



Overview of the

Texas Commission on Fire Protection

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COMMISSION: Appointed by Governor for 6-year terms

- 2 chief officers – TFCA
- 2 career firefighters – TSAFF
- 2 volunteer firefighters – SFFMA
- 1 certified fire protection engineer
- 1 certified arson investigator or inspector
- 1 fire instructor from inst. of higher ed.
- 4 public members – not affiliated

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Agency Staff

- 29 FTEs
- Agency Chief
- Deputy Chief – Professional Standards Services (4 Divisions)
- Support Services (3 Divisions)

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MISSION

Aid in the protection of lives and property of Texas citizens through the development and enforcement of recognized professional standards for individuals and fire service organizations.

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Mission, further defined

TCFP provides oversight and services to the;

Paid governmental fire service (340),
Training Entities (393),
Individual Certificate Holders (13,000),
Total Certificate holders exceeds 35,000

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TCFP Authority



- Statutory Authority:
Chapter 419, Texas Government Code
- Rules
Title 37, Part 13, Texas Administrative Code

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GOALS

- **Two major goals:**
 - Education, training, and information for the fire service and public
 - Enforcement of Statewide fire service standards

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Education & Training Standards

- TCFP Develops credentials/requirements for personnel
 - Certifications – multiple disciplines, 46 levels
 - Continuing education
- NFPA Standards
- IFSAC Accreditation

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Information

- Web Site, Social Media
- Ernest A Emerson Library
- Injury Reporting
 - > [TCFP Cancer Prevention - YouTube](#)
- Stakeholder Meetings

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Enforce Standards.....

- Perform inspections of 730 regulated entities
- FD's
- Training Facilities
- Fire Prevention Offices

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KEY COMPONENTS OF A COMPLIANCE INSPECTION



- Personnel
- Protective Equipment
- Procedures
- Training Records



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Personnel

- **Certifications**
 - > Mandatory (7)
 - > Voluntary (15)

- **Continuing Education**

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Protective Equipment

- **NFPA Standards mandated in 419:**

- **Protective Clothing**
 - Selection
 - Care & Maintenance

- **Self Contained Breathing Apparatus**
 - Selection
 - Care & Maintenance

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Procedures

- **NFPA Standards mandated in 419:**
 - Incident Management
 - Personnel Accountability Systems
 - Incident Operations

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TRAINING RECORDS

- CHAPTER 441 of Standards Manual
- Retain all CE Records – min. 3 years
- Verification of mandated and duty-specific CE
- Specialized Training Programs required
- Individual certificate holders subject to CE audits

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FIDO

- Manage Certifications
- Apply for testing and certification
- Renew department and individual certifications
- Injury Reporting
- Update Personal & Department Information

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Recent Improvements

- Successful Sunset Review
- Improved Inspection Process
- Improved Communications

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Contact & Websites

- Texas Commission on Fire Protection
 - <http://www.tcfp.texas.gov/>
- TCFP on Facebook
 - <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Texas-Commission-on-Fire-Protection/178213491471>
- Library
 - http://www.tcfp.texas.gov/library/library_overview.asp