

James Reeves, PE Bio

I was a fire protection engineer for 32 years prior to my retirement in 2020. I worked for the State of Texas at the State Fire Marshal's Office and then the Texas Commission on Fire Protection from 1988 to 1998. I worked for the Austin Fire Department (AFD) Prevention Division for 22 years from 1998 to 2020.

My primary duties at AFD included reviewing site plans, building permit plans, and fire protection system plans for compliance with building and fire codes and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. I also performed inspections on a limited basis. While employed, I was a member of NFPA, the Society of Fire Protection Engineers, American Fire Alarm Association, and the International Code Council. I am currently a member of the Texas Fire Protection Association.

While I have not been a firefighter, I have worked with many firefighters and gained a knowledge of firefighting tactics in order to enhance my ability to evaluate plans based on how firefighters respond to emergencies.

I have lived in the district for 37 years. I am a member of the Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association and served as the President in 1990. My wife and I have strong ties to the community. We raised our two daughters here and spent many hours volunteering at Pond Springs Elem, Deer Park MS, and McNeil HS. We are currently very active in our church community and I am a member of the Knights of Columbus community service organization.