



TRAINING AND PREVENTION



Training

While the characteristics of professionalism, compassion, and bravery are core to a firefighter, it is the training they participate in that contributes to their ability to effectively serve the community.

Well-trained, physically fit personnel are vital to an effective department, and with a strong commitment to serve the community, we continuously evaluate, plan, coordinate and provide appropriate training and development for fire and rescue as well as emergency medical response.



Prevention and Education

Prevention and Public Education Services are as important to us as providing fire suppression and emergency medical care.

Prevention Services are intended to reduce the chance of fire or other adverse situations. This process begins even before a building goes up by reviewing plans in accordance with current fire code and building regulations.

In 2011, Prevention completed...

300 Inspections

50 Plan Reviews

and reached...

18 Elementary campuses

11,000 School age children

through the Fire Factory Program

Public education includes all forms of safety and well-being of our community.

Our Prevention Programs Include:

- Vial of Life*
- CPR, First Aid, and*
- Fire Extinguisher Training Classes*
- Open Houses*
- Fire Factory*





DAY IN THE LIFE

The Department is the composite strengths of its various components in each Division: Operations, Prevention, and Staff Services. We are known for the ability of our firefighters to extinguish fires and respond to medical emergencies, and also for the many other activities we routinely engage in to become an integral part of the community we serve.

Based upon the types of response calls and demographics, our Prevention Division strives to develop education and prevention programs that have the potential to achieve the greatest impact in improving safety and reducing risks within the community.



When firefighters are not responding to calls, they are often training. Training in a controlled environment allows firefighters to sharpen their skills and practice responding quickly to the emergency situation.



As the busiest ESD in Travis County, during 2011 we responded to over 6,800 calls and touched over 10,000 lives throughout the year.



The Staff Services Division is pleased to foster a supportive environment by displaying strong values, efficient organization, and providing information, resources and tools to accomplish the Department's mission to serve the community.

The Prevention Division provides inspection services and plan reviews to ensure that the District's theaters, restaurants, churches, schools, apartment buildings, and businesses are compliant with fire safety codes.