



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

COURT ORDER NUMBER <#CourtOrderNumber#>

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DATE: 1/28/2025

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider the submission of an Appointment to Head of Department form to the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) notifying TCFP of the appointment of Kenneth Wilson as the Tarrant County Fire Marshal.

BACKGROUND

Randy Renois served as the Tarrant County Fire Marshal from 1998 until his retirement on May 31, 2024. Chief Deputy David Butler has been serving as the Interim Fire Marshal since his appointment on June 18, 2024. 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 Kenneth Wilson supply the attached form, which designates him as the head of the Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office and will formally cease the previous designation of Chief Deputy David Butler. 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.

The Criminal District Attorney's Office has reviewed as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the approval of this submission.

SUBMITTED BY	Administrator	PREPARED BY:	Maegan South
		APPROVED BY:	Chandler Merritt

Purpose: TCFP-001HOD shall be used by a department when appointing an individual as head of either a Suppression/Prevention Department, or to a Prevention-Only Department such as a fire marshal's Office. Departments are **required** to submit this form and any necessary supporting documents when appointing a person to either of these positions. The supporting documents are required to ensure that the individual qualifies for Head of Department certification. These documents must be received, reviewed, and approved before the appointment can be processed.

How to Submit

All documents required in this application (**except fingerprints**), Must be submitted to your regional compliance officer. If you do not know your regional compliance officer, please visit [Compliance | TCFP](#)

Instructions for completing form and additional documentation

WHICH DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO SUBMIT?: See [TCFP Rule 449](#) for mor information on all requirements.

If the appointee qualifies under option:

- [449.3\(a\)\(1\)](#) – Submit: Appointment form.
- [449.3\(a\)\(2\)](#) – Submit: Appointment form, copies of IFSAC seal(s), original Affidavit, and letter from previous department verifying full time fire suppression experience.
- [449.3\(a\)\(3\)](#) – Submit: Appointment form, original Affidavit, letter from previous department verifying experience in full time structural fire protection position.
- [449.3\(a\)\(5\)](#) – Submit: Appointment form, original Affidavit, letter from volunteer department verifying required activity level with department. See 449.3(b) for required activity level.

- [449.5\(a\)\(1\)](#) – Submit: Appointment form.
- [449.5\(a\)\(2\)](#) – Submit: Appointment form, copies of IFSAC seal(s), original Affidavit, letter from previous department verifying experience in full time fire prevention position.
- [449.5\(a\)\(3\)](#) – Submit: Appointment form, original Affidavit, letter from previous department verifying full time experience in inspector or investigator position.
- [449.5\(a\)\(5\)](#) – Submit: Appointment form, original Affidavit, letter from previous department verifying experience as active volunteer inspector or investigator.

- If the appointee is to be the FIDO account administrator (owner) for the department, also submit form TCFP-019: FIDO Account Owner Designation

- If the department has not submitted a Removal from Appointment form to remove a previous Head of Department from the Commission's records, that form must be submitted also.

INFORMATION ON FORM

FIDO PIN (REQUIRED): The FIDO PIN is required for any person applying for a state certification offered by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. If the person does not currently have a FIDO PIN, the individual must create a FIDO account before submitting form. <https://auth.tcfp.texas.gov/account/login>

FDID No: This is the identification number assigned to the department by TCFP.

Date of Appointment: For an initial appointment to duties, the date upon which the appointment is effective. For a change of appointed duties, indicate the date upon which the change in appointment is effective. This date will be utilized in conjunction with the postmark and received date to determine if the submission of the TCFP-001 was timely as required by Chapter 421.

Signature/Printed Name of Administrative Head: The signature and name of the person who is authorized to appoint this person to head of department duties. MAYOR, CITY MANAGER, ESD PRESIDENT, OR COUNTY JUDGE.

Signature of Appointee: The appointee's legal signature. PERSON WHO IS GOING TO BE CHIEF.

*******DO NOT SUBMIT INSTRUCTIONS WITH APPLICATION*******

Required Criminal History Checks

Schedule an appointment to be electronically fingerprinted by MorphoTrust USA at one of their Identogo enrollment centers.

- Internet based scheduling is the quickest and most convenient way to obtain a fingerprint appointment.
 - a. **You may begin the process now by simply clicking on this link:**
<https://uenroll.identogo.com/servicecode/11G69S>
 - b. Provide all required pre-enrollment data and select a convenient date and time for your appointment
- If you prefer to schedule over the telephone, you must:
 - a. Have your Service Code ready (**11G69S**), then call **888.467.2080**;
 - b. MorphoTrust will prompt you for the Service Code (**11G69S**);
 - c. Provide all required pre-enrollment data and select a convenient date and time for your appointment
- 2. Arrive at your scheduled appointment with your photo identification and fee
 - If you plan on bringing a form of identification other than a valid (unexpired) TX Driver License, please refer to the Department of Public Safety's acceptable document types here:
 - http://www.dps.texas.gov/administration/crime_records/docs/ProveIdForFingerprinting.pdf
 - MorphoTrust accepts Visa/MasterCard/Discover/American Express, business checks, money orders and coupon codes (employer accounts) at the time of service.
 - **Please note that personal checks and cash are not accepted.**
- 3. Your fingerprints will be submitted electronically to DPS and the FBI. You will not receive a printed fingerprint card.
- 4. At the conclusion of your appointment, the MorphoTrust enrollment agent will provide you with an Identogo receipt stating that you were fingerprinted.
 - Do not throw away the receipt;
 - You may check status on your submission by clicking on this link:
<https://uenroll.identogo.com/servicecode/11G69S> and then click "**Check Status**"

IMPORTANT NOTE: Criminal history information based upon submitted fingerprints is only available to the Commission for a limited time. Therefore, submission of this appointment to head of department duty to the Commission should be coordinated with a fingerprint submission.

Date Received	Texas Commission on Fire Protection Fire Service Standards & Certification Division <small>(Date received & date processed sections are reserved for agency use only)</small>	Date Processed
		Processed By
Appointment to Head of Department		

Appointee/Department Information:				
FIDO PIN	Last Name	Suffix	First Name	Middle Name or Initial
8510717	Wilson		Kenneth	Leroy
FDID No.	Department Name	Dept Phone	Cell Phone	Date of Appointment
3380	Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office	817-838-4660		01/28/2025

*****IMPORTANT*****

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT FINGERPRINT DATA FOR A CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN APPOINTED TO FIRE PROTECTION OR PREVENTION DUTIES WITH A COMMISSION-REGULATED ENTITY AND DO NOT HOLD AN ACTIVE CERTIFICATION WITH THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION.

SEE ATTACHED APPLICATION INSTRUCTION PAGES FOR HOW TO SUBMIT FINGERPRINT DATA.

Please supply the following information if you do not hold an active certificate with the Texas Commission on Fire Protection at this time:

Previously Used Last Names List all aliases, including maiden name, if applicable.	Previously Used Suffixes	Previously Used First Names	Previously Used Middle Names or Initials			
Daytime Phone Number	Driver's License No.	D.L. State	Height (Feet and Inches)	Weight (Pounds)	Hair Color	Eye Color
817-838-4660			5'6"	175	Blond	Blue
Date of Birth	Sex	Race or Ethnicity				
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Black	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White <small>(Includes Hispanic)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
High School Diploma?	If No, Highest Grade Completed?	GED?	College Degree?	If yes, which major?		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Criminal Justice		
Have you ever been convicted of any criminal offense (other than minor traffic offenses)?						
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, attach explanation regarding the date of conviction, original charge, jurisdiction, disposition, and circumstances surrounding the offense.						

DUTY APPOINTMENT:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Head of Suppression Department (includes Prevention)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Head of Prevention-Only Department
Attach any of the following <u>as is applicable</u> for this appointment (see instructions):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Original notarized Affidavit (TCFP-016) from previous department indicating time with department. More than one Affidavit may be submitted if necessary	

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Letter from previous department</u> verifying that service was <u>full time</u> in the required discipline. More than one letter may be submitted if necessary
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Letter from volunteer department</u> verifying that required level of annual activity or experience was met. More than one letter may be submitted if necessary
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Copies of IFSAC certificates</u> deemed equivalent to TCFP basic fire suppression, investigation, or inspector
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>A FIDO Account Owner Designation Form (TCFP-019) is attached (REQUIRED)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>A Removal from Appointment Form (TCFP-005) is attached to remove previous Head of Department (REQUIRED)</u>

It is the policy of this agency that all applicants will receive an equal opportunity without regard to race, color, age, religion, sex, national origin, or physical/mental disability unless the individual does not meet the standards set by the commission as stated in the Standards Manual for Fire Protection Personnel, "Standards for Certification", §421.3.

By my signature below, I attest I have read and agree that the statements on this form and any attachments to this form are true and correct. I understand any misstatements or omissions of material facts may constitute grounds for administrative proceedings by the T.C.F.P.

Signature of Appointee: _____ Date: _____
 (THE PERSON BEING APPOINTED TO HOD SUPPRESSION/PREVENTION)

Printed Name of Administrative Head: _____

Signature of Administrative Head: _____ Date: _____

(Individual who is authorized to make this appointment for the entity, ie. Mayor, City Manager, ESD President, County Judge)