



SOUTHERN DALLAS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



From the Board of Directors OBJECTIVES OF THE FIRE DISTRICT

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Background: The Board of Directors and Staff Members of the Southern Dallas County Fire Protection District have recently recognized the special conditions and needs facing us at this unique period in time. We've seen tremendous growth in recent years with more and more people moving into the area... more people = more hazards, fires, accidents, and medical calls.

1. We've had a 350% increase in addresses over the past 20 years
2. We've seen a **700%** traffic increase on US-65 over **just the last 5 years**
3. We've discovered that out-of-town builders are buying lots and building spec homes
4. We've learned that out-of-state mega-corporations are sending letters to our residents trying to buy our rural properties to build developments
5. We've found there are plans for subdivisions and tiny-home parks (in fact, some have already been already built)

With all of this in mind, we believe it is necessary to implement some preventative safety measures for general public welfare as well as the safety of our firefighter staff. Our goals, and the path to achieve them, are listed below in order of priority.

#	WHAT ARE THE GOALS	PATH TO ACCOMPLISH THE GOALS
1	To protect the general public in stores , etc. To protect employees of businesses To protect students at educational facilities To protect firefighter personnel	Passage of an ordinance to adopt certain parts of national and state codes for businesses, places of assembly, schools, lodging, apartment houses, etc., and to conduct builder's plan review, provide input, and implement annual fire inspections at commercial locations to correct dangerous code violations, and to provide adequate fire department access.
2	To have the ability to enforce basic life-safety codes to protect persons living or staying in multi-family dwellings with common walls, like dorms, apartments, hotels, motels , and so on	Passage of an ordinance to adopt certain parts of national and state codes for establishing requirements for developers and builders to make a part of their design and construction.
3	To have on-site firefighter water supply in high-density developments, such as subdivisions, trailer parks , and business parks	Passage of an ordinance to adopt certain parts of national and state codes requiring developers to install an adequate water supply with a hydrant as a condition of approval of their project.
4	To have sufficient fire apparatus access on commercial and high-density properties	Passage of an ordinance to adopt certain parts of national and state codes requiring developers to provide adequate fire apparatus access roads, driveways, and turnaround areas.
5	To have notification of any controlled burns, helping us to conserve resources	Passage of an ordinance to establish a requirement for the public to notify 911 dispatch on every controlled burn.
6	To remove the risk of the general public getting hurt (or worse) by entering a building or other structure (or equipment) that is unsafe due to fire hazards or instability, etc.	Passage of an ordinance to declare dangerous, life-threatening buildings and/or equipment as unsafe, and provide a way for removal of the unsafe condition.
7	To ensure a safe installation of all new fuel storage tanks and filling equipment (diesel and gasoline, not propane) at commercial locations	Passage of an ordinance to adopt certain parts of national and state codes requiring proper design and installation of new fuel tank projects.
8	To ensure the safety of all residents and firefighters by installing proper address signs, maintaining adequate propane tank distance from buildings, locating main breakers away from buildings, and making sure there are good fire access drives and turnaround areas	Provide public education through social media posts, informational literature, and illustrative diagrams available on our web site.
9	To improve public relations	Provide more community engagement through local events, classes, meetings, etc.
10	To get as many residents as possible trained in CPR	Provide no-cost* community CPR/BLS/First Aid classes for the residents of our district.

* No-cost CPR does **not** include a certificate; however, one may be obtained for a small fee.