

# Because You Voted: The Impact of Your Investment in Public Safety

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## Annual Report

### Introduction

Since Melissa voters approved Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District 2024, the Melissa Fire Department has been able to make strides in operational readiness and preventative measures. Action has been taken to increase staffing, order enhanced equipment, and connect with our community's residents. These efforts were achieved because of the voter-supported funds allocated by the Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District. Progress attributed to this district is highlighted in this annual report.

### Fire Control Impact Report

#### Staffing and Capacity Growth

The department gained approval for three new firefighter positions, increasing total staffing to 27 full-time fire suppression and EMS positions along with seven administrative employees. These positions strengthen our ability to meet NFPA staffing standards and maintain our current ISO Class 2 rating, with a clear path toward achieving an ISO Class 1.

#### Station #2

The Melissa Fire Department is proud to announce the groundbreaking for Fire Station #2, which will be located at the Melissa Lake Park off of Throckmorton Road. The station is expected to open in November 2026. This new fire station will serve the northern half of the city and increase our ability to respond to calls for service in an efficient and timely manner.

#### New Ladder Truck

The fire department is anticipating the arrival of a new 107-foot ladder truck in 2026. The 107-foot ladder will increase our department capabilities to combat larger fires and buildings of three or more stories. This new apparatus will also provide the department the much-needed ability to carry more rescue equipment and enhance our rope rescue capabilities. This ladder truck will be staffed by four firefighters.

## **Fire Prevention Impact Report**

### **Community Risk Reduction**

Thanks to an increase in funding due to the district, the Fire Marshal's Office was able to hire an additional full-time Fire Inspector. This position has proven to be valuable and necessary as our need for fire inspections on new construction projects has grown. In addition to inspections, this role also enhances our fire investigation capabilities in the event of a structure fire.

### **Public Education and Community Outreach**

In 2025, the Melissa Fire Department held its first Citizens Fire Academy (CFA) program. This course invited residents to meet on a weekly basis to learn about topics ranging from administration to operations and gain hands-on skills such as CPR and Stop the Bleed certifications. This program will be continued in 2026, and the fire department plans to expand the program into an alumni association that will allow members to further involve themselves in volunteer and support roles. Additionally, the department offers quarterly CPR training free and open to the public.

Supported by district funds, the Melissa Fire Clowns hosted another National Fire Prevention Week with Melissa ISD and other community groups. The Melissa Fire Clowns use engaging performances to teach core fire-safety lessons that stick with students and support community risk reduction. Their purpose is simple: deliver clear, memorable safety education that helps prevent fires and protects families across Melissa. A brand-new trailer, prop supplies, and staffing funds allowed our team members to upgrade their show production - making for even more memorable lessons for students. Our team members are always looking for ways to improve their shows for the children and attend the National Community Risk Reduction Convention each year to gain more ideas.

### **Outdoor Warning Sirens**

Due to the rapid residential growth in the community, the need for increased coverage for outdoor warning sirens became necessary. By using district funds to upgrade three existing sirens and construct a new siren on the west side of Highway 75, we are increasing our public warning capability to ensure all residents are in range of a siren. As of October 2025, the three existing sirens have completed their upgrades, and the new siren is slated to be along Telephone Rd. in 2026.

## **Emergency Medical Services Impact Report**

### **Emergency Medical Transportation**

June 2025 marked a major milestone for the Melissa Fire Department as our first ambulance went in service. Through this, residents are ensured increased continuity in emergency medical care, and transportation by our own departments speed of response. Launching this program would not have been possible without the funds allocated from the Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District. As of the end of October 2025, the Melissa Fire Department averages 4-5 EMS calls per day and has treated approximately 430 patients.

## **Training and Professional Development**

To keep up with the high demand for quality medical care, the department has hired an EMS Captain, who oversees the emergency medical training of fire personnel. This position oversees EMS transportation operations along with assigned shift officers. In addition to these changes Funding from the Fire District also allows the City to send EMT-certified firefighters to paramedic school, helping ensure our team remains fully equipped and certified to deliver the highest level of care to Melissa residents.

## **EMS Cart and Special Event Coverage**

The Melissa Fire Department was able to use district funds to acquire an EMS cart, primarily for use during special events. This cart provides our personnel with the ability to maneuver through large crowds and atypical terrains to reach residents in need during these events. Equipped with ALS supplies, this cart can bridge the gap to get a resident in need medical attention and transport out of an event site.

## **Looking Ahead**

Since its approval, the Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District has proven to be a vital source of funding for the Melissa Fire Department in providing the boost needed to keep up with the city's development. Future plans for the district include increasing our EMS transport abilities, enhancing training opportunities, increasing fire response capabilities, and continuing to engage with our residents through public education and outreach activities. The impacts created by the district have proven invaluable to the Melissa Fire Department's mission to increase prevention and response capabilities and will continue to be a worthwhile investment in the future.