



# *Sam Harless*

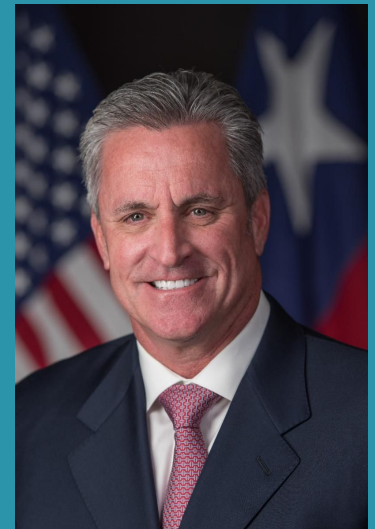
State Representative District 126  
August 2024 Newsletter



*Texas House of Representatives*



Texas  
House District  
126  
  
News  
and Information



# Electrical Grid Resiliency - An Update From Hearings

There are many of us who continue to be concerned about our electrical grid and what steps are being taken to ensure impacts that we've suffered this year from the May "Derecho" event and Hurricane Beryl are not repeated. Many of you continue to experience hardships associated with the long term loss of power as well as the physical damage to your homes and mental trauma from the event. We remain engaged and involved in the discussion about the need for improvement in both preparation and storm response and I have not been hesitant to point out what I felt were "less than acceptable" delays in responding to our area in Northwest Harris County in what I termed a "Neglected Zone". Hopefully this added attention will yield tangible results going forward for response to our District.

We continue to maintain our focus on this issue to bring you the most up to date information on the progress of improving our grid resiliency as well as the outcome of the ongoing investigation into the Hurricane Beryl response.

## Public Utility Commissioner Investigation

The Public Utility Commission hearings involving CenterPoint have continued over the past month, just as pressure continues to mount to provide dramatic improvements in the resiliency of the electrical grid for our area.

The investigation called for by Texas Governor Gregg Abbott almost immediately after Hurricane Beryl is underway and the report is scheduled to be completed before the end of the year. (See Gov. Abbott's letter to PUC Director [here](#).)

That process began with a public hearing on July 25th where input from CenterPoint executives and the public were heard. In the last month the Texas Public Utility Commission denied an application by CenterPoint to withdraw their request for a rate increase for Houston area residential customers. CenterPoint filed an application with the PUC in March for a rate increase of approximately \$1.25 on the average residential customer. In August they requested that the PUC allow them to withdraw that rate increase, an action that would avoid a hearing, which consumer advocates claim this withdrawal would deny them the opportunity to push for a rate decrease. CenterPoint appealed the PUC's decision to an administrative law court, where Judge Christiaan Siano denied the withdrawal. In a Chronicle news article Judge Siano is quoted as saying, "CenterPoint has given no explanation for how pursuit of its Greater Houston Resiliency Initiative — launched four days after its notice of withdrawal was filed — interferes in any way with its ability to proceed in this matter," Siano wrote in his decision denying CenterPoint's request to withdraw its rate case. A different Administrative Law Judge Meaghan Bailey, allowed CenterPoint to withdraw its resiliency plan to strengthen its infrastructure against extreme weather, a \$2.7 billion dollar initiative CenterPoint claimed it would allow them to tweak its resiliency plan after completion of the ongoing PUC investigation.

On August 28th, CenterPoint published a letter, (See letter copy [here](#)) sent to the Governor and legislative committee chairs with an update to their activities following Hurricane Beryl and an outline for future investments in a program they call "The Greater Houston Resiliency Initiative". (See full CenterPoint release [here](#)) Their estimates for completing these improvements comes with an estimated cost of \$5 billion dollars spread out over the next several years.

Since Hurricane Beryl, CenterPoint reports the following actions:

- Trimmed or removed 2,000 miles of vegetation around power lines
- Installed over 300 automation devices
- Installed over 1,000 composite poles

In their next phase from September through June of 2025 their actions will focus on strengthening key areas of their operations to prepare for winter weather and before the next hurricane season. This will include advanced automation, system hardening, and further action resulting from feedback from a cross section of their customer base.

## Interim Hearing for Homeland Security & Public Safety

SB 602, a bill I sponsored in the House and a companion to a House bill I filed, passed last session and was signed into law, authorizing the US Border Patrol to act as Texas Peace Officers if they should observe violations of Texas law at their duty station. Border Patrol was the only federal law enforcement agency previously not given this authority. The legislation also requires DPS to provide a training program for them, which has been developed and DPS is ready to begin this training at any time. Currently, Border Patrol is waiting on federal approval to take part in this training.

Testimony was provided for the hearing indicating that there are approximately 9,000 Border Patrol Agents in Texas that can be covered under the new legislation given to them under SB 602. Thanks to DPS Asst. Chief Derek Prestridge for explaining their preparation for training for Border Patrol under this new law. We look forward to the final approval by the federal authorities so things can get moving on their side.

Also on the agenda for this hearing was a review of the current interest and use in "less lethal force devices" in law enforcement agencies across Texas. While most of us are familiar with devices like "Tasers" or "OC Pepper Spray" there are a number of other devices on the market or under development that can help shape the use of force demands for our law enforcement officers and provide safer alternatives for our officers and others involved in confrontations. One such device we heard testimony on was called a "Bolawrap", which is a handheld device, similar to a taser that uses a "bolo" style constraint device to subdue, rather than physical or lethal force.

## Record Number of FEMA Applications Submitted

There was little question that our District was hit hard during these last storms and a recent Houston Chronicle news article indicated that FEMA applications have jumped dramatically higher for this storm over previous ones. (See full Chronicle article [here](#)) Looking at the zip codes that represent District 126, FEMA applications have been submitted by 65,116 people. That represents a large percentage of the households in the area. From the group that have submitted applications, 42,555 or about 65% have received some amount of award. The central zip code for our District is the Klein area of 77379 and as one of the hardest hit areas, submitted 11,310 FEMA applications. The deadline for applications was August 15th.

### Harris County Disaster Recovery

<https://www.readyharris.org/Resources/Beryl-Recovery-Resources>

### Ready Harris Accessible Alerts

The Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management has launched the new Ready Harris Accessible Alerts (RHAA). This new system is providing access to alerts, warnings, and preparedness information to persons who are Deaf, Blind, Hard-of-Hearing, Deaf-Blind, or have low-vision through a new one-stop-website. To sign up, we encourage members of the community to visit <https://hct.ahasalerts.com>.

Community members can also text AHAS to (281) 609-9093 to sign up.

The system will send our Ready Harris Alerts with sign language interpreting along with voice and closed captioning in English and Spanish before, during and after an emergency. The RHAA is compatible with

video capable devices such as computers, tablets, cell phones and wireless Braille readers. With this new resource, HCOHSEM will also be able to reach individuals with low literacy in English and Spanish. This is HCOHSEM's latest effort to reach the whole community.

## State Resources

Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) <https://tdem.texas.gov/>

To report damage from Hurricane Beryl go here: <https://damage.tdem.texas.gov/>

## Federal Resources

Residents can begin applying for FEMA resources and the Individual Assistance program by visiting FEMA's web page at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov), by calling 800-621-FEMA (3362), or by downloading the FEMA app.

After you apply for disaster assistance, FEMA may call you to schedule an inspection of damaged homes or to obtain more information to process your application. These calls may come from unfamiliar area codes or phone numbers so it is important to be aware of this and answer these calls. If FEMA staff are unable to contact you, that may cause a delay in their review of your application.

Some applications related to damaged housing could require an inspection to determine whether a home is safe, sanitary, functional, and accessible. It's important to know that there is no charge for these FEMA inspections. Any inspector will also have FEMA photo ID and your application number. FEMA representatives will also never ask for money.

If you receive a call from someone saying they are a FEMA representative, but you aren't sure, call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 to verify the caller's identity.

\*\*\*If you have applied for FEMA assistance and received an ineligibility letter, you are encouraged to visit a local Disaster Recovery Center. FEMA representatives are located at DRC locations and can help answer questions about your application, apply or reapply for individual assistance, and may provide referrals to agencies that offer other assistance. Visit the Beryl Recovery Resources page at [www.readyharris.org](http://www.readyharris.org) for a complete and up-to-date list of DRC locations and hours.\*\*\*

Congressman Dan Crenshaw: <https://crenshaw.house.gov/2024/7/hurricane-resources>

## ERCOT Monthly Report

The latest edition of *ERCOT Monthly*, a monthly report sharing a recap of key information from the previous month, notes on the upcoming month, and a snapshot of additional key items has been published.

A direct link to the July 2024 edition can be found [here](#).

Topics for this month include an update on the Permian Basin Reliability Plan filed at the Public Utility Commission, data pertaining to Hurricane Beryl, and information relating to the ERCOT Contingency Reserve Service (ECRS) Manual Deployment Trigger, among others.

Our goal is to continue providing clear, consistent, transparent communications to our stakeholders, highlighting market and operations statistics, key ERCOT initiatives, and breaking down trending issues for a broader audience.





## Cypress Creek Watershed Resiliency Plan

The Cypress Creek Drainage Improvement District (CCDID) is soliciting community input on flood mitigation and resiliency for the Cypress Creek Watershed.

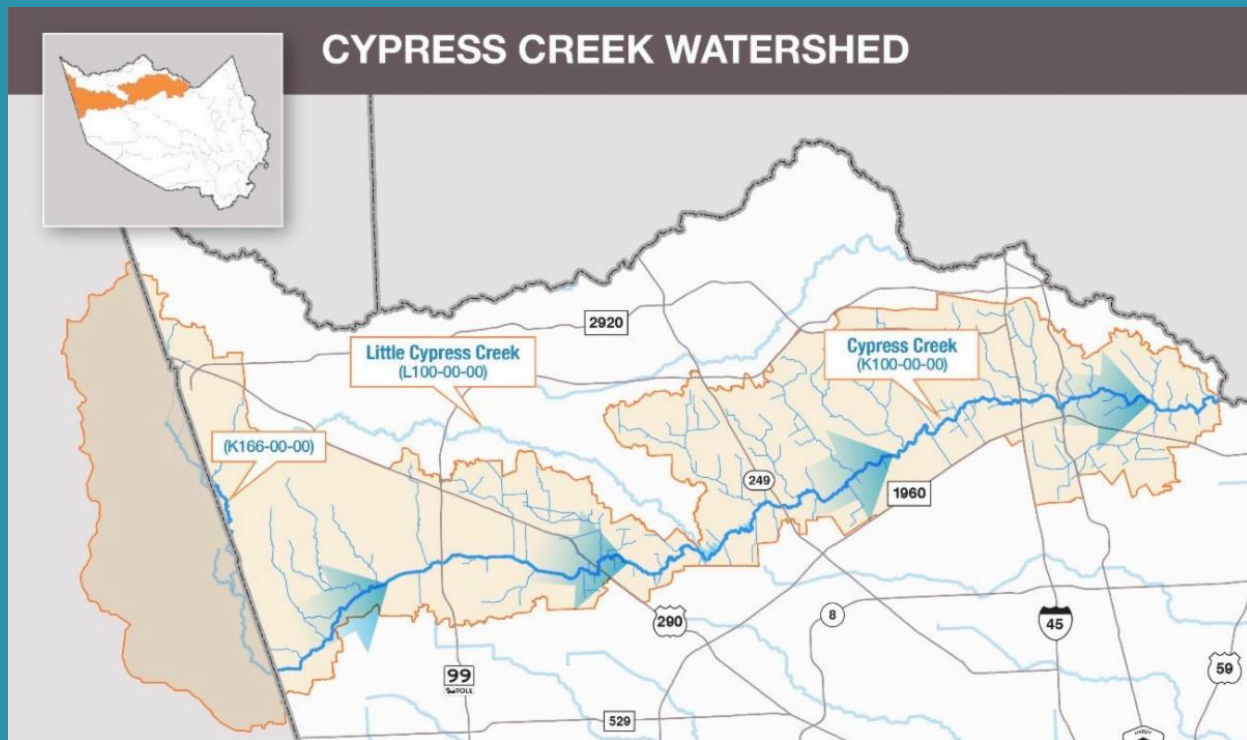
The information received has been extremely valuable to the planning process. The District is continuing to receive input from the survey contained on the website and we encourage newsletter readers to provide their feedback.

Another round of three Community Workshops is planned for the fall.

The District will hold three additional Workshops in the second half of 2024 soliciting community input to the Plan. Please complete our [online survey](#) ;we will continue to collect survey data through July.

Website for more information: <https://www.cypresscreekdid.org>

To communicate with the Drainage District, please E-Mail to: [cypresscreekdid@gmail.com](mailto:cypresscreekdid@gmail.com).



This QR code will also take you to the website





## Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts



### **Roots and Reverence: Exploring Indigenous Perspectives on Art, Culture, and Identity**

Discover the vibrant tapestry of Native American cultures through the immersive exhibition "Roots and Reverence: Exploring Indigenous Perspectives on Art, Culture, and Identity." This showcase celebrates the artistic legacy and profound narratives of tribes across North America. Highlights of the exhibition include Tlingit glass artist Preston Singletary, Osage photographer Ryan RedCorn, and Puebloan pottery artist Maria Martinez. Highlighting living traditions that have been passed down through generations, visitors will experience the intricate craftsmanship of basketry, the symbolic power of pottery, and the timeless beauty of beadwork. Each piece in the exhibition tells a story of resilience, heritage, and connection to the land.

Experience the beauty and significance of Indigenous artistry, where every stroke, weave, and carve embodies a profound connection to ancestral roots and a reverence for timeless traditions. Join us in celebrating the enduring spirit and creativity of Native American peoples, and explore the stories that continue to shape their cultures today.

Exhibition runs through August 31st. See more [here](#):

Visit the Pearl Fincher Museum Website

## Cypress Creek F.A.C.E. Foundation for the Arts and Community Enrichment



We are excited to announce our 2024-2025 Promenade Series line-up:

Zoya Shuhatovich, piano – September 10, 2024

Sam Houston State University Concert Chorale – October 8, 2024

Yvonne Chen, piano & Francesca McNeeley, cello – November 12, 2024

Stephanie Northcutt, soprano & Beth McConnell, piano present "Songs for the Season" – Dec. 10, 2024

Windsync – January 14, 2025

Rob Landes, piano – February 11, 2025

Hope Cowan, harp & Zachary Montasser, violin – March 11, 2025

Chelsea & Chloe de Souza, piano & soprano – April 8, 2025

Axiom Quartet – May 13, 2025

If you have any questions or need to make a change with your tickets, please call us at 281-440-4850 or email at [boxoffice@cypresscreekface.org](mailto:boxoffice@cypresscreekface.org)

## Texas Master Chorale



2023-2024 Concert Season

Texas Master Chorale 2024-2025  
Anniversary Concert Season

Celebrating 40 Years of Music Making!  
FALL CONCERT  
Songs of Faith and Inspiration  
Saturday, October 19, 2024

CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
A Feast of Carols  
Saturday, December 14, 2024

40th ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION CONCERT  
Premier Commissioned Work  
by Taylor Scott Davis  
Saturday, May 3, 2025

All performances to be presented at John Wesley Church, 5830 Bermuda Dunes, Houston, TX 77069  
7:30 PM—Complimentary Valet Parking Provided

[Texas Master Chorale Tickets](#)

The Texas Master Chorale is proud to announce their 2024-2025 Concert Series lineup.

Tickets: <https://www.texasmasterchorale.org/tickets.html>

General Admission—\$25.00 each

Season Subscription—\$75.00

Students with ID—Free Admission

Be sure and check out their community musical events calendar [here](#). They have concerts and musical events calendared for every group in our area.

Texas Master Chorale audition sign-ups for the 2023-2024 season will be held August 13 and 14. To request an audition, please send an email to [info@texasmasterchorale.org](mailto:info@texasmasterchorale.org) to schedule an appointment.

[Visit Texas Master Chorale Website](#)

**ESD 9 Monthly News**

Eddie Cruz, Public Information Officer





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Cy-Fair Fire Department  
281-656-3420 Office  
346-306-6165 Cell  
[eddie.cruz@cyfairfd.org](mailto:eddie.cruz@cyfairfd.org)

Total Run's for the Month of August.

EMS - 2705  
FIRE - 707  
TOTAL - 3412

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 5th from 10am to 2pm is the annual Cy-Fair Fire Department Fire Festival at Fire Station 11 (18132 West Rd, Cypress, Tx). We will have live fire and rescue simulations, kids zone, fire truck tours, DJ, food trucks and more!

Pay attention to our social media for more details coming soon.

Lieutenant Eddie Cruz  
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Free CPR class offered the third Saturday of every month, please visit our website, [www.cyfairfd.org](http://www.cyfairfd.org), to sign up.

ESD 9 - Cy-Fair Fire Dept

## ESD 11 Monthly News





## ESD 11 Update By - Brian Piatkowski Experience Coordinator

Brian Piatowski has been assigned the responsibilities for monthly updates for ESD 11. His Contact Information is :  
Phone 281-524-7667  
Email: [brian.piatkowski@esd11.com](mailto:brian.piatkowski@esd11.com)

Our response time performance remains exceptional and may be found with other critical information on our website at <https://esd11.com/transparency/>. The data is updated monthly after each regularly scheduled Board meeting, on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

It is an honor to serve the citizens of our district by providing highly progressive patient care. For the patient that suffers a cardiac arrest, the protocol we follow is an extremely aggressive approach to saving lives. Every second counts towards the success of survival, which is incorporated into the Chain of Survival and begins the moment a cardiac arrest is witnessed.

1. Early recognition of cardiac arrest.
2. Activation of the Emergency Response System.
3. Early CPR, to provide blood supply to vital organs.
4. Early defibrillation to restart the heart.
5. Comprehensive post-cardiac arrest care to restore the quality of life.

If you are interested in learning more about ESD11, please visit <https://harriscountyesd11.gov/> or join us on Facebook.

If you would like to schedule a CPR/First Aid class, standby or community event, please visit <https://harriscountyesd11.gov/outreach/> to --schedule or contact Brian Piatkowski, Experience Coordinator at 281-524-7667 or [brian.piatkowski@harriscountyesd11.gov](mailto:brian.piatkowski@harriscountyesd11.gov)

[ESD 11 Website](#)

## ESD 13 Fire Service Monthly Update

Cypress Creek Fire Department

Emma Hughes  
Public Information Officer



[ESD 13 Website](#)

## HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #13 APRIL REPORT

**ABOUT US:** Cypress Creek Fire Department is the operating name for Harris County Emergency Services District 13, a political division of the State of Texas. Cypress Creek Fire Department provides fire suppression & rescue first response services to our 33 square mile district and to the greater FM1960 area in conjunction with our automatic aid departments.

### EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

July 2024:

Fire: 26

EMS: 126

Other: 248

Total: 400

Average Response Time: 05:20

### PUBLIC OUTREACH:

Our Child Passenger Safety Technician is located at Station 22 on Cypress N. Houston Rd. and is ready to help you ensure your child's safety by providing free Child Passenger Safety inspections. CCFD offers free Home Safety Inspections to all residents in our territory. This includes a walk-through and assessment of your home. Our Firefighters will identify any potential fire hazards and give you a copy of their report so that you can correct these hazards before they become a serious problem.

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## ESD 16 Fire Service Monthly News



HARRIS ★ COUNTY  
EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT





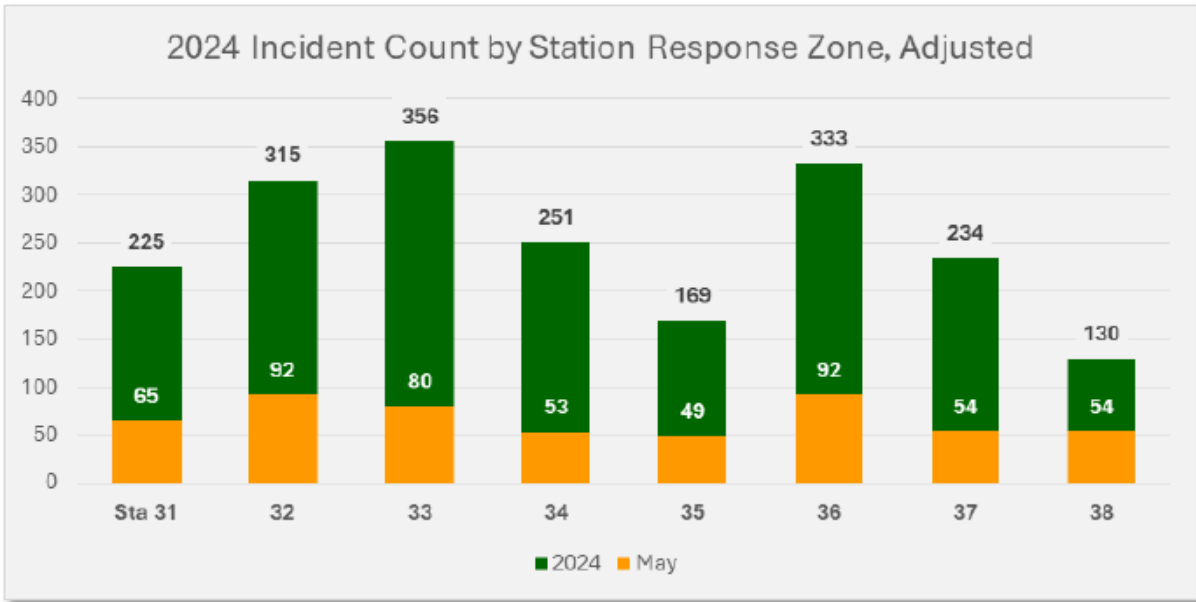
Harris County ESD 16 is the direct service provider for fire protection and rescue services in the Klein area, operating as Klein Fire Department.

Ja'Milla Lomas - Public Information Officer  
 Klein Fire Department - Email: [jlomas@hcesd16.org](mailto:jlomas@hcesd16.org)

### Monthly Incident Count by Station Response Zone, Adjusted

Klein Fire Department														
Monthly Incident Counts By Station														
Station	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Percent
HQ	0				2								2	0.08%
31	41	46	40	33	65	39							264	10.78%
32	50	58	57	58	92	65							380	15.52%
33	72	68	67	69	80	74							430	17.56%
34	60	49	45	44	53	46							297	12.13%
35	34	28	48	37	49	36							232	9.47%
36	68	60	61	52	92	69							402	16.41%
37	43	40	54	43	54	35							269	10.98%
38	28	2	1	45	54	43							173	7.06%

Total Runs	396	351	373	381	541	407	0	0	0	0	0	0	2449	100.00%
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Fire-related: 25  
EMS/ Rescue: 181

Hazardous Conditions: 30  
Service Call\*\*: 17

Good Intent◇: 75  
False Alarm: 43  
Other†: 35

**TOTAL: 407**

\*\* *Public Service, Lock-out, assist police*

◇ *No incident found, Disp/Canceled en-route*

† *Overpressure, Explosion, Severe Weather, Natural Disaster, Special Incident, Mutual Aid*

30 Fire Calls – Structure (13); Vegetation/ Rubbish (7); Vehicle (3); Other/Cooking (7)

Top 3 response areas by KFD Station for March:

1. Station 33      74 incidents      18%
2. Station 36      69 incidents      17%
3. Station 32      65 incidents      16%

## FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR 2024





Klein Fire Department's very own, Andy Dexter, LP, Chief of Health, Safety, Training, CQI, and Emergency Management, was named the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshal's Association of Texas FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR!

As the Chief of Health, Safety & Training, Chief Dexter values training both at the department and state levels. He has been the catalyst in the growth of the training program for new members for Klein FD. His expansion of the program has resulted in a 10-fold increase in applications (full-time, part-time, and volunteer) over the last several months, where potential candidates are applying specifically because of the high-quality training they have heard they would receive here.

Chief Dexter has not only developed the curriculum, but actively participates in the instruction of the newest members of the department, passing along his knowledge and experience. He continues to help improve the department's policies and procedures and is instrumental in creating the Volunteer Support Division for Klein FD.

Chief Dexter has shown unwavering dedication, exceptional leadership, and positive impact, at Klein Fire Department and beyond. His tireless efforts have not only elevated the quality of training within the fire service, but also inspired others to strive for excellence. SFFMA does his remarkable contributions great honor by naming Chief Dexter Firefighter of the Year.

## HCESD 16/ Klein Fire Dept July Recap



Engine 38 and HUT 33 crew at the Gleannloch Farms 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration with State Representative Sam Harless (July 04)



Engine 37 crew cooling off participants after the Spring Creek Forest bike parade. (July 04)

*The Klein Fire Department is rated ISO Class 2 and provides Fire Suppression, Rescue, and Medical Emergency Assistance to a resident population of 173,549 residents covering the Spring/Klein area and encompassing approximately 49 square miles. If you have questions or wish to learn more about the Klein Fire Department, please visit our online homes: [www.HCESD16.org](http://www.HCESD16.org) | [KFD Facebook](#) | [KFD Instagram](#) | [KFD Twitter](#) | [KFD Threads](#)*

ESD 16 Website

## ESD 29 - Champions Fire Department Monthly Update





## ESD 29 / Champions Fire Department

Our service area includes Greenwood Forest, Huntwick, Champions and other communities in the immediate area. Generally, the boundaries run from Cypress Creek on the North to Bourgeois on the South and Stuebner Airline over to Cutten Rd.

[Service Area Map](#)



IT'S **HOT**  
**OUTSIDE!** *STAY COOL.  
STAY HYDRATED.  
STAY INFORMED.*



**BEAT THE HEAT:**  
**Extreme Heat**

Heat-related deaths are preventable.



# Heat-related deaths are preventable

## WHAT:

Extreme heat or heat waves occur when the temperature reaches extremely high levels or when the combination of heat and humidity causes the air to become oppressive.

## WHO:



Children

More males than females are affected



Older adults



Outside workers



People with disabilities

## WHERE:



Houses with little to no AC



Construction work sites



Cars

## HOW to AVOID:



Stay hydrated with water, avoid sugary beverages



Stay cool in an air conditioned area



Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothes



During extreme heat the temperature in your car could be deadly!

Outside Temperature 80°



Time Elapsed: 20 minutes



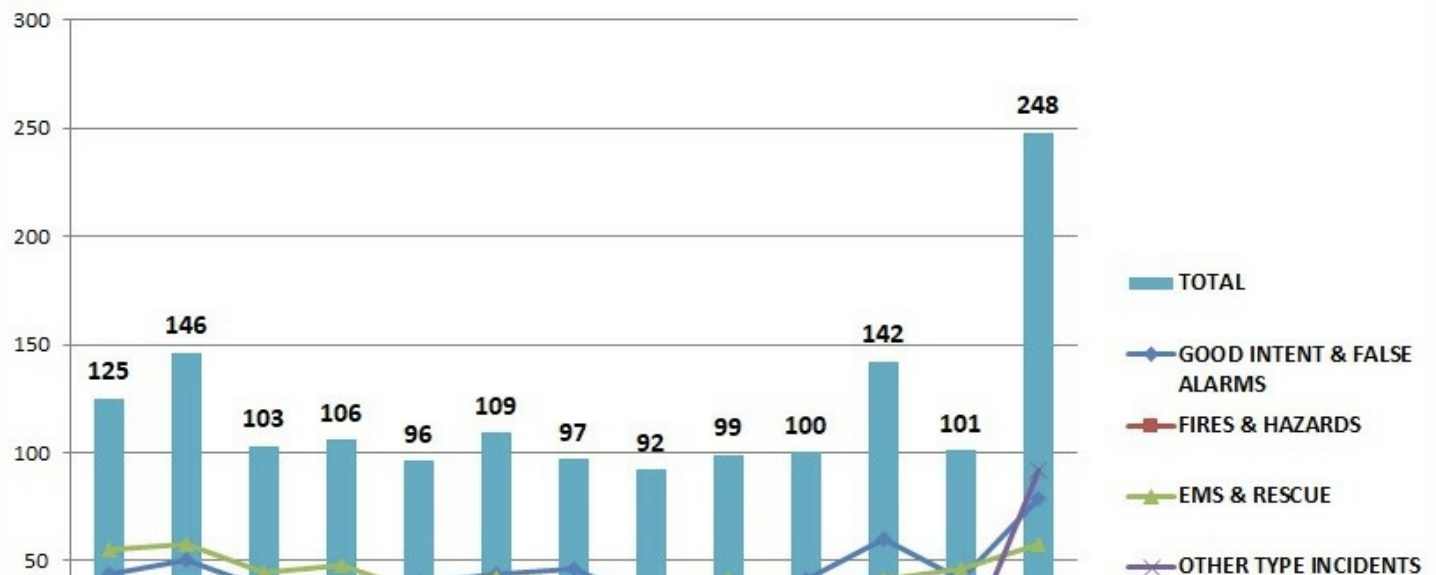
Time Elapsed: 40 minutes

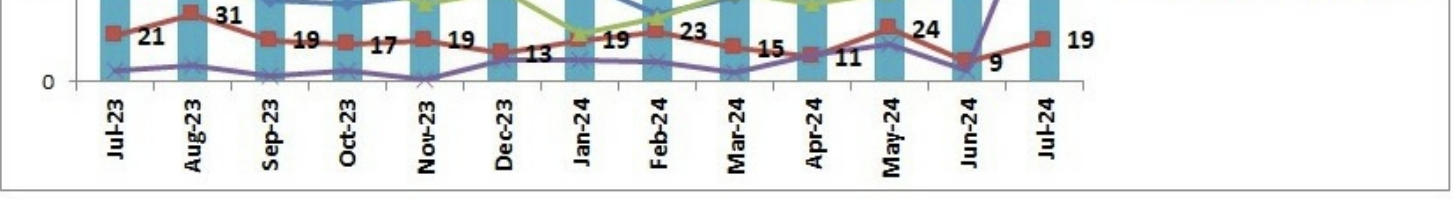


Time Elapsed: 60 minutes

For more information, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/extreme-heat/prevention/index.html>

[www.championsfire.org](http://www.championsfire.org)





## Schools In Our District



Klein ISD Website

Klein ISD will resume school for the 2023-2024 session on August 9th and run through May 24th. To see the Klein ISD Calendar of important dates, go to their website [here](#).



Tomball ISD Website

Tomball ISD will resume school for the 2023-2024 session on August 15th and run through May 23rd. To see the Tomball ISD Calendar of important dates, go to their website [here](#).



CyFair ISD Website

Cypress Fairbanks ISD will resume school for the 2023-2024 session on August 28th and run through May 31st. To see the CyFair ISD Calendar of important dates, go to their website [here](#).

## Cy-Fair ISD News





## Francone ES, Equitable Advisors establish Adopt-a-School partnership

Aug. 29, 2024—Representatives for Equitable Advisors visited the staff at Francone Elementary School on Aug. 15 to officially announce their Adopt-a-School partnership with the campus.

CFISD’s Adopt-a-School program pairs schools with community organizations and business partners to utilize resources of the community to strengthen and enrich the quality of education for students. Alex Soler, Equitable Advisors representative, expressed excitement for strengthening the bond with the Francone community.

“Equitable Advisors is proud to continue our long-standing partnership with Cypress-Fairbanks ISD into the 2024-25 academic year,” Soler said. “For the past nine years we have been deeply committed to supporting CFISD and we are excited to further strengthen this relationship by focusing on our efforts at Francone Elementary. “Our goal is to make a lasting positive impact and foster even deeper connections with the educators and families we are privileged to serve. Equitable Advisors is here for the long haul!”

To see the full list of athletes recognized and read the full article on the CyFair ISD website [here](#):

Cy-Fair ISD Website



Klein ISD News



AUGUST 13TH- 25TH 2024



WORLD MASTERS ATHLETICS  
**GOTHENBURG**  
CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

**MASTER SGT.**  
**MARVIN TASBY**



## Master Sergeant Tasby to Compete at World Masters Athletics Championships!

Klein, Texas—We are thrilled to announce that our very own Master Sergeant Marvin Tasby will be competing in the renowned World Masters Athletics Championships! This powerful event gathers the world's top masters athletes to compete in various athletic events including track and field, road running, and cross-country events.

The World Masters Athletics Championships is not just about competition, it's about promoting premier athletic events for athletes 35 and over, of all abilities, and encouraging their passion for active healthy competition, global camaraderie, and celebratory spirit.

In the M55 100 meter, MSgt Tasby is

- #128 World Ranked
- #29 NCCMA Ranked
- #24 United States Ranked

In the M55 200 meter, MSgt Tasby is

- #134 World Ranked
- #25 NCCMA Ranked
- #22 United States Ranked

Read the full article by Isabela Reyna [here](#):

Klein ISD Website

## Tomball ISD News





## Tomball ISD Once Again Awarded EVERFI Empowered District Seal for Preparing Students for Success in the Real World

TOMBALL - For the second straight year, Tomball ISD's dedication to providing an evidence-informed education that prepares students for success in the real world has led it to earn the annual EVERFI Empowered Seal.

Now in its fifth year, the EVERFI Empowered Seal is a designation awarded to public school districts that have demonstrated an exemplary commitment to comprehensive education strategies on topics such as financial literacy, health, and careers.

The EVERFI Empowered Seal recognizes Tomball ISD, which ranks in the Top 10% of school districts for its commitment to whole-child education.

"EVERFI remains a vital resource in Tomball ISD's restorative approach to discipline, and we are proud to have earned the Empowered District Seal for the second consecutive year," said Tomball ISD Director of Guidance and Counseling Steve Shiels. "This recognition underscores our commitment to educating the whole child. EVERFI's modules, which cover essential topics like conflict resolution, substance abuse prevention, and mental wellness, empower our students with the skills and knowledge they need to make better decisions, with over 2,700 courses completed by TISD students last year alone."

In addition to being recognized nationally for their work, the Empowered Seal provides districts with the opportunity to apply for the Empowered Seal grant. Six Empowered Seal districts will be selected as winners, with each district's preferred non-profit receiving \$1,000.

Read the full article [here](#):

[Tomball ISD Website](#)

## [TWC Unemployment Resources](#)

TWC Website to Apply for Benefits: [TWC Unemployment Benefits](#)

Texas Workforce TeleCenter - 800-939-6631

TWC has a new Chat service on their website in the bottom right of the screen, called "Chat With Us". This new function will be able to answer most general questions from individual. <https://www.twc.texas.gov>

## Harris County Resources

ReadyHarris Website: <https://www.readyharris.org/#resources>

Harris County Fire Marshal hotline to report businesses who are in violation of the County and State health and safety policies - 832-839-6941

Precinct 3 Commissioner Community Assistance - [Pct 3 Community Assistance](#)

Precinct 4 Commissioner Community Assistance - [Pct 4 Community Assistance](#)

People can sign up to receive emergency alerts from Harris County at: [Ready Harris Alert Signup](#).

Also, 2-1-1 is a resource hotline set up by Harris County. If someone is in need of resources fast they can call that number and they will be connected to resources in their community. They can also text CV19 to 888-777. This hotline is available 24/7.

## City of Houston

Houston Public Health Dept - <https://houstonemergency.org/covid19/>

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Community members can also text AHAS to (281) 609-9093 to sign up.

The system will send our Ready Harris Alerts with sign language interpreting along with voice and closed captioning in English and Spanish before, during and after an emergency. The RHAA is compatible with

video capable devices such as computers, tablets, cell phones and wireless Braille readers. With this new resource, HCOHSEM will also be able to reach individuals with low literacy in English and Spanish. This is HCOHSEM's latest effort to reach the whole community.

## Homeless Resources

### Sheriff's Department - Homeless Outreach

- [Online Contact Form](#)
- [Email](#)

### Houston Police - Homeless Outreach

- (832) 394-4200 - Operating hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:00pm
- [Online Referral](#)
- [Email](#)

### TxDOT Trash & Litter

- [Complaints and reports](#)

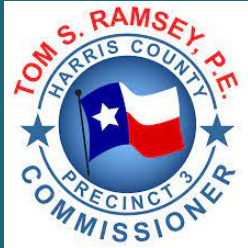
## Federal Resources / Websites

Small Business Administration: [SBA](#)

SBA Paycheck Protection Program - [Paycheck Protection Loans](#)

An SBA loan that helps businesses keep their workforce employed (during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.)

FEMA Corona Response: [FEMA CoronaVirus](#)



## Precinct 3 Commissioner Tom Ramsey Capitol Project Update

[Visit Precinct 3 Website](#)

[Pct 3 Request for Service](#)

### Harris County Precinct 3 Road and Bridge

Harris County Precinct 3 maintains the highest level of standards in maintaining over 6,600 lane miles of roadway and associated bridges throughout the area. Maintenance includes road reconstruction, storm debris removal, sign installation, right of way mowing, and more.

Please see the list below for projects that are currently under construction that are in or affect our area, including projects transferred due to redistricting. For questions or comments, [click here](#). To follow their current capitol projects list, click the button below.

[Pct 3 Capitol Improvement Projects](#)



## Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones

### Precinct 4's Infrastructure Division

The Infrastructure Division administers and manages Precinct 4's Capital Improvement Projects Program. The CIP program includes road expansion projects, traffic signals and intersection improvements, and traffic management systems designed to improve mobility and air quality.

The Infrastructure Division also oversees the Child Safety Fund which is used to provide warranted school zone flashing warning signals in compliance with Precinct 4's criteria, the installation of a warranted traffic signal system facilitating the movement of traffic around a school facility to promote student safety. To find out if your area meets the criteria of the flashing warning signal, please click [Flashing Warning Signals](#).

### Community Assistance Department

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Serving Precinct 4 constituents is our number one goal. With that in mind we provide one phone number, one e-mail address for you to find a solution to any need you might have in Harris County. Tell us what's needed and we do the work! Whether it is a street or a stop sign to be replaced, a road or sinkhole repaired, or questions or comments about Precinct 4 services, CAD can assist.

The staff researches and responds to thousands of calls, letters, and e-mails each year concerning road and bridge maintenance and various issues throughout Harris County and Precinct 4.

In addition to processing requests for maintenance, CAD seeks to have a presence and be available to our community by attending a variety of community events and liaising with various agencies within Harris County and Precinct 4.

Precinct 4 Commissioner  
Website

Pct 4 Capitol Improvement  
Projects

Community Assistance  
Department Page

### Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce

Representing the business and community interests in the Cypress Creek/North Harris County area since 1974, the Houston Northwest Chamber is actively engaged as a liaison with state, local, and federal leadership to promote the area on a variety of issues.



Houston Northwest Chamber  
of Commerce

### Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce

#### Transportation and Mobility Committee

2nd Tuesday of each month  
Meeting Location:  
29201 Quinn Rd.  
Tomball, Texas 77375  
Upstairs Conference Room



Tomball Government Affairs Committee

### Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce Transportation\Government Affairs Committee

The committee meets the 1st Thursday of each month to discuss governmental issues that confront their Cy-Fair area. They meet at the Chamber offices located at 8711 Highway 6 North, Ste. 120 Houston, TX 77095.



Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce







## Harris County Pct 3 Public Safety Forum

Meets at:  
Glorious Way Church  
11611 Champions Forest Dr  
Houston, TX 77066

Local representatives from criminal justice and government agencies make presentations and discuss issues important to the community.

The button below provides a link to sign up for our alerts and lists.

[Public Safety Forum Signup](#)

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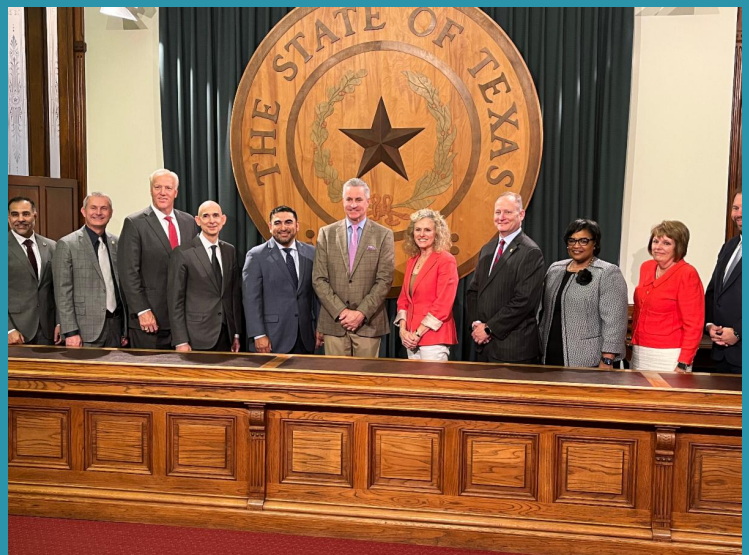
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