



NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

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National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Honors Cy-Fair Fire Department with 2025 Seal of Excellence Award

Houston, TX – October 24, 2025 – The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) will present its prestigious Ronald Siarnicki Seal of Excellence Award to the Cy-Fair Fire Department (CFFD) in recognition of its exceptional commitment to firefighter safety, health, and wellness. The award presentation will take place at the CFFD Administration Office, 10710 Telge Road, Houston, Texas.

The Seal of Excellence is awarded to departments that demonstrate outstanding leadership in reducing firefighter line-of-duty deaths and injuries. CFFD has set a benchmark for the fire service nationwide through its innovative programs, operational excellence, and cultural commitment to safety.

Highlights of CFFD's safety and wellness initiatives include:

- **Mental Health & Wellness** – Implementation and growth of the THRIVE! program and Peer Support Network, along with annual FrontLine health and wellness screenings for all personnel.
- **Safety Stand Down Leadership** – Consistent participation in national campaigns promoting firefighter health and injury prevention.
- **Active Shooter Preparedness** – Integrated training with schools and law enforcement, adopting the ALERRT Active Attack Integrated Response concept.
- **Comprehensive Training Division** – Ranked among the top five largest department-based training divisions in Texas, with all instructors credentialed and professional development integrated into department operations.
- **Safety-First Culture** – Emphasizing teamwork, accountability, and empowering firefighters to stop unsafe practices during training, operations, and on-scene response.

“Cy-Fair Fire Department’s transformation from an all-volunteer agency into one of Texas’ largest combination departments is remarkable,” said Victor Stagnaro, CEO of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. “What makes their journey extraordinary is their unwavering dedication to safety, wellness, and innovation while serving a rapidly growing community of more than 600,000 residents. Their work embodies the very spirit of the Seal of Excellence.”

CFFD’s vision—*“To be recognized as the premier fire department in Texas, setting the gold standard for emergency services through innovation, continuous improvement, and an unwavering dedication to protecting and enhancing the quality of life in our community”*—is reflected in its daily operations and core values: Commitment, Accountability, Respect, and Excellence.

By embracing the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives and prioritizing cultural change within the department, CFFD has become a model of leadership for fire and EMS organizations nationwide. Its efforts to integrate risk management with incident operations, advance national training standards, and investigate firefighter fatalities, injuries, and near-misses underscore its holistic approach to safety.

The NFFF Seal of Excellence Award acknowledges CFFD’s comprehensive efforts and its significant contributions to reducing firefighter line-of-duty deaths and injuries, while setting a higher standard for the entire fire service.

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About the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF)

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) was established by the United States Congress in 1992 to lead a national effort in honoring America’s fallen firefighters. Since then, the Foundation has created powerful programs that pay lasting tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while providing meaningful support to their families and colleagues. Through its close partnership with the fire service and its affiliate, the First Responder Center for Excellence (FRCE), the NFFF is also deeply committed to reducing firefighter line-of-duty deaths and injuries. To learn how you can support this important mission, visit www.firehero.org.

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