



David Coatney

Agency Director



David Coatney serves as the Director of the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service. He joined TEEX in 2019 after stints as Fire Chief for the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department and as Fire Chief of the Round Rock Fire Department.

He also served as Assistant Fire Chief at the San Antonio Fire Department, where he held several positions of progressive leadership over 25 years, including Chief of Fire Operations, Emergency Management Coordinator and Homeland Security Director and Chief of Training. In addition, he has previous experience in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and law enforcement.

David is the current chair of the State of Texas Governor's First Responder Council and also serves on the Texas Division of Emergency Management Executive Advisory Committee and the FEMA Region 6 Advisory Council. He is a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, International Association of Emergency Managers and the National Society of Executive Fire Officers. In 2017, he received the Leadership Award from the Texas Division of Emergency Management, and in 2014, he was named Fire Officer of the Year by the Round Rock Fire Department.

A sought-after speaker on team-building and leadership topics, he has published and presented on Transparency in Leadership and Managing Generational Differences in the Workplace. He was a keynote speaker at the 2017 National Homeland Security Conference, discussing the "July 7th Dallas Police Shooting."

During his career, David has obtained numerous certifications, which include Master Firefighter,

Fire Officer I – IV, Master Instructor III, Executive Fire Officer, Certified Emergency Manager, Head of Suppression and Prevention, Incident Command Systems, Advanced Safety Operations Management, Health & Safety Officer, Incident Safety Officer and Emergency Medical Technician.

Professional History

2019–Present, TEEX

2016–2018, Dallas Fire-Rescue

2011–2016, Round Rock Fire Department

1985–2011, San Antonio Fire Department

Education and Training

San Antonio College,
Associate of Applied Science, Fire Science

Wayland Baptist University,
B.S. Occupational Education
M.A. Organizational Management

Naval Postgraduate School,
Executive Leaders Program, Homeland
Security

National Fire Academy,
Executive Fire Officer

TEEX makes a difference by providing training, developing practical solutions, and saving lives.