

LEADERSHIP MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY SESSION



CHIEF PALMER BUCK

Biography

Chief Buck started his public safety career as a volunteer firefighter when he was 17 and has more than 35 years of experience in public safety. In addition to firefighting, Buck has served as a Police Officer and a Paramedic.

Prior to becoming the Fire Chief for The Woodlands, Chief Buck served for 26 years with the Austin Fire Department. He rose through the ranks to Division Chief and his last assignment was Shift Commander overseeing 50 fire stations and over 300 firefighters. He is a Master Firefighter and holds multiple other certifications with the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. He is a licensed paramedic and has extensive training in several technical disciplines including water and rope rescue as well as Hazmat response and mitigation.

Buck spent 15 years with Texas A&M Task Force 1 Boat Squads. He has been on numerous water team deployments including Hurricane Harvey, the September/October 2018 Hill Country Floods and Tropical Storm Imelda.

In addition to being a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program, Buck has an Associate's Degree in Fire Science from Austin Community College, a Bachelor's Degree in Fire Science from St. Edwards University and a Master's Degree in Public Affairs from the University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley.

Chief Buck recently celebrated his 25th anniversary with his wife Ruth Anne Sullivan, a Nurse who specializes in research. They have two daughters; Taylor, a Driver/Operator for the Leander Fire Department and Darby, who is attending medical school at UTMB Galveston.

