

DENTON COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Association is composed of fire chiefs from all of the fire departments within Denton County. These are highly trained and professional individuals who dedicate and commit their professional lives to helping others in times of need. The membership is composed of both full time career fire chiefs and also volunteer fire chiefs.

The Association has several larger departments to combine resources with the County's smaller departments in order to become an imposing force. The Association has a very diverse calling and deals not only with emergency situations across Denton County, but numerous other important tasks as well.

The following are some of the different aspects of the DCFCA Inc.:

Denton County Firefighter's Memorial Park -- The Association has accepted the responsibility for supporting and maintaining a park that recognizes firefighters that have given their lives in service, firefighters who now serve, and future firefighters who will serve in Denton County.

Arson Task Force – The Association was instrumental in bringing together a group of highly trained and experienced fire investigators from across the County. This Task Force was organized to aid those portions of Denton County unable to afford their own fire investigation personnel. The Association continues to have significant input in the task force.

Hazardous Materials Response Trailers – The Association is responsible for having formed the first hazardous materials incident response effort in Denton County. Two trailers are ready for response into any portion of the County. The trailers contain needed supplies that first responders require when arriving on the scene of (small to moderate) hazardous materials spills.

Educational Scholarships - The Association grants two scholarships per year to firefighters to attend the Texas A&M Fire School. The first scholarship is presented in the memory of Assistant Chief Tim McGinnis and the second is in the memory of Fire Chief Harold Bessire.

While working in all of these different arenas, the Association is also highly involved in monitoring other kinds of issues that affect the county's public safety.

1. Monitoring the operational status of the county's enhanced 9 1 1 system through regular reports from the Executive Director of Denco 9 1 1 .

2. Maintaining contact with FETN (Fire Emergency Training Network) for up to date firefighting techniques and training.
3. Monitors the County's Commissioners Court for budgetary information that may be pertinent to County fire departments that respond into unincorporated areas for either fire or medical service emergencies.

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