



February 5, 2009

Dear Fire Chief and/or Fire Official:

On behalf of the Texas State Fire Marshal's Office, and in cooperation with the Texas Fire Marshals' Association, Texas Fire Chiefs Association, Fire Prevention Association of North Texas, North Texas Chapter of the National Fire Sprinkler Association, Texas Fire Sprinkler Contractors Association, and Fire Team USA, I would like to invite you to a day and a half informational and training conference on fire protection for your community. Texas was selected to be a point of delivery for the 2009 Fire Team USA workshop series. The workshop will be held on March 18-19, 2009 at the Doubletree Hotel in North Dallas.

All you have to do is coordinate your team, sign up, and show up. Accommodations, training, and information is provided free of charge. Registration is easy, log on to www.fireteamusa.com and register. The Fire Team USA staff will make your hotel arrangements and provide you with confirmation and details.

Fire Team USA is partnering for public policy with a focus on cooperating for quality communities. This seminar is an initiative to bring fire marshals, fire chiefs, elected officials, building officials, and other stakeholders from communities across Texas together to learn and share fire prevention methods and alternatives that affect our quality of life. Public policy on fire protection is important in our communities and a main concern is the well-being of our citizens as well as controlling the rising cost of providing such services. Let us come together and explore our options for the future. Policy makers, fire service officials, and other stakeholders must partner together to ensure that quality of life is maintained as our communities grow and transition.

Thanks to a grant administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office of Grants and Training through the Fire Prevention and Safety Grants program, we are able to offer this important and informative session.

This informational and training seminar will explore current public policy, how community planning affects fire protection, fire prevention efforts currently underway, and how fire sprinkler legislation can assist in the future quality of life in our communities. We will also explore opportunities that exist for grants to assist local communities with their fire protection efforts. We are currently working to get CEUs for the workshop.

Please, gather up your team and join us for the future of your community and our state. We would like to see representation from all areas of the state, keeping in mind that we do have limited seats available. Our website, www.fireteamusa.com will have the latest information and more details on the conference. You will be able to register online and we will take care of the rest. If you do not have internet access, and would like a paper registration form, please call us at 615-533-0305.

LODGING AND WORKSHOP HELD AT:

Doubletree Hotel Dallas Near the Galleria

4099 Valley View Lane, Dallas, Texas, United States 75244

Who is invited to attend: Suggested community stakeholders:

Fire Chief	Fire Marshal
Mayor	Commissioner
Aldermen	Council Members
Building Commissioner or Official	Planning Commission Chairman or member
Water Purveyor	Insurance Agent
Builder / Developer	Other Community Stakeholder/Leader

We look forward to your consideration of this unique opportunity, and we hope to see you March 18-19, 2009.

Sincerely,

Paul Maldonado
Texas State Fire Marshal

Special thanks to the North Texas Chapter of the National Fire Sprinkler Association for the use of their Fire Sprinkler Demonstration Trailer.



Register today by visiting the Fire Team USA website and selecting the Texas date.

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