



## Travis County Fire Marshal's Office

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### **New Travis County Fire Marshal sworn into office**

On Monday, Feb. 29, Tony Callaway stepped into the role of Travis County Fire Marshal, sworn into office by County Judge Sarah Eckhardt. The County Fire Marshal is appointed to a two-year term by the County Commissioners Court. The Court selected Callaway to replace retiring Fire Marshal Hershel Lee, who served in the role for 7 years.

"I consider the Travis County Fire Marshal's Office to be a team. With that said, we have many teammates throughout the County from the dozens of fire departments and local law enforcement agencies that we work with daily," said Fire Marshal Tony Callaway. "I can assure you that our office will continue to form and maintain strong partnerships. These partnerships will provide our great citizens with the best possible service."

Callaway, 40, began his career in 1997 as a firefighter with the Killeen Fire Department and was quickly promoted to the Fire Prevention/Arson Division. In 2001, he was appointed as the Cedar Park Fire Marshal and served as the Cedar Park Emergency Management Coordinator. In 2005, Callaway joined the Travis County Fire Marshal's Office as a deputy chief fire marshal.

Callaway graduated from Round Rock High School before attending Sam Houston State University. He also graduated from the Texas A&M University Fire School after receiving training in firefighting and as an Emergency Medical Technician. He continued his education by attending the Killeen Police Academy and has numerous professional certifications.

"Under my leadership, education and training will continue to be a priority for the Travis County Fire Marshal's Office," said Callaway. Callaway is the first in Texas to simultaneously become both a Certified Fire Explosive Investigator through the National Association of Fire Investigators and a Certified Fire Marshal through the International Code Council. Callaway explained, "There are only two Certified Fire Marshals currently working in the fire service in Texas, and I'm proud to say that they are both employed by the Travis County Fire Marshal's Office."

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