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### Farmers Branch Fire Department Awarded 2024 Achievement of Excellence – Gold Award

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS – November 7, 2024 – Today at the 2024 Annual Texas Fire Marshal's Conference, the Farmers Branch Fire Department was awarded the 2024 Achievement of Excellence Gold Level Award. TXFMA President Omar Garza stated: "On behalf of the Texas Fire Marshals' Association, I would like to congratulate you on receiving this Excellence Award for your community. The Excellence Award is one of the most prestigious awards that a department can receive in the field of Fire Prevention. You have now become one of the few elite cities in Texas to receive this award. The criteria for this award are competitive and takes professionalism, dedication and hard work to be honored with this award. I would like to express our appreciation for going beyond the call of duty to advance your fire prevention efforts in your community."

The Achievement of Excellence in Fire Prevention Award ("AEFP Award") is an annual award to recognize organizations for performance excellence in fire prevention. Established in 2008, the AEFP Award is administered by the Texas Fire Marshal's Association (TXFMA"), the official State Chapter of the International Fire Marshal's Association.

To successfully receive the "Achievement of Excellence in Fire Prevention" award, the applicant must obtain a total of at least 130 points for Bronze Level / 155 points for Silver / 180 points for Gold out of a possible 210 points.

#### Scoring Categories

1. Authority, organization, and ethics 25 possible points
2. Fire and Life safety programs 50 possible points
3. Performance metrics and CQI program 25 possible points
4. Web-based communications and automation 25 possible points
5. Certification, education, and development 35 possible points
6. Professional organizations 25 possible points
7. Fire prevention legislation or ordinances 15 possible points
8. Task force and other cooperative programs 10 possible points

***Total possible points 210 possible points***

Score 202