

NORTHWEST VFD TRAINING DIVISION

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WELCOME

Welcome to Northwest Volunteer Fire Department! We are happy you have registered for a training class/course with our department. This newsletter will provide you with information about our Department, our Training Facility, Student Safety Information, and travel/lodging information for those who are traveling to our facility.

Northwest VFD

An Overview

The [Northwest Volunteer Fire Department](#) was established in 1949 by citizens of northwest Harris County Texas to protect themselves from the dangers of fire. Our founding members were hard working people who did a great deal for their community and did it with little financial support. The first fire trucks were built in home shops and repaired by the members. They did not have "protective clothing". The biggest fire danger at the time was from grass fires. The area was a large prairie with few roads and a sparse population. The first stations were varied in location and type. The first real station that most of us know today is what we currently know as Station 41. This property and building were acquired by fundraising efforts of The Northwest Volunteer Fire Department's "Ladies Auxiliary". Today this station has become too small to house modern day fire apparatus and has been replaced with a new facility in the same area.

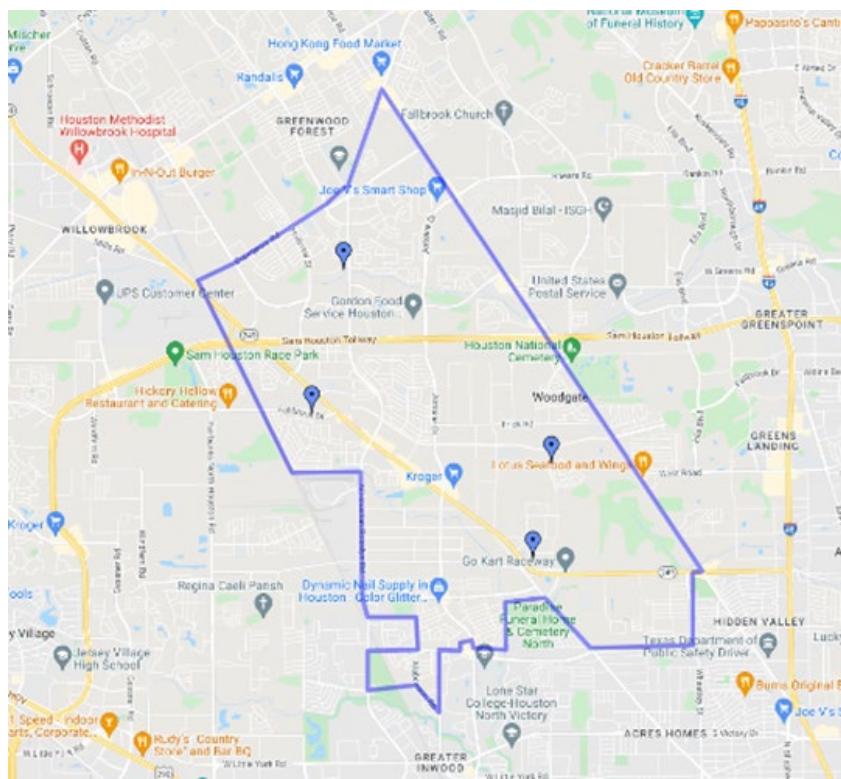
Things really first began to change in 1984. The members of the department walked the community and passed a petition to hold an election to create a "Rural Fire Prevention District". The election passed and we received our first tax funds in the beginning of 1985. This tax support from the area has allowed us to grow and provide better service each year. Harris County Rural Fire Prevention District #20 was created, and it has certainly helped with our funding efforts. In 1984 we purchased two brand new fire engines and we built a



new station – Station 42. Over the last twenty years we have been able to replace and expand our fleet with some of the most modern firefighting equipment available.

In 2001, H.C.W.C.I.D. #133 (The Willowood Water District) built a new fire station, Station 43, at the intersection of Fallbrook Drive and Willowood Drive. They have allowed us to occupy the station on a multi-year lease at a very minimal lease fee. In 2019, Station 44 was completed and occupied by the department and houses our Administration and Training Division Staff.

Our area today is a major metropolitan area with SH 249 and The Sam Houston Tollway moving hundreds of thousands of people through our area each day. Our department has transitioned from an all-volunteer fire department to a combination department, served by both career personnel and volunteers, providing an all-hazard response model.



Mission of Northwest VFD

The mission of the Northwest Volunteer Fire Department is to provide wide range of emergency and public services to a diverse community in a professional and compassionate manor, while educating the community through various programs.

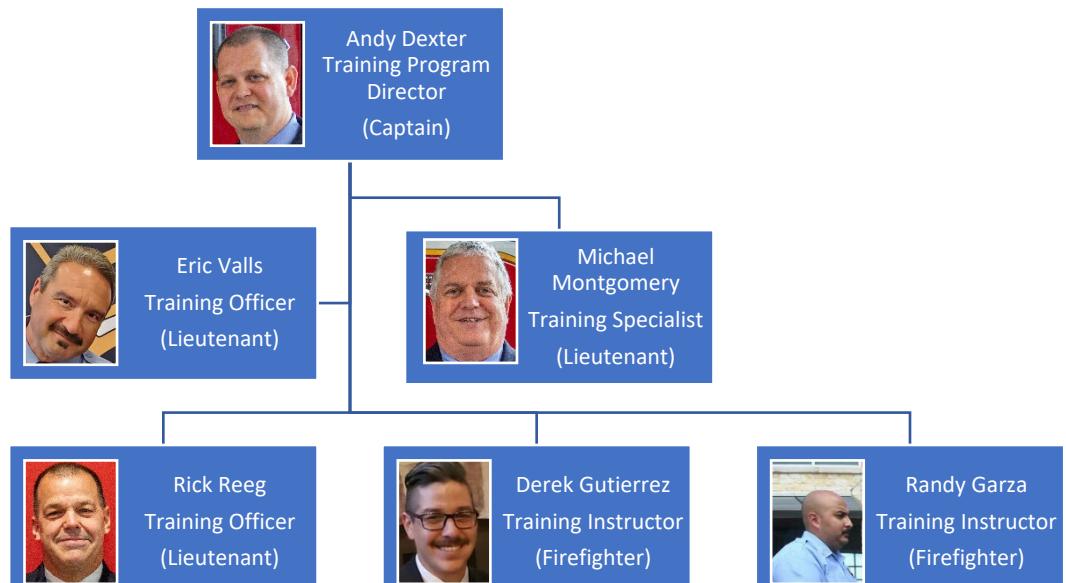


Training Division

Vision of the Training Division of Northwest VFD

The Training Division will provide administration, coordination, development, implementation, and records management for all members (both Career and Volunteers) of the Northwest Volunteer Fire Department.

Program Administration



Emergency Service Training Cooperative (ESTC)

The Emergency Services Training Cooperative (ESTC) is an agreement between agencies for the development, coordination, delivery, and records management of training programs (both initial certification programs and continuing education programs) which are mutually beneficial between the agreed upon agencies. Agencies in the ESTC agree to provide students, qualified instructors, equipment and training resources, and support for the agreed upon and developed courses. The intent is to share resources and instructional staff to build better training programs by linking and accessing a wide range of instructors and experiences, while consolidating and sharing the associated costs of the courses.

ESTC Mission

Coordinate and provide mutually beneficial training programs, which align with industry training standards, to participating agencies of the cooperative.

ESTC Vision

Conduct quality training programs for the development of future emergency service industry leaders.

ESTC Membership

The current departments who are a part of the ESTC:



Student Safety Information and Policies

Classroom Safety

Northwest VFD strives to provide as safe of an environment as possible. The following are safety points while attending a classroom session at Northwest VFD.

Emergency Exits in the Classroom at Northwest VFD – Station 44/Training Facility

There are three exits out of the training at our Station 44. There are 2 doors which lead outside, next to the flag poles, at the front of the classroom on the walls where the presentation screens are located. The main entrance at the back of the class, the double doors, will lead to the foyer where the restrooms are located. This is the primary entrance and exit point into and out of the classroom.

Rally Point for Attendees in the Event of an Emergency at Northwest VFD – Station 44/Training Facility

In the event of an emergency, please follow the directions of the instructor or Northwest VFD representative. All who are attending the training class/course will be directed to exit the emergency exits and will rally at the flag poles for accountability.



Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices

All cell phones, pagers, radios, or other electronic devices must be in the off position/or on silent/vibrate during the class. You may store these devices in your locked vehicle. Northwest VFD or the ESTC is responsible for any personal items lost, stolen, damaged, or destroyed while attending this training session.

Food and Drink in the Classroom Environment

Food and drinks will be permitted in the Classroom Environment. Please be courteous of the other attendees as the consumption of food or the cup or container may generate an unreasonable amount of noise or cause a disruption to the other attended in the course/class.

Fire Alarm System Activation

Upon activation of the Fire Alarm System, the instructor or Northwest VFD Representative will direct all attendees to a meeting at the designated rally point for a Personal Accountability Report (PAR) to be conducted. If the alarm is a true emergency, the attendees will follow the directions of the local Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement. If the emergency is significant in nature where the facility must be closed for a period of time, the course/class will be CLOSED/CANCELLED, and maybe rescheduled for a future date. If the alarm is an emergency but will be rectified in a short duration, the class will be paused until the situation is resolved.

Medical Emergency

Upon activation of a medical emergency which will disrupt or impact the course/class, the instructor or Northwest VFD Representative will direct all attendees with instruction in our to address the emergency.

There may be a possibility that you may be instructed to a meeting at the designated rally point for a Personal Accountability Report (PAR) to be conducted. If the alarm is a true emergency, the attendees will follow the directions of the local Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement. If the emergency is significant in nature where the facility must be closed for a period of time, the course/class will be CLOSED/CANCELLED, and maybe rescheduled for a future date. If the medical emergency is an emergency but will be rectified in a short duration, the class will be paused until the situation is resolved.



Severe Weather

Upon activation of the National Weather Service Alert System for severe weather were seeking shelter or a risk to the instructor and attendees is present, the instructor or Northwest VFD Representative will direct all attendees to a meeting at the designated rally point for a Personal Accountability Report (PAR) to be conducted based on the hazard at hand. If the severe weather is a true emergency, the attendees will follow the directions of the local Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement. If the emergency is significant in nature where the facility must be closed for

a period of time, the course/class will be CLOSED/CANCELLED, and maybe rescheduled for a future date. If the severe weather is an emergency but will be rectified in a short duration, the class will be paused until the situation is resolved.



Power Outages

Upon an unresolved power outage, the instructor or Northwest VFD Representative will direct all attendees with further instructions. These instructions may include directing all instructors and attendees to a meeting at the designated rally point for a Personal Accountability Report (PAR) to be conducted. If the power outage is a true emergency, the attendees will follow the directions of the local Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement. If the emergency is significant in nature where the facility must be closed for a period of time, the course/class will be CLOSED/CANCELLED, and maybe rescheduled for a future date. If the power outage will be rectified in a short duration, the class will be paused until the situation is resolved.

Security of the Test Site

In the event of a security situation, civil unrest, or other criminal activity is occurring which could impact the safety and security of the facility, the instructor or Northwest VFD Representative will direct all attendees with further instructions. These instructions may include directing all instructors and attendees to a meeting at the designated rally point for a Personal Accountability Report (PAR) to be conducted. If the security situation is a true emergency, the attendees will follow the directions of the local Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement. If the emergency is significant in nature where the facility must be closed for a period of time, the course/class will be CLOSED/CANCELLED, and maybe rescheduled for a future date. If the security situation will be rectified in a short duration, the class will be paused until the situation is resolved.

Personal Items

The Northwest VFD assumes no liability or responsibility for loss, theft or damage of personal property while participating in or attending training courses/classes on Northwest VFD property.

Agency Items

The Northwest VFD assumes no liability or responsibility for loss, theft or damage of departmental/agency property while participating in or attending training courses/classes on Northwest VFD property.

Vehicle Operation and Utilization

The utilization of apparatus may be a requirement for a specified course. The participating departments agree to facilitate these apparatus needs, and each apparatus supplied is

required to have an authorized driver/operator for that apparatus. The department's authorized Driver/Operators must remain on-site for the duration of the day's instruction. Movement of the apparatus on roadways will only be completed by authorized driver/operators who volunteer or are employed by the agency that is supplying the apparatus. Authorized driver/operators and the apparatus must be insured by the agency that has ownership of the apparatus.



Travel and Lodging Information

Airports and Directions from Them

George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) is the closest airport for commercial flights into and out of the Northwest Volunteer Fire Department's District. David Wayne Hooks Memorial Airport (DWH) is the closest to Northwest Volunteer Fire Department's District with is a private airport with FAA oversight. Lastly, William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) is a major hub along with IAH for commercial flights into and out of the Northwest Volunteer Fire Department's District.

Name	Address and Phone	Click of Scan QR Code for Website	Distance from NWVFD Station 44	Click of Scan QR Code for Map
George Bush Intercontinental Airport Code: IAH	Address: 2800 N Terminal Rd, Houston, TX 77032 Phone: (281) 230-3100		26 Miles	
William P. Hobby Airport Code: HOU	Address: 7800 Airport Blvd, Houston, TX 77061 Phone: (713) 640-3000		51 Miles	
David Wayne Hooks Memorial Airport Code: DWH	Address: 20803 Stuebner Airline Rd, Spring, TX 77379 Phone: (281) 376-5436		13.7 Miles	



Area Lodging

The following list are nearby lodging commendations. Northwest VFD does not recommend for or against any accommodation. Please feel free to select a site within this list or choose a different site based on your needs and preferences.

Name	Address and Phone	Click of Scan QR Code for Website	Distance from NWVFD Station 44	Click of Scan QR Code for Map
Holiday Inn NW Houston Beltway 8, an IHG Hotel	Address: 3539 North Sam Houston Pkwy W, Houston, TX 77086 Phone: (281) 447-1915		2.8 Miles	
Scottish Inns & Suites Houston Willowbrook	Address: 11233 Antoine Dr, Houston, TX 77066 Phone: (281) 919-1873		3.2 Miles	
Best Western Plus Houston I-45 North Inn & Suites	Address: 220 Greens Landing Dr, Houston, TX 77038 Phone: (832) 230-1495		3.5 Miles	
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Houston North - IAH Area, an IHG Hotel	Address: 35 Aldine Bender Rd, Houston, TX 77060 Phone: (832) 380-8082		4.3 Miles	
Residence Inn by Marriott Houston Northwest/Willowbrook	Address: 7311 W Greens Rd, Houston, TX 77064 Phone: (832) 237-2002		5.9 Miles	
Hyatt Place Houston-North	Address: 300 United Leuva Cir, Houston, TX 77060 Phone: (281) 820-6060		6.4 Miles	
Comfort Suites Northwest Houston at Beltway 8	Address: 8155 North Sam Houston Pkwy W, Houston, TX 77064 Phone: (346) 206-3300		6.4 Miles	

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Comfort Inn & Suites FM1960-Champions	Address: 3555 Farm to Market 1960 Rd W, Houston, TX 77068 Phone: (281) 444-5800		6.9 Miles	
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Houston NW Beltway 8- West Road, an IHG Hotel	Address: 9120 West Rd, Houston, TX 77064 Phone: (713) 896-4444		7.5 Miles	
Wingate by Wyndham Houston Bush Intercontinental Airport IAH	Address: 1330 N Sam Houston Pkwy E, Houston, TX 77032 Phone: (281) 810-6029		8.0 Miles	

