



**MAKING THE JUMP FROM CITY TO ESD**

**DIFFERENT PATCH, DIFFERENT CHALLENGES  
SAME GREAT SERVICE**



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# OVERVIEW

- What is an ESD?
- Compare and Contrast the ESD Model to the Municipal Model
- S.W.O.T. Analysis of the ESD Model from a Chief Officers Perspective
- Q/A with experienced Chiefs who have made the jump

# WHO ARE YOU?

? WHO IS IN MY AUDIENCE? ?



# My Journey

- 32+ Years of Fire Service Experience
  - Volunteer
  - US Forest Service wildland
  - 4 years Air Force FF
  - 23.5 years with the Austin Fire Department
  - 2.5 years with Travis County ESD 8
- Experiences in a City Department
  - Operations responder at every rank through Battalion Chief
  - Training Chief
  - Safety Chief
  - Ran a lot of calls with ESD's
- Experiences in the ESD Model
  - Assistant Chief for Pedernales FD
  - Tax Rate Setting
  - Budget Approval
  - Human Resources
  - Response Planning
  - ISO Process Management



# WHAT IS AN ESD?

Political subdivision of the State of Texas

Governed by Chapter 775 of the Texas Health and Safety Code

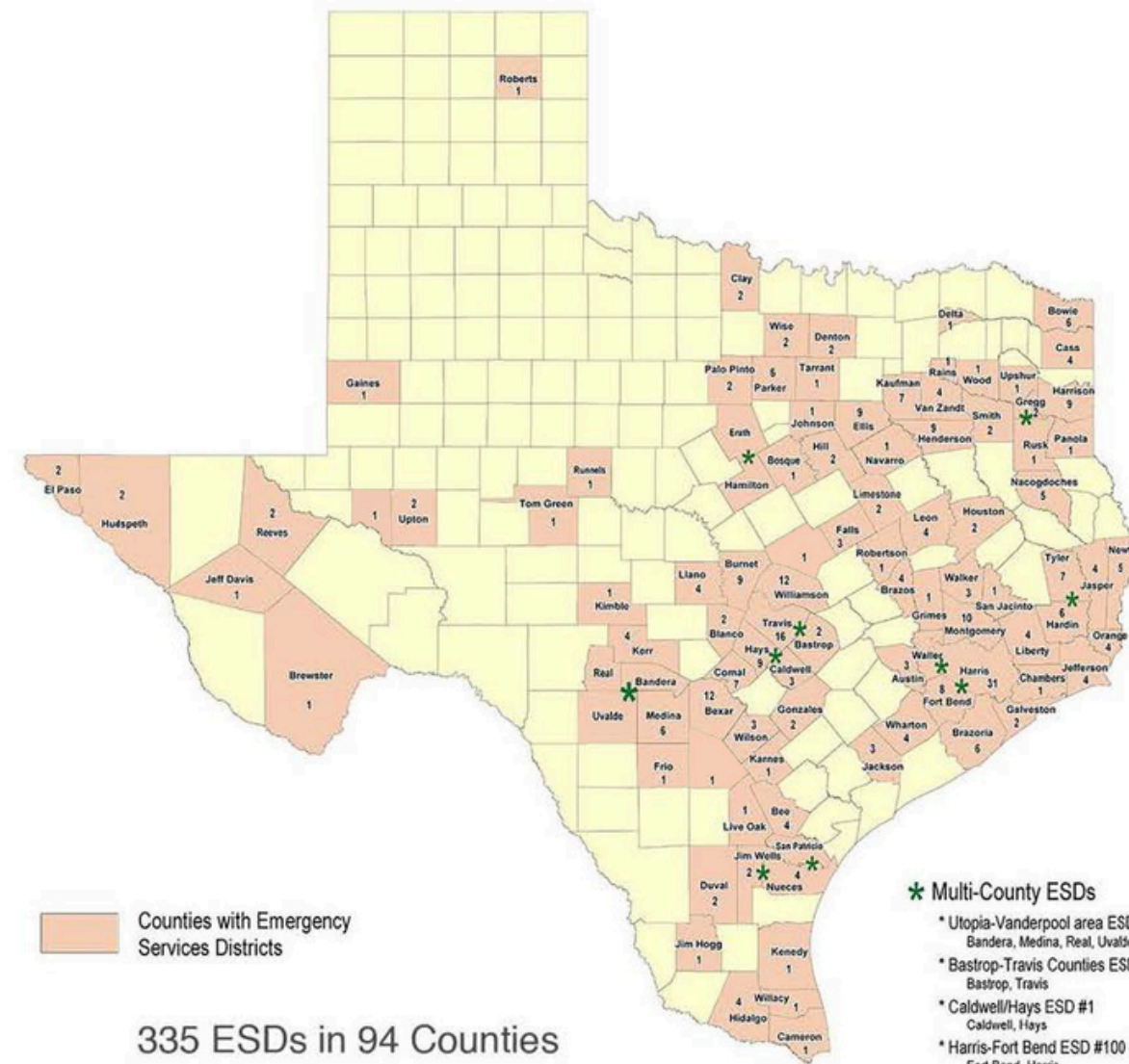
Funded via property tax, sales tax, and billing for service

5-Member ESD Board of Commissioners Appointed by County Commissioners Court Except, Harris, Orange and Smith County are elected

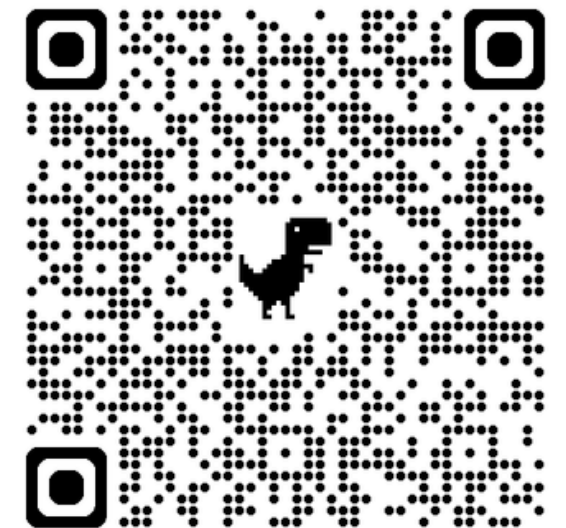
Around 330 ESDs currently in Texas

What is an overlay?

## NUMBER OF EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICTS BY COUNTY



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**SAFE-D**



# 10,000 FOOT VIEW

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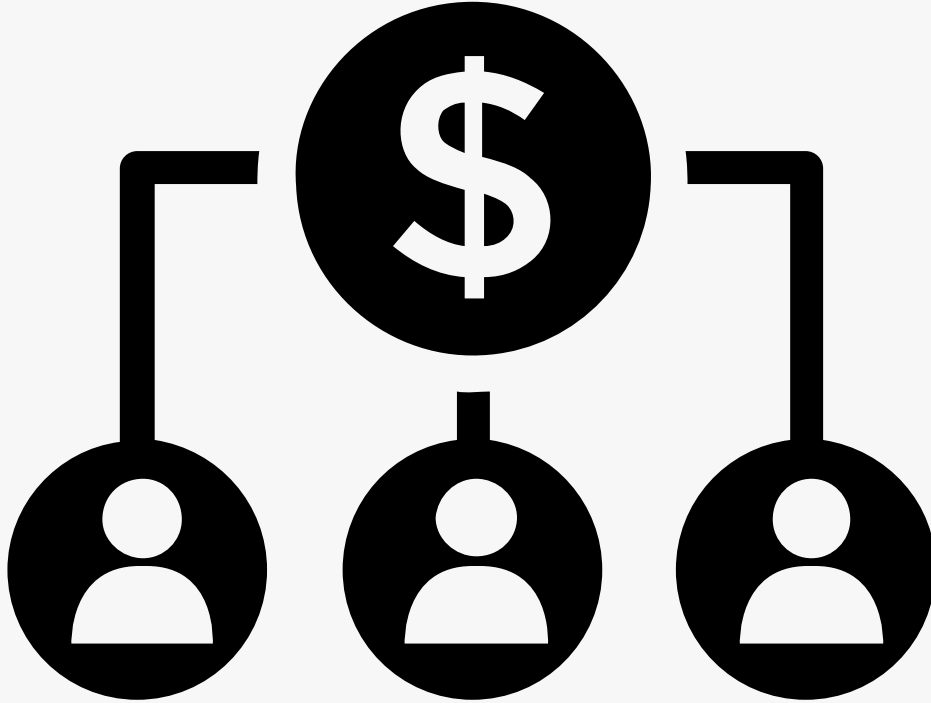
The Challenges...



**Tax Rate Setting**

**Human Resources/Legal**

**Finance**



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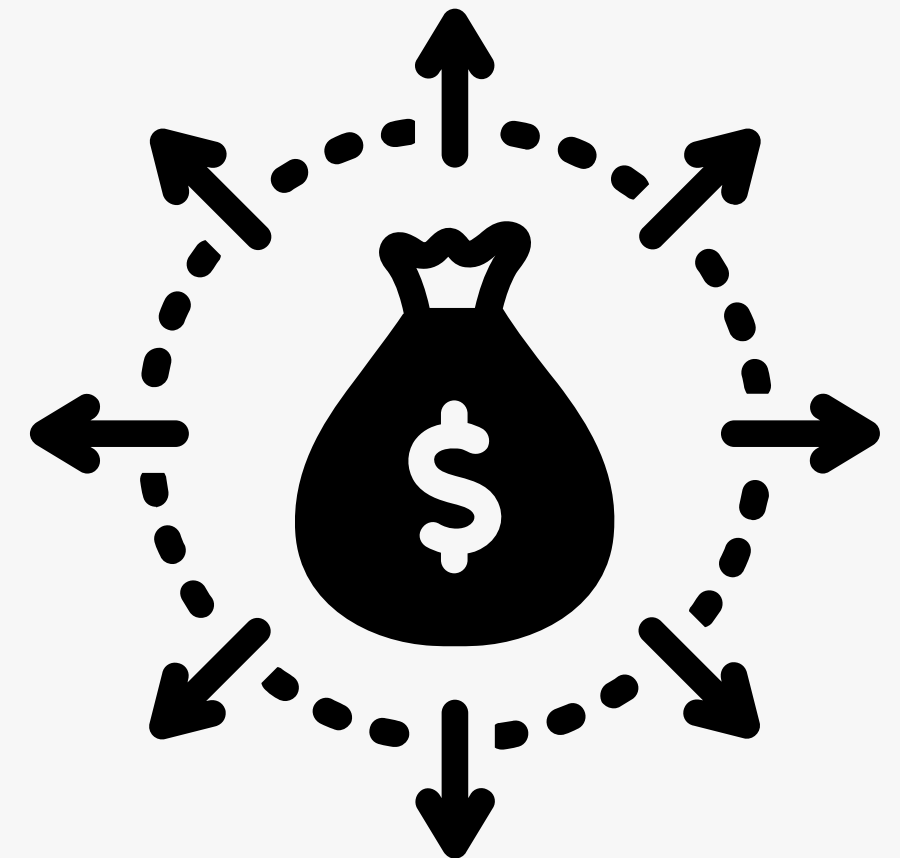
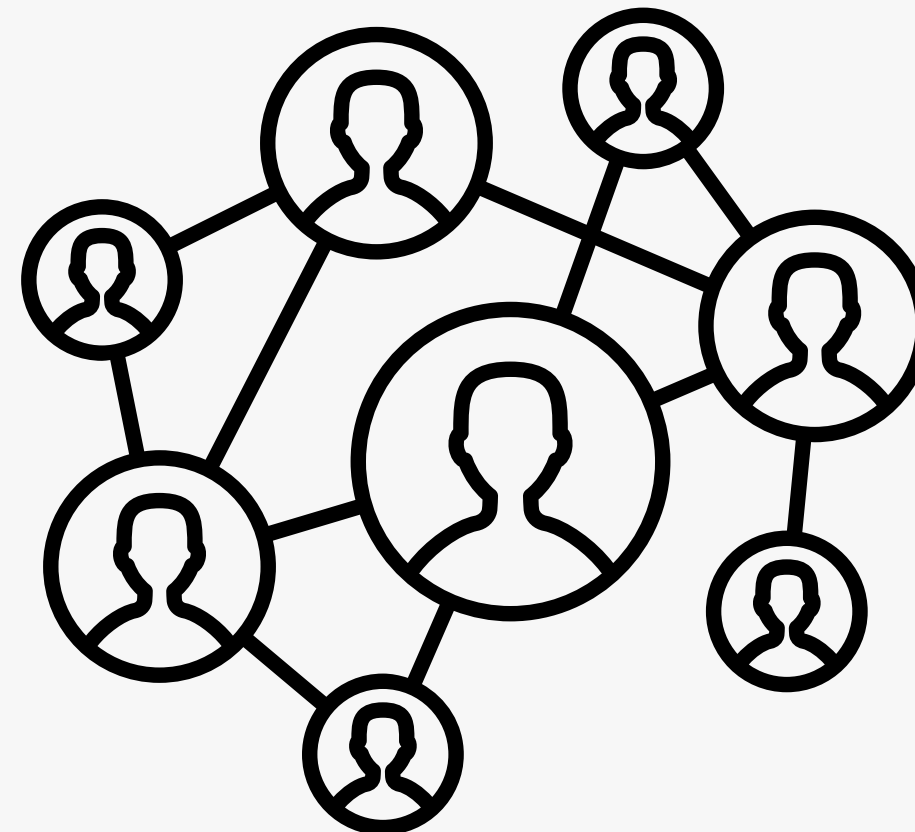
The Advantages!



No Internal Competition

Network of ESD Chiefs  
and SAFE-D

Budget Opportunities





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# COMMISSIONERS YOUR FIVE ALLIES

Hopefully...

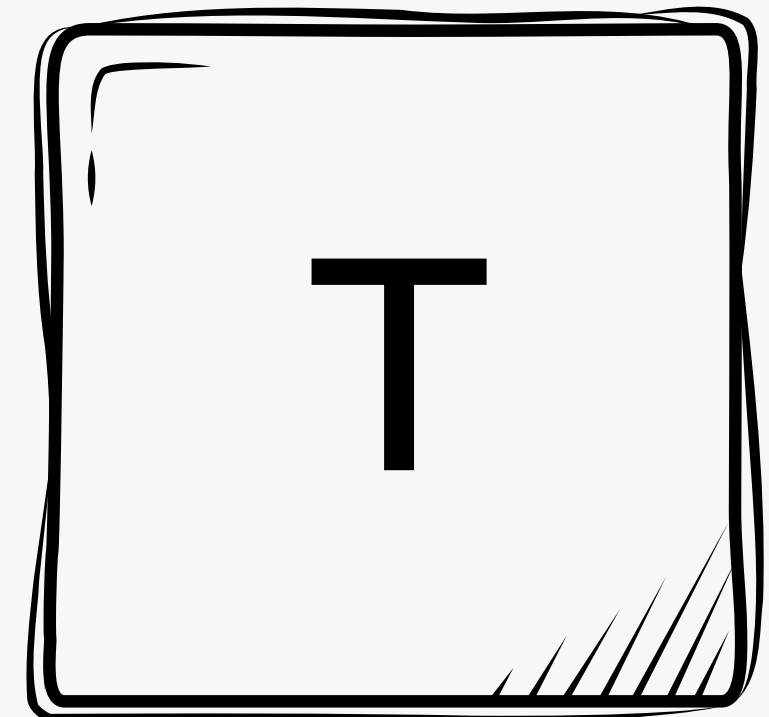
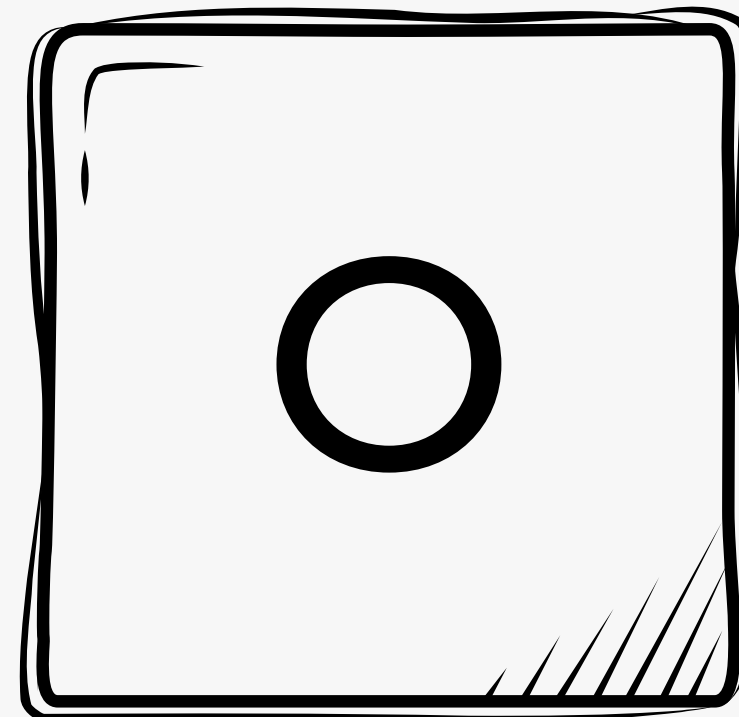
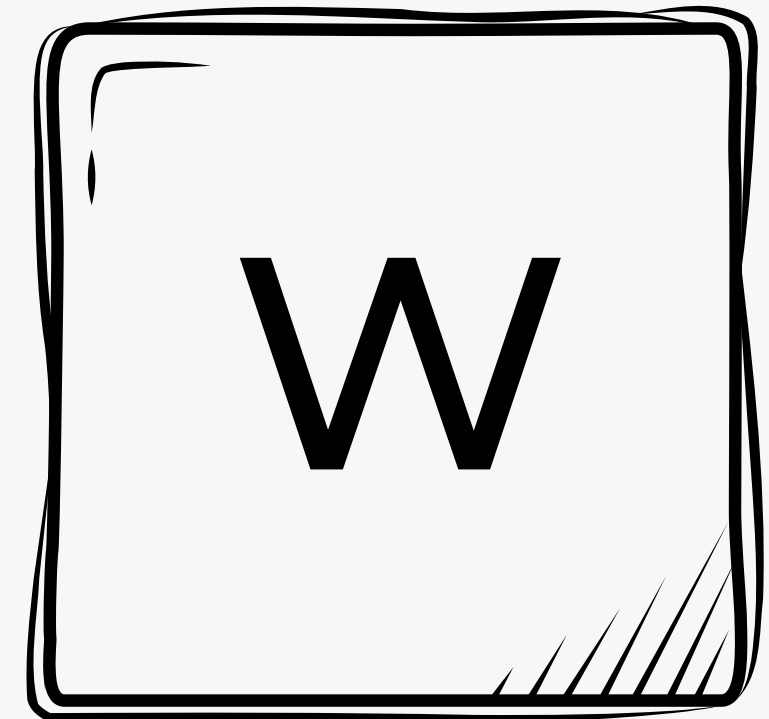
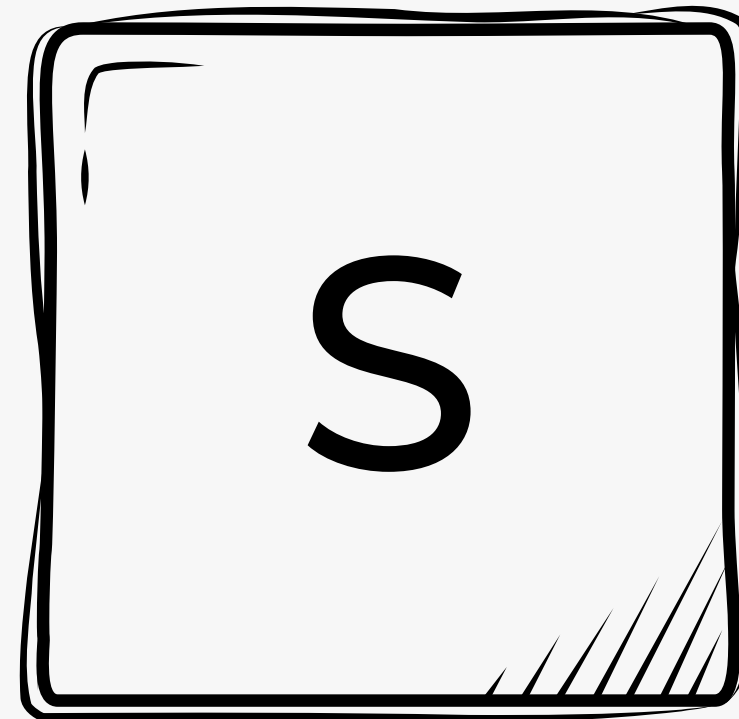
## What makes them special?

- **Not a City Council of Elected Officials**
  - **One agenda – Emergency Services for the Community**
  - **Variety of background experiences**
- **Be Careful**
  - **Operations - Fire Chief must control**
  - **Communications from FF to Board**
- **The Key to Success**
  - **Relationships**
    - **The Board Represents the community!**
    - **Sound policies**

# S.W.O.T. ANALYSIS

Of the ESD Model

- **Strengths**
  - **Greater Control**
- **Weaknesses**
  - **It's your problem**
- **Opportunities**
  - **Growth**
  - **Partnerships**
  - **Development**
- **Threats**
  - **Legislation**
  - **Annexation**



# FINAL THOUGHT.....



# Q AND A

## Today's Guests

- Years at each agency
- Board make-up
- Top 3 Lessons Learned



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# THANK YOU

FOR COMING

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