



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 06/18/2024

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT AN APPOINTMENT TO HEAD OF
DEPARTMENT FORM TO THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE
PROTECTION REGARDING THE INTERIM FIRE MARSHAL**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the submission of an Appointment to Head of Department form to the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) notifying TCFP of Fire Marshal Chief Deputy David Butler's service as the interim Fire Marshal.

BACKGROUND

Randy Renois served as Tarrant County Fire Marshal from 1998 until his retirement on May 31, 2024. Chief Deputy David Butler is currently conducting the affairs of the Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office, pursuant to Texas Government Code section 601.002. Once a successor Fire Marshal is appointed by the Commissioners Court, Chief Deputy Butler's authority to discharge the duties of the Fire Marshal will cease and transfer to the appointed Fire Marshal.

TCFP is a state agency tasked with the mission of developing and enforcing professional standards for fire services. As part of this mission, TCFP ensures individuals appointed to the heads of fire departments meet certain minimum qualification standards.

TCFP has requested Chief Deputy Butler supply the attached form, which designates him as the head of the Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office. Although TCFP understands that Chief Deputy Butler is not the appointed Fire Marshal, they have stated such a form is needed for those serving in an interim capacity. Because the form requires execution by the appointing authority and the Commissioners Court holds the power to appoint the Fire Marshal, Commissioners Court approval is required to execute and return this form to the TCFP.

It is expressly understood approval of this form by the Commissioners Court does not qualify as appointment of the Tarrant County Fire Marshal under Local Government Code section 352.011.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

SUBMITTED BY:	Administrator's Office	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Mark Kratovil
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