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State Representative District

May 2025 Newsletter

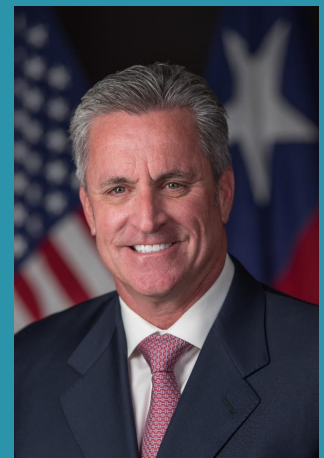


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89th Session Concludes

I apologize in advance for the length, but as this is an "end of session" newsletter, I will try to cover a lot of ground.

The final week of the 89th Session was nearly a madhouse as the pressure mounted and the clock ran out on hundreds of bills. A move by a small group just a month earlier effectively killed most of the "Local and Consent Calendar". This calendar is usually the path for all bills that are local or regional in nature. Without it, virtually every bill had to go through the "General State Calendar" and the result was very lengthy agendas, running out the clock on numerous "Conservative" priorities. The infighting and fractures within the members of the majority party continued to create division as small groups voted against numerous bills of members of their own party. It's difficult to get legislation passed when members don't get along during the process. Our caucus failed to exert the positive influence we hoped over occasionally outlandish behavior, causing considerable internal friction and impeding success. For all the noise at the beginning of the session about committee chairmanships, that didn't turn out to be the major obstacle of the session.

With one week left in the session, we had over 200 Points of Order filed costing us over 67 hours of time. Once a Point of Order is raised, declaring a violation of parliamentary procedure, it takes precedent on the House floor, and the Speaker of the House must rule on whether there has been a violation before continuing. The House Parliamentarian provides information for the ruling as well as precedents that support it. If the speaker overrules a point of order, business continues as usual. If the Point of Order is sustained, the bill must return to committee if time permits, otherwise, the bill may die.

Most of us come to Austin to work on passing good legislation, or stopping bad, not for politics, social media likes, or showmanship, so let's talk a little bit about what actually got done.

School Choice \ Vouchers

We can start with the "elephant in the room", Vouchers. The Governor established school choice, or vouchers, as one of his top priorities last session and was emphatic it would pass this time. For those who opposed vouchers last session, they saw their legislation stopped or vetoed and others suffered through brutal primaries, all to ensure school choice was ultimately successful. That wasn't the only fallout. School funding died last session as a result. Our four school districts, who collectively were running deficit budgets of \$195 million dollars, suffered greatly from this lack of additional funding. Cy-Fair being the largest, made up the brunt of that deficit. Every time I talked with our school superintendents, they all expressed their frustration at making very difficult financial decisions under such dire circumstances. They faced facility closures, layoffs, and more if we didn't resolve the conflict and get them more money. I chose to fight for more money and worry less about vouchers. There will be those that offer different motivations, but it really is as simple as that. There are about 200k school children in our district who would be impacted if we didn't pass a funding bill this session and that bill was held up as leverage while the school choice\voucher bill moved to passage.

The vouchers are capped at 100k students with the current available funding and about 72k of those slots will be dedicated to special needs or economically disadvantaged, leaving about 18k slots statewide out of 5.5 million students. Those that don't make the program in excess of that will go onto a waiting list. The program will prioritize students currently in public schools over kids already in private ones and is restricted to children who are US citizens. It is also restricted to pre-approved private schools that have a minimum of two years in business and are using an approved curriculum. This helps to avoid the concern of schools just popping up to take advantage of vouchers or receiving tax money to teach unapproved programs.

To see the bill, its bill analysis, and amendments you can use this [link](#).

School Funding

Lt. Governor Patrick recently released numbers from a compromise agreement between the House and the Senate on House Bill 2, the school funding plan. It includes \$8.5 billion, with \$4.5 billion for permanent teacher and staff pay raises. It expands incentive pay and teacher training programs. Included is \$1.3 billion in Allotment for Basic Costs (ABC) to help districts with expenses for insurance, utilities, and TRS contributions. It adds almost \$2 billion to fund full day Pre-K, early learning intervention, update special education formulas, and Career & Technical Education (CTE). It also adds \$430 million for school safety.

Many have inquired about funding formulas and average daily allotments (ADA) and how the new funding approach compares with the old. To be sure, school finance is almost unnecessarily complicated and the average daily allotment may not be an exact measure of the impacts of the new approach on school districts funding because other sources were used. We rely more directly on the actual run numbers, specifically for our four primary public school districts, Klein, Cy-Fair, Tomball, and Spring.

Reaching this agreement has been a tedious and time consuming process and for those who were looking for instant answers along the way, I apologize, but I believe its better to be accurate, than immediate. There were twenty five amendments filed to modify the bill with ten of those accepted over a period of three weeks, so its important to remember how fluid the process is and how much the end result can change.

To see the bill, its bill analysis, and amendments you can use this [link](#).

Below are the actual numbers provided to us by Chairman Buckley, from the Public Education Committee.

To be sure, there is more work to be done to address improvements in school funding, teacher pay, student outcomes and even school security, but that work will have to be done in another session.

Year	District	Change In Total M&O Revenue	Current Law Total M&O Revenue per ADA	New Law Total M&O Revenue per ADA	Change In Total M&O Revenue per Current Law ADA
2026	Cy-Fair ISD	\$61,491,839	\$9,227	\$9,798	\$571
2027	Cy-Fair ISD	\$65,251,221	\$9,334	\$9,944	\$610
2026	Klein ISD	\$27,804,359	\$9,847	\$10,432	\$586
2027	Klein ISD	\$32,942,989	\$10,027	\$10,735	\$707
2026	Spring ISD	\$15,329,294	\$10,858	\$11,381	\$523
2027	Spring ISD	\$23,035,057	\$11,166	\$11,963	\$797
2026	Tomball ISD	\$11,628,023	\$9,569	\$10,088	\$519
2027	Tomball ISD	\$15,147,442	\$9,732	\$10,390	\$657
		(In Millions)			

STAAR Testing Remains

After months of back and forth over the details of House 4, the bill designed to rework school accountability and student assessment, a last minute amendment filed in the Senate made dramatic changes to the bill. The amendment would require the State Board of Education to submit a report to the Legislature by September 1, 2017, detailing the results of the STAAR testing process and the impact of the current testing process on students and schools. The report would also include recommendations for improving the testing process and ensuring that the results are used to improve student learning and school performance.

changes that basically undid all the the proposals sent by the House to replace the existing student assessment process. The Senate was unable to resolve a replacement for the STAAR testing, so for the time being, it remains in place.

Representative Harless Bills Passed This Session & Sent to the Governor

My House Bills With Senate Companions

HB 1327/SB 375 - Filed each session, the Local Provider Participation Fund (LPPF) is one of a number across the state that allows our area hospitals to contribute to a fund that is considered as part of the state's contribution of Medicare payments for the indigent. While routine legislation, it is extremely important for our area hospitals and is always a top legislative priority for them.

HB 1798/SB 370 - This bill was initially filed to address the confidentiality of the home address of public defenders and was expanded to include current and former prosecutors from the Attorney General's Office and their families and amended onto SB 370.

HB 2176/SB 2878 - Our Justices of The Peace and Constables approached us regarding the makeup of the Court Security Committee. In our county, Constables and Justices of the Peace were not being included as members on the committee, even though they play significant roles in the justice process. Constables provide bailiffs for the courts and the judges are often the target of attacks and retaliation and bear the responsibility of court operations. The bill requires that one of each be placed on the court security committee. Since our bill was unopposed, the Senate included our bill language in their omnibus court bill which passed and was sent to the Governor.

HB 2226/SB 841 - This bill addresses the issues for beneficiaries on a trust fund created by contractors intended to pay vendors. Contractors put up a percentage of the contract to protect vendors and subcontractors. However, a recent court ruling has overturned this longstanding practice and many subcontractors and vendors have been left with no way to recoup payment for their work and supplies. This bill codifies this practice of contractor trust fund beneficiaries to ensure that all downstream parties are properly paid.

HB 2688/HB 3521 - The Houston Firefighters and Houston Police come to Austin when its time to make adjustments to their private pension plan term or actuarial rates. I filed two separate bills that would allow dramatic improvements in their pensions systems that were essential for retention of seasoned employees and hiring new ones. Working with Senator Huffman, the two bills were consolidated in a historic agreement benefiting employees of both pension plans.

This solo bill, HB 2688, created to address the Houston Firefighter pension plan was amended by Sen. Huffman to include HB 3521 that I filed to address the Houston Police Pension plan. The joint plan was adopted in a historic consolidated bill for both Police and Fire Pension systems. The details of the plan were approved by the Texas Pension Review Board and is revenue neutral to the City of Houston. This agreement dramatically improves both retention and recruiting for both agencies.

HB 3686 - Current law requires all Texas police agencies to provide retired peace officer credentials to any honorably retired peace officer upon request. The requirements include their name, photograph, name of the agency, identifying details and photo of the officer as well as a phone number to verify its validity. What is not included in these requirements is their rank at the time of retirement. After years of service they deserve to have their rank recognized upon their retirement.

HB 3687 - On the request of our world class Harris County Fire Marshal, I filed this legislation to establish standard qualifications and certifications for fire marshals in counties over 100 thousand in population. Under past law, fire marshals are not required to have professional certifications. This bill requires them to have a basic fire marshal certification as a minimum with certifications in fire prevention and fire

to be have a basic fire prevention certification as a minimum with certifications in fire prevention and fire suppression.

HB 3825/SB 541 - Area constituents have asked us to address the restrictive gross revenue limits on the cottage food industry. Rep Hull carried a similar bill which I amended on the House floor to increase the revenue ceiling to \$150 thousand dollars.

HB 3869/SB 482 - Following the recovery after Hurricane Beryl thousands of us experienced extended outages due to downed electrical lines. We were heartened by the arrival of utility workers both from our area and out-of-state only to learn they were being harassed and assaulted in the process of trying to restore power. The bill enhances the penalty for assaulting a utility worker in the performance of their duties.

HB 3913/SB 1968 - I filed this legislation at the request of the real estate industry to clarify the relationship between prospective buyers and real estate agents. This bill seeks to clarify what has been an unwritten "understanding" about whose interests an agent showing a property represents. Current law does not permit realtors to show property absent a written agreement and this bill gives more transparency to the realtor relationship and allows more options without permitting exclusive contracts.

HB 4205 - Harris County Constables recently went through a conflict with Commissioner Court refusing on multiple occasions to establish pay parity between our Constable Investigators and the Sheriff's Detectives, who do the same job. This bill was filed to ensure they are required to establish pay parity among Harris County's law enforcement agencies. With equity being a very visible issue on starting pay between the Houston Police and Harris County, this bill ensures that salaries within Harris County law enforcement agencies remained the same. It is a big step towards assisting our law enforcement in retention and recruitment.

HB 4937/SB 1506 - This bill addresses the frequency that Pardons & Parole meets following a denial of release and gives them greater flexibility and more realistic hearing for a number of offenses without extended hearing dates.

Senate Bills I Sponsored That Passed

SB 1506 - Since I was the Chairman of the Corrections Committee, the Board of Pardons & Parole asked that I co-sponsor Senator Parker's bill authorizing the Parole Board to have the authority to extend hearing release dates for a variety of different criminal offenses. Some felony and capitol crimes like murder, have a hearing setoff date of up to 10 years. This bill allows the Parole board to do hearing setoffs for lower level offenses of one to five years from the date of the denial of release. This makes actual hearing dates more realistic and gives more options for the Parole Board.

SB 1610 - This bill came at the request of a little know state agency called the Civil Commitment Office. When serial sexual predators with multiple convictions are ready to complete their sentence, prior to release they hold a court hearing to determine their fitness for release back into society. Some inmates are deemed by the court to be a continuing danger and are directed to the Civil Commitment facility in West Texas. This bill lays out a punishment for criminal violation they commit while under the rehabilitation process, such as assaulting a guard or caseworker. Almost all of the "clients" will reach their "third strike" with another felony criminal offense triggering lengthy mandatory sentences.

To see bills from this session that I authored, co-authored, and sponsored from the Senate, use this [link](#).



STATE FLOOD APPROPRIATION FUNDING



\$22 Million In Flood Appropriation Funding

For the 2nd session in a row, I have successfully obtained state funding for flood projects along the Cypress Creek Watershed. Following on the \$12 million appropriation acquired for the T.C. Jester Detention Project in 2023, I was able to obtain **\$22 million** this session to help the Harris County Flood Control District complete one of their ongoing projects at the Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve. This is the park and lake most of us see while driving along Cypresswood and the Tomball Parkway that has a dam that holds back a substantial amount of water and this additional funding will assist them in completing this project. The funding comes through the Texas Water Development Board to the Flood Control District. Harris County has secured almost half of the needed funding for the project which is currently in the design phase. These funds will be used to repair a number of erosion damaged sites along a 5,700 foot section of the dam and install an engineered armoring system to safeguard against future erosion.

This brings our total to **\$34 million** in new state flood funding for the Cypress Creek Watershed. This is something no other Representative in North Harris County is doing and is unique to our District.

Last session I was able to collaborate with Congressman Dan Crenshaw and Commissioner Tom Ramsey to put together a flood package totaling more than \$50 million for the Cypress Creek Watershed.

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 most recent edition of the newsletter 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

Drainage Improvement

District





Monthly Report

Harris County Flood Control District and Harris County Precincts are working on a significant number of neighborhood drainage projects designed to alleviate flooding in subdivisions along Cypress Creek.

From the Flood Control District website: "The Harris County Engineering Department manages and oversees subdivision drainage projects within unincorporated Harris County. These subdivision drainage projects improve the internal drainage systems and related infrastructure that conveys storm water from neighborhoods to major drainage channels or bayous maintained by the Flood Control District."

Subdivision drainage projects concentrate on improving internal drainage systems within neighborhoods and include:

- Underground storm sewer systems
- Roadside ditches
- Culvert installations
- Street regrading
- Outfall improvements to the Creek

Typical projects have costs in the \$5 to \$13 million range.

Additional information on specific neighborhood projects (identified as E-06 Subdivision Drainage Project) can be found on the Harris County Flood Control District website, <https://www.hcfcd.org/Activity/Capital-Improvement-Program/Subdivision-Drainage-Projects/E-06-Subdivision-Drainage-Project>

To communicate with the Drainage District, please E-Mail to: cypresscreekdid@gmail.com.

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

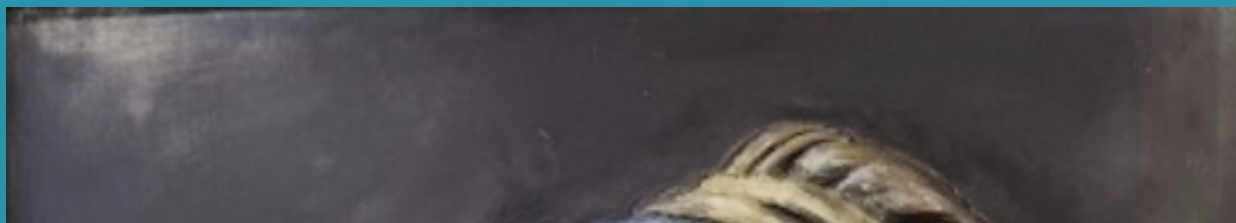
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2024 Annual Report



The QR Code will take you to the CCDID Website.

Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts





Art Unleashed

Show run: May 31st-August 30th, 2025

Main Gallery: "Art Unleashed: Creativity You Can FEEL!" is a family-friendly, touchable art exhibition for all abilities. The exhibition has been curated to include pieces created specifically for this exhibition as well as art on loan from artists across the nation. Among the exhibition collection are bronze relief replicas of famous masterpieces such as "The Starry Night" and "Girl with a Pearl Earring" created by Thomas Bustos with Masterpiece Relief for the Blind, stackable soft sculptures created by Stephanie Metz, a joyful tufted series created by Sam Lao, and bronze sculptures by Edd Hayes, Clint Howard, and John Maisano represented by Found Fine Art.

The summer exhibition also includes a large Maker Space, where guests of all ages and abilities can create their own art from sensory materials like buttons, pipe cleaners, pom-poms and more. The Maker

Space is generously sponsored by AAUW North Harris County Branch.

For more info on this article, go [here](#):

Visit the Pearl Fincher Museum Website



The 6th Grade Strings camp is four-day orchestra program for students specifically designed for students who participated in the 5th grade Klein Strings Program and will be going into 6th grade orchestra in Klein ISD.

June 9-12, 2025 (Monday-Thursday) at Klein Collins High School

Camp students will participate in Sectionals for each instrument (violin, viola, cello, bass) and full Orchestra rehearsal. The week will culminate with a Thursday evening concert at 7pm.

When: Monday, June 9 – Thursday, June 12, 2025 • 9:00am – 12:00pm*

Where: Klein Collins High School, 20811 Ella Blvd., Klein, Tx 77388

Cost: \$100 to Klein ISD incoming 6th grade students

Camp Director: Rowina Torres McKee, Doerre Intermediate Orchestra Director
For more info: Call 281-440-4850 OR email: nanci@cypresscreekface.org
Registration Deadline: Friday, May 30, 2025 or until all spaces are full.

REGISTRATION LIMIT: Due to the stage size, we are limited to a maximum of 80 students that can attend. Once this number is reached, Registration will be closed regardless of the dates listed below.
Financial Aid: Financial aid is available. [Apply here.](#)

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TEXAS
MASTER CHORALE

Texas Master Chorale 2024-2025
Anniversary Concert Season

Celebrating 40 Years of Music Making!

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.

Master Chorale Facebook

Visit Texas Master Chorale Website

ESD 9 Monthly News



Eddie Cruz, Public Information Officer

Cy-Fair Fire Department
281-656-3420 Office
346-306-6165 Cell
eddie.cruz@cyfairfd.org

Monthly Totals for May

EMS: 2742

FIRE (includes Rescue, HAZMAT, Automatic Alarms): 723

TOTAL = 3465

HURRICANE SEASON IS NOW UPON US

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HOW TO GET READY If you live in an area at risk for hurricanes, have a plan to evacuate and a plan to shelter safely at home. Take these simple steps and be ready:

- *Your evacuation plan should include knowing where you'll go, how you'll get there, and where you'll stay. Your stay-at-home plan should focus on gathering the right supplies so that you can live safely without power, water, gas, phone or internet for a long time. *Families may need to evacuate quickly with little notice. Create a plan that includes how you'll stay connected with each other. *Sign up for free emergency alerts from your local government, which will include important information such as evacuation orders in an emergency.

*Prepare your home: Trim trees, clear gutters, pick up or secure items that can be projected by high winds, like BBQ Pits, trampolines, toys/bikes.

*Have an extra supply of medication.

*Have a fully charge cell phone with an external battery source.

*Make provisions for pets, like pet water vest, muzzle to prevent bites (they will be stressed), medications if needed.

- *Help the elderly get prepared.

We want 2025 to be a safer year. If you want to request a fire station visit, fire truck visit, a fire safety talk, CPR training at your school, church, HOA, Independent Living Center, please visit our website at www.cyfairfd.org to request.

Lieutenant Eddie Cruz
Public Information Officer/Public Relations
Cy-Fair Fire Department
10710 Telge Rd.
Houston, TX 77095

Free CPR class offered the third Saturday of every month, please visit our website, 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



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.

Ever wonder how Harris County ESD 11 ambulances are always kept stocked, cleaned and ready to treat all medical emergencies in our community? Innovative technology and a dedicated team working 24/7.

Learn how we do it by watching our in-depth dive into the logistics of making Your Care Our Priority with our new You Tube Video!

[#harriscountyesd11](#) [#logistics](#) [#ems](#) [#ambulance](#) [#supplychain](#) [#RFID](#)

If you would like to schedule a CPR/First Aid class, standby, community event, or have us come speak to your group about ESD 11, please visit <https://harriscountyesd11.gov/outreach/> to --schedule or contact Brian Piatkowski, Experience Coordinator at 281-524-7667 or brian.piatkowski@harriscountyesd11.gov

Do you or someone you know need help with a car seat? We can help! Car Seat Safety Program - Harris County ESD 11

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ESD 13 Fire Service Monthly Update



Cypress Creek Fire Department

Emma Hughes
Public Information Officer

ESD 13 Website

HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #13 MONTHLY 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:

April 2025:

Fire: 15

EMS: 152

Other: 104

Total: 271

Average Response Time: 04:46

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. For more information, please contact Emma Hughes at (281) 894-0151. Email pr@hcesd13.org

ESD 16 Fire Service Monthly News



HARRIS ★ COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT



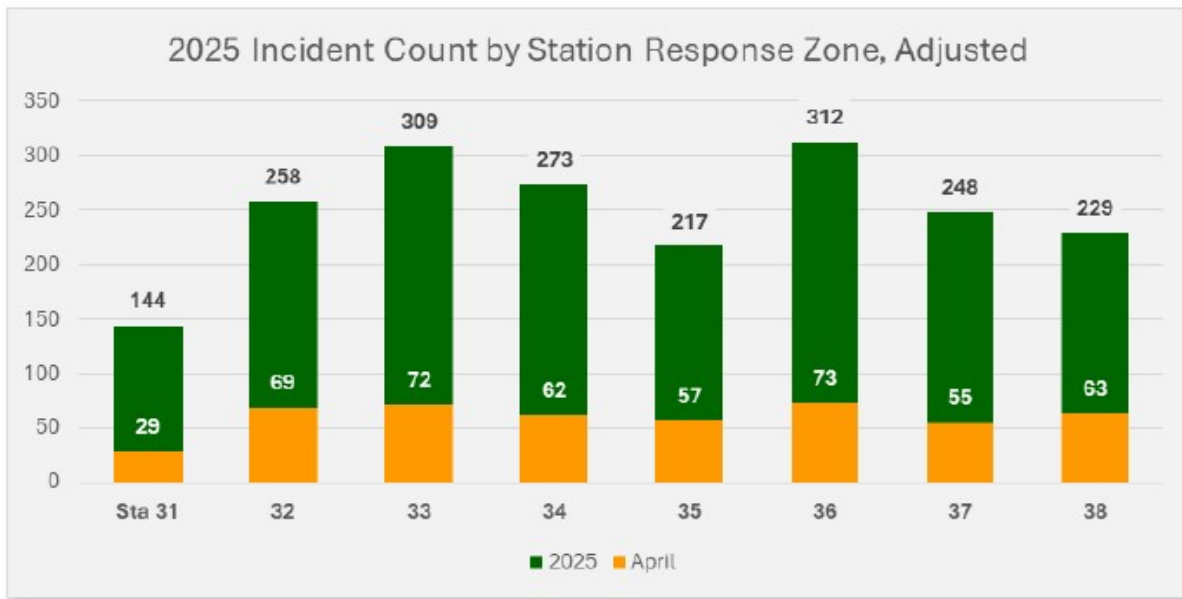


Harris County ESD 16 is the direct service provider for fire protection and rescue services in the Klein area, operating as Klein Fire Department.

Ja'Milla Lomas - Public Information Officer
 Klein Fire Department - Email: jlomas@hcesd16.org

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	0.00%
31	35	35	45	29									144	7.24%
32	70	55	64	69									258	12.96%
33	92	85	60	72									309	15.53%
34	68	72	71	62									273	13.72%
35	68	42	50	57									217	10.90%
36	97	67	75	73									312	15.68%
37	63	58	72	55									248	12.46%
38	65	37	64	63									229	11.51%
Total	558	451	501	480	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1990	100.00%



Emergency Response – April 2025

Fire: 33 Hazardous Conditions: 29 Good Intent[◇]: 74
 EMS/ Rescue: 229 Service Call^{**}: 20 False Alarm: 42
 Other[†]: 53

TOTAL: 480

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

◇ No incident found, Disp/Canceled en-route

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

33 Fire Calls – Structure (9); Vegetation/ Rubbish (19); Vehicle (1); Other/Cooking (4)

Top 3 response areas by KFD Station for April:

1. Station 36 73 incidents 15%
2. Station 33 72 incidents 15%
3. Station 32 69 incidents 14%

Top 3 response areas by KFD Station year-to-date:

1. Station 36 312 incidents 16%
2. Station 33 309 incidents 16%
3. Station 34 273 incidents 14%

Klein Fire Department Celebrates Growth with Badge Pinning Ceremony for New Full-Time Captains, Driver/Operators, and Firefighters

Harris County ESD 16, Klein Fire Department recently hosted a special badge pinning ceremony, marking a significant moment of growth for the Department and dedication within our ranks. This special occasion honored both newly appointed full-time members and those promoted to the esteemed positions of Captain and Driver/Operator. Their commitment to serving the Klein community with courage and

professionalism is without question.

The ceremony, a time-honored tradition in the fire service, brought together families, friends, and fellow department members to witness this pivotal milestone. Each new full-time firefighter received their official KFD badge, symbolizing their entry into a challenging and rewarding career dedicated to public safety. These individuals have undergone rigorous training and demonstrated the essential skills and unwavering commitment required to protect lives and property.

Adding to the celebration, a few experienced members were formally recognized as being promoted to Captain and Driver/Operator, respectively. This advancement signifies not only their years of dedicated service and expertise but also their readiness to take on increased leadership responsibilities within the department. They will play a crucial role in guiding their crews, overseeing operations, and ensuring the highest standards of readiness and response.

The badge pinning ceremony serves as a powerful reminder of the sacrifices and dedication inherent in the fire service. For the Klein Fire Department, it was a moment to celebrate the strength of our team, recognizing both the fresh energy of new recruits and the proven leadership that will continue to propel the Department forward in our mission to "protect and serve the Klein community by minimizing the loss of life and property from fire, medical, or other emergencies". The Klein community can rest assured that their Klein Fire Department continues to grow stronger, with these dedicated individuals ready to answer the call.

Congratulations to:

Captains: Marc Arnaud, Marco Bergamini, John Lamb

Driver Operators: George Cruz, Terry Ewing

Firefighters: Johnathan Davis, Hernán Gonzalez, Logan Henson, Kyle Key, Jacob Perez, Aaron Rebando, James Tabb





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 | [KFD Facebook](#) | [KFD Instagram](#) | [KFD Twitter](#) | [KFD Threads](#)

ESD 16 Website

ESD 29 - Champions Fire Department Monthly Update

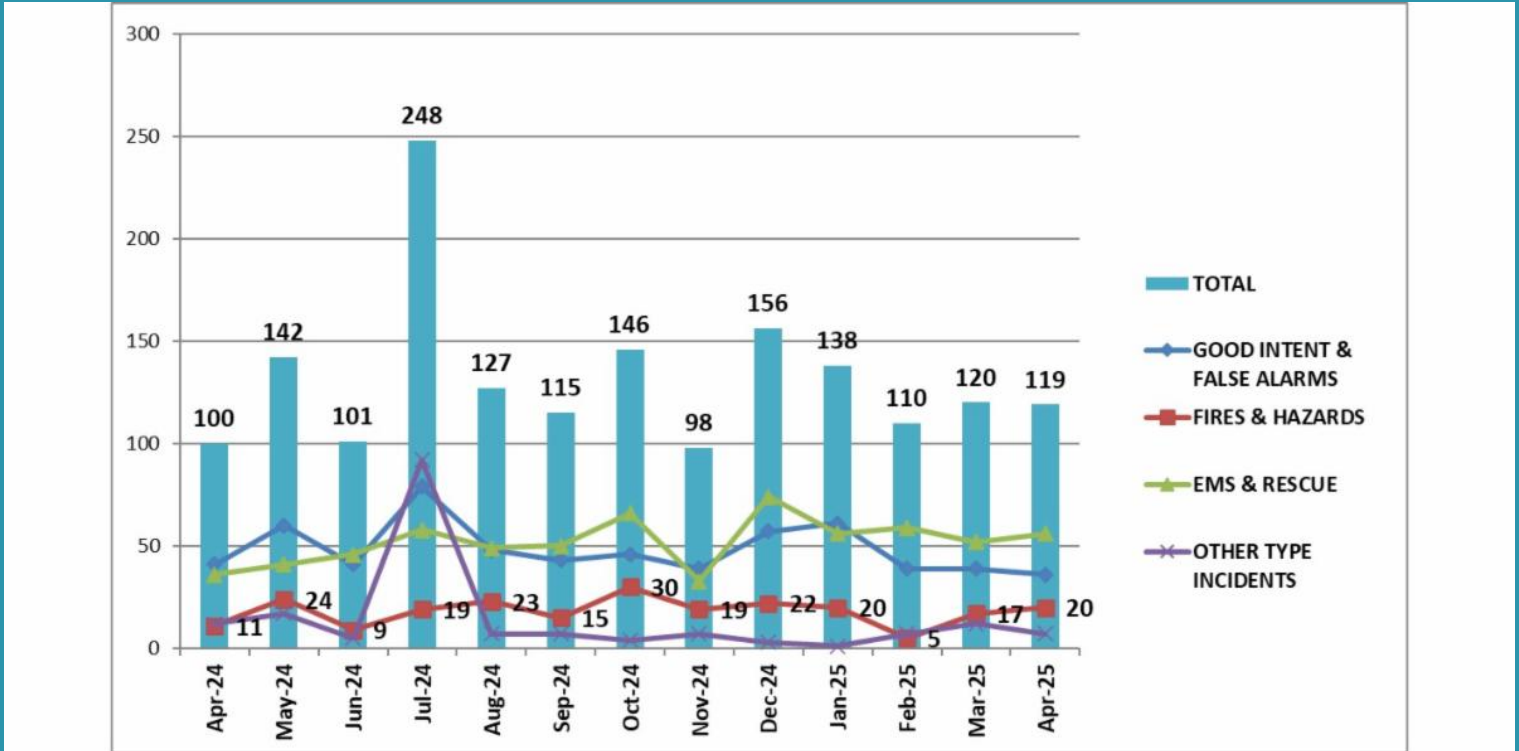




ESD 29 / Champions Fire Department

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](#)



Average Response Time for March 2024: 5:56

OUTDOOR BURNING: NO, YOU CAN'T

Champions Fire Department receives numerous calls each year regarding residents illegally burning yard waste in neighborhoods. Not only is this most likely in violation of your deed restrictions, but it is also unlawful.

What you need to know ...

Domestic Wastes

- You may only burn domestic waste if garbage collection is not provided by a municipality or utility district. Virtually everyone within the Champions area has garbage collection provided by your MUD.
- What can you do instead of burning your waste? Here are a few ideas:
- Composting wastes from landscape maintenance can often be easily composted on-site. Similar wastes, even some papers, can be composted under the right conditions.
- Chipping or mulching of wood and plant products can be used for soil enrichment, moisture retention, and compost creation. In some cases, mulch can be a marketable

moisture retention, and compost creation. In some cases, mulch can be a marketable product and put to use where it is produced or given to residents and nurseries. If the material cannot be used as landscape mulch, chipping can still be useful to reduce the volume of waste that must be disposed of by some other means.

• **Landfills** are permitted outdoor areas for waste disposal. Some landfills have recycling centers with chippers for wood waste and collection bins for paper, plastic, and glass.

To report illegal burning, contact Harris County Pollution Control at 713.920.2831 or email pollution.control@pcs.hctx.net. If the fire appears to be out of control or dangerous, call 9-1-1.

www.championsfire.org

Champions ESD

Schools In Our District



Klein ISD
Website

Klein ISD will resume school for the 2024-2025 session on August 14th and run through May 30th. To see the Klein ISD Calendar of important dates, go to their website [here](#).



Tomball ISD Website

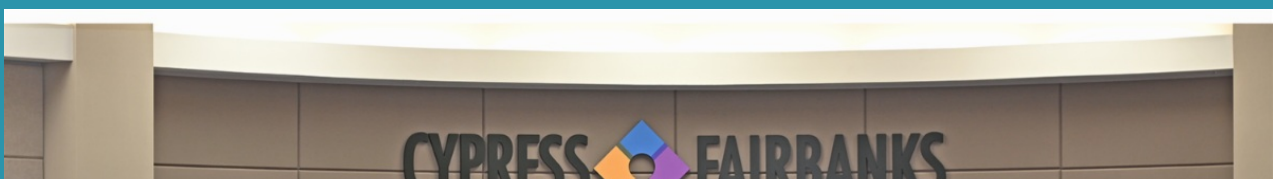
Tomball ISD will resume school for the 2024-2025 session on August 13th and run through May 22nd. To see the Tomball ISD Calendar of important dates, go to their website [here..](#)



CyFair ISD Website

Cypress Fairbanks ISD will resume school for the 2024-2025 session on August 19th and run through May 2. To see the CyFair ISD Calendar of important dates, go to their website [here](#).

Cy-Fair ISD News





1,090 Teachers Earn TIA Designation In CFISD's First Year In Program



May 22, 2025—The Texas Education Agency (TEA) notified 1,090 CFISD teachers on May 21 that they earned a designation in the state's Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) program.

More than \$7.3 million was generated for CFISD; 90% of the funds go to the educators and 10% will fund expansion of the program. CFISD was given full approval to award teacher designations following a comprehensive application and approval process using data from classroom observations and student academic growth.

"These educators make up some of CFISD's best who work to improve student growth and success in their classrooms," said Dr. Doug Killian, CFISD superintendent of schools. "We are thrilled for them to receive this well-earned compensation."

A catalyst for helping high-quality teachers remain in the classroom, the TIA program creates accessible pathways for outstanding teachers to earn up to six-figure salaries. A recent TEA study conducted during the 2023-24 school year showed that designated teacher retention exceeded the statewide teacher retention rate by eight percentage points.

CFISD determines teacher designations using data from classroom observations and student growth outcomes. Designated teachers who remain in classroom teaching positions generate annual funding for teacher compensation.

For more information, visit www.tiatexas.org.

To read the full article on the CyFair ISD website [here](#):

Cy-Fair ISD Website



Klein ISD News

History Made: Vistas Early College High School Celebrates First Graduating Class



In a memorable ceremony, Klein ISD's Vistas Early College High School, in partnership with Lone Star College–University Park, celebrated a historic milestone as its first-ever graduating class walked across the stage.

"This historic moment is a testament to what's possible when visionary partnerships and dedicated educators come together to create life-changing opportunities for students," Klein ISD Superintendent Dr. McGown said. "We are incredibly proud of Vistas Early College High School's inaugural graduating class; their courage, commitment, and achievement inspire us all and exemplify the very best of our Klein Family."

This inaugural class includes 20 exceptional students who have not only completed their high school journey but have also earned their Associate Degrees from Lone Star College–University Park, all before walking the stage at the Klein ISD graduation ceremonies.

Read the full article by Jessica Williams at KleinISD.net [here](#):

Klein ISD Website

Tomball ISD News



Four TISD Schools Earn Great Expectations® Model School Distinction for First Time Making TISD's 16 GE Model Schools the Most by Any District in the Nation

TOMBALL - Tomball ISD schools were celebrated for their commitment to the Great Expectations® (GE) program as four new campuses earned the prestigious Model School distinction by the organization.

Earning the distinction for the first time this year was Tomball Intermediate, Early Excellence Academy, Rosehill Elementary and West Elementary.

These four schools join every other Tomball ISD elementary and intermediate campus celebrating another year as a GE Model School, solidifying all eligible TISD schools as Model campuses. Tomball ISD's 16 GE Model Schools are the most by any school district in the nation.

"Great Expectations is woven through the culture of every elementary and intermediate school in Tomball ISD," said Dr. Lee Wright, Assistant Superintendent of Human Talent. "The culture of respect and academic excellence that GE promotes continues to help solidify our schools and our district as a destination for families."

In order to receive a GE® Model School distinction, each campus was evaluated by GE® coaches and were required to have 100% of staff members demonstrating 90% of classroom practices



during their on-campus visits.

To read the full article and see more about the proposed bond proposals go [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](#)

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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/>

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.

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

CDC- Center for Disease Control: [CDC Coronavirus](#)

Small Business Administration: [SBA](#)

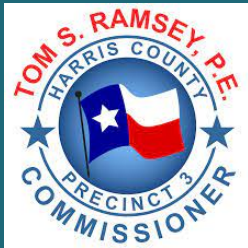
SBA Paycheck Protection Program - [Paycheck Protection Loans](#)

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

Serving Precinct 4 constituents is our number one goal. With that in mind we have one stop, 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 Request 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:

20001 Quince Rd



Chamber of Commerce

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 HOUSTON
Chamber of Commerce

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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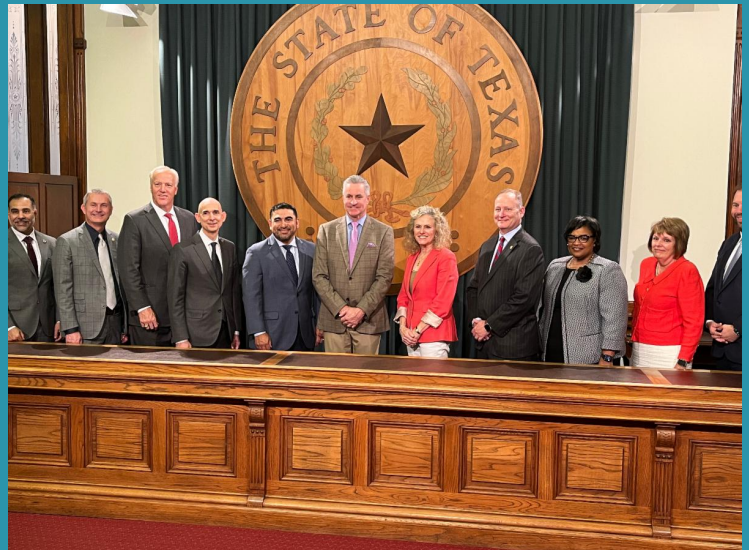
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