



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
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Submitted By: Diana Boone, City Secretary

Council Meeting Date: July 21, 2026

Agenda Item Wording: Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Hays County Sheriff's Department representative Captain Shane Smith to the Emergency Management Committee for a term ending January 1, 2028.

Agenda Item Requestor: Roman Baligad, Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security Director

Summary/Background: During the May 19th City Council meeting Council Member Tahuahua, Chair of the Emergency Management Committee, suggested adding a representative from the Hays County Sheriff's Department to the committee. The proposed candidate has since completed an application and the appointment along with the amendment to the ordinance has been presented to the Emergency Management Committee for discussion and feedback.

Sec. 2.04.195. Membership; meetings.

- (a) Liability. The City of Dripping Springs Texas Municipal League liability coverage shall include the members of the committee to the extent allowed by law. The city attorney shall advise and represent the committee, as appropriate.
- (b) Ethical standards. Committee members shall comply with all ethical standards applied to officers of the city as stated in article 2.02 of the City of Dripping Springs Code of Ordinances.
- (c) Number of members. The committee shall have the following nine-eleven voting members, ~~one each~~:
 - (1) A member of the city council appointed by the mayor;
 - (2) An At-at-large member that shall reside in Hays County;
 - (23) Chamber of commerce representative;
 - (34) Hays County CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) representative;
 - (45) Hays County Constable or designee;
 - (6) Hays County Sheriff or designee;
 - (57) Emergency Services District Number 1 representative;
 - (68) Emergency Services District Number 6 representative;

- (79) Hays County Emergency Manager or designee;
- (810) Dripping Springs Independent School District representative; and
- (911) Hays County Fire Marshal or designee.

(d) Terms of members and chair and vice-chair.

- (1) Each committee member shall serve ~~terms of up to a two- years-term~~, at the will of the city council. There is no limit as to how many terms a member may serve.
- (2) ~~A member of t~~The city council ~~shall be~~remember appointed by the mayor to serve as a chair for a term of one year , unless the mayor appoints another city council member to serve as chair before the expiration of the term.. The committee shall elect from its membership a vice-chair to serve for a term of one year. There is no limit to the number of terms the chair or vice-chair may serve. In the event that the chair or vice-chair are absent, the emergency management coordinator shall preside.

**Commission
Recommendations:**

The Emergency Management Committee recommends approval.

**Recommended
Council Actions:**

Appointment is at Council's discretion

Attachments:

Application

Next Steps/Schedule:

- 1. Notify new member
- 2. Update website and master roster
- 3. Notify committee members
- 4. Send meeting calendar invite to new appointment