



City of Willow Park Fire Marshal's Office

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Quarterly report Q1 '24

The Fire Marshal's Office has been conducting annual fire inspections for commercial occupancies, Acceptance inspections for new occupancies, plan review, attending development meetings for all future developments, Fire Investigations, public education, and code enforcement.



Since Jan of 2024 the department has conducted:

- 71 fire inspections;
- 31 certificate of occupancy inspections;
- 9 fire alarm inspections;
- 12 fire suppression final inspections;
- 1 hydrostatic inspections;
- 0 Special hazard inspection;
- 1 fire investigation;
- 2 Public Education events;
- 12 Code enforcement cases.

Projects For Q1 '24

The Fire Marshal's office completed several projects this quarter to include:

- Implementation of Body Worn Cameras;
- Electronic ticket writers that integrate with courts;
- Updated fire code from IFC 2012 and local cog amendments to IFC 2021 and local COG amendments with the support of the development department and council.



Training

Employees of the Fire Marshal's office hold multiple certifications in multiple disciplines including EMS, Fire, and Law enforcement. The state requires continuing education hours for each of those certifications. Each employee of the Fire Marshal's office completes around 100 hours of continuing education hours a year to stay current with their certifications. Beyond the normal continuing education hours both employees obtained The Texas on Fire Commission Fire Marshal's Certification and obtained ALERRT Level 1 trainer certifications.

ALERRT Level 1 is designed to prepare the first responder to isolate, distract, and neutralize an active shooter. This course teaches the first responder how to shoot while moving, threshold evaluation, team movement, room entry techniques, approach and breaching the crisis site, secondary responder tactics, improvised explosive devices, and post engagement priorities. The course culminates with first responders responding and working through force-on-force scenarios.



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The Fire Marshal's Office joined The Fire Prevention Association of North Texas giving the employees access to monthly training seminars and workshops relating to fire prevention, Codes, local amendments, and other related standards lead by industry experts.



Objectives for the department in the upcoming quarter:

- Select and implement code enforcement software.
- Select and implement a service that tracks and reports 3rd party inspections for NFPA and life safety systems.
- Continue prioritizing development with quick turnaround times on plan reviews and inspections.
- Remain on track for annual inspections.
- Participate in public education of fire prevention.