

# Training Texas Firefighters

- Texas Commission on Fire Protection
  - State agency, Board appointed by Governor
  - Jurisdiction over 737 regulated departments
  - Firefighter Advisory Committee makes recommendations to Board





# EVERYONE GOES HOME<sup>®</sup>

*Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation*

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## TRAINING



## Courage to Be Safe<sup>®</sup>

This course is a provocative and moving presentation by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, through the Everyone Goes Home<sup>®</sup> Program, that is designed to change the culture of accepting the loss of firefighters as a normal occurrence.

Building on the untold story of line of duty death survivors, it reveals how family members must live with the consequences of a firefighter death. This presentation provides a focus on the need for firefighters and officers to change fundamental attitudes and behaviors in order to prevent line of duty deaths. The central theme promotes the courage to do the right thing in order to protect yourself and other firefighters and ensure that “Everyone Goes Home” at the end of the day.

Firefighters must have the courage to face a multitude of risks in order to save lives and protect their communities. Their courage allows them to willingly risk their own lives so that others can be saved. A different type of courage is required to stay safe in potentially dangerous situations, avoiding needless risks and tragic consequences.

# SHRP2 TIM Specific Initiatives

- #1 Cultural Change—Changing attitudes
- #3 Risk Management—Recognizing and managing risks in high risk situations
- #5 Training & Certification—Training in accordance to national standards
- #11 Response Policies—Minimum standards universally recognized to assure safety



# Texas Administration Code

Adopted August 2015

Rule 435.29. All regulated fire protection personnel must complete the Federal Highway Administration Traffic Incident Management program or an equivalent course that is approved by the commission prior to December 1, 2020.



# State Firemen's and Fire Marshal's Association (SFFMA)

- Represents volunteer firefighters
- Voluntary certification program
- Reciprocity with Fire Commission
- Made FHWA SHRP2 training part of their curriculum using same timeframe for completion



# Take Away

1. Relating SHRP2 objectives to an already accepted national program
2. Allowing flexibility in meeting mandatory training
3. Making it relevant for the volunteer firefighters

Thank You

