

# Matthew Kirke Phillips

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## **Objective:**

I am seeking appointment to the Williamson County Emergency Services District #2 Board of Directors.

## **Personal Information:**

- Resident of Williamson County since 1988
- 37 Years of Age
- Graduate of Westwood High School, Class of 1991
- Married to wife Lisa in 2001
- Daughter Sydney (13), attends Cedar Valley Middle School
- Resident of Brushy Creek since 2003, property owner since 2007

## **Professional Affiliations:**

- Member of the International Association of Firefighters
- President of IAFF Local 4298
- Member of the Texas State Association of Firefighters

## **Career Highlights:**

### **City of Leander**

*November 2008 – Present*

*Assistant Training Officer*

*Supervisor – Deputy Chief Bill Gardner – (512) 745-9689*

The City of Leander is an exciting place to work. The current challenges that the economic downturn has presented create an environment where unique ideas are mandatory to the day to day well being of individual departments and their budgets. While I enjoyed the ability to deliver service first hand to the citizens through the Operations division, I was offered a unique opportunity to work in the training division. I am discovering many new sources of satisfaction brokering opportunities for multiple groups through community outreach as well as activities related to the relationship between Labor and Management.

### **Williamson County ESD #1, Jollyville Fire Department**

*2001 – 2009 (career firefighter)*

*1991-1996 (volunteer firefighter)*

*Firefighter, Paramedic, Hazardous Materials Technician*

*Supervisor – Chief John Kiracofe – (512) 258-1038*

Jollyville was crucial to my development as a younger adult. While teaching me a skill I could use to support myself and my family, the department challenged me to understand all aspects of the job. This included funding sources, the impact of taxes, the different kind of taxes, the tax base, etc. I started at Jollyville when it was all volunteer funded with joint

monies from the County, M.U.D., and pancake suppers! I watched the department grow into an ESD with the over 1 million dollar annual budget it utilizes today.

### **Whasname, Inc.**

*1997 – Present*

*Founder*

Whasname is a web design and hosting company I started on a home computer in 1997. From the creation of my first website to now the company has grown to include 15 clients and an annual revenue generation of just under \$10,000.00. The company is also responsible for the maintenance of a Statewide News site specifically for firefighters that currently receives over 100,000 visitors annually. The operation of this small company involves multiple members of my family, and has been an extremely educational and rewarding experience. This company is directly responsible for my interest in both business and local community involvement, and in 2010 a corporation was formed to further expand the possibilities of this creation.

### **Education:**

- Currently enrolled in Leadership and Officer candidacy classes online; they will be completed in July 2010
- Upon completion of the above classes, I will be enrolling in Texas State University for completion of a Bachelor in Business Administration
- Temple College at Taylor, Paramedic Certification, Graduated 2004 (52 semester hours)
- ACC/Taylor Fire Training Academy, Firefighter Certification, Graduated 1991 (26 semester hours)

### **References:**

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512-844-4445

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Thank you for taking the time to review my resume for appointment to the Board of ESD #2. I wanted to take a moment to give my reasons for applying for this appointment.

I'm sure that a quick glance at my current resume would create a suspicion of being very one sided in matters relating to Emergency Services. I see it as well, and that is why I am applying. While I have experience in budgeting, forecasting, bidding processes, and most normal aspects of running a business, I want to experience and play an active role in the 'other' side of this process. The manner in which these taxes are brought in, debated over, and then rewarded is fascinating to me as a property owner, business owner and continual business student, and obviously; as a firefighter.

I am first and foremost a father, husband, and citizen. Firefighting has been my preferred method for supporting my family to date, but it is not my end goal. I do have an interest in being a fire chief when I grow up, but not in Brushy Creek. Chief Kieschnick is the Fire Chief, and I have no interest in that job. My desire to serve lies in the representation of the citizens and their (and my) money as it is distributed to this specific service. I am also very interested in many other aspects of government, but understand that I have education and training to actually help in this specific arena at this time.

The ability to ensure continued service delivery while maintaining fiscal honesty, transparency, and responsibility is where my most voracious curiosity lies. ESD #2 has experienced difficult challenges recently, and as a resident and property owner I am proud of the manner in which they have continued to provide service with their heads held high. Outstanding customer service is an honor bestowed to and expected from firefighters, and as a resident of ESD #2, I would like the opportunity to serve my neighbors by sitting on this board.

Thank you again for reviewing my resume, and I hope that you will keep it should this current position go to another individual. I absolutely love living in Brushy Creek, and will continue to offer my services at the pleasure of the residents for as long as I am able.