



AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY

MEETING NAME:	Wolfforth City Council Meeting
MEETING DATE:	April 6 th , 2026
ITEM TITLE:	Consider and take appropriate action on request from Fire Chief for schedule and organizational changes
STAFF INITIATOR:	Fire Chief Lance Barrett

BACKGROUND:

Wolfforth Fire EMS has transitioned from a mostly volunteer department to a mostly full-time paid department. Since that transition, we have overcome many challenges and continue to try to improve our response and organization to accomplish the goals that we have set for ourselves as a department and a city. Through this we have identified areas that are inefficient and ineffective. We know that through this process we would make mistakes along the way, but that we would also identify those mistakes and correct them. This includes our overall duties and responsibilities. We have accepted and welcomed a tremendous amount of responsibility within our department with our areas of response. Wolfforth Fire EMS are responsible for fire, EMS, emergency management, hazardous materials response, and rescue services for our citizens. With this, comes a tremendous amount of regulations, training, and coordination for each of us. Coordination of all of this is very complex and tedious and we do it with the absolute minimum number of personnel. Our personnel are highly committed to the advancement of Wolfforth Fire EMS and our city. Therefore, it is vitally important that we remain as efficient and effective as we possibly can. We are asking for your approval to reassign our officer duties (mostly in the captains' positions) and our shift scheduling.

EXHIBITS:

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Proposed changes to duties and scheduling of Wolfforth Fire EMS

COUNCIL ACTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Fire Chief Lance Barrett is asking for Council approval to reassign officer duties and responsibilities and to approve on shift schedule to a 48/96 shift schedule.