request at BESS operator's expense: third party engineering evaluation of facility's design and installation
    - Requires operators to furnish key documents ex site layouts, fire protection plans and emergency operations plans---- UPON REQUEST
    - Administrative penalties

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# HB 3824 Informal Rule Proposal

- SFMO and TDI are going through an Informal Rule Proposal
- Deadline to make suggestions is May 11, 2026 at 5pm
- Submit suggestions to [Fire.Marshal@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:Fire.Marshal@tdi.texas.gov)
- You can email me at [Chuck.Allen@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:Chuck.Allen@tdi.texas.gov) and request a copy of the informal rule and I will be happy to share.

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