

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 40 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 is married to his wife Ruth Anne Sullivan, a Nurse who specializes in research. They have two daughters; Taylor, a firefighter for the Austin Fire Department and Darby, who is in her final year of medical school at UTMB Galveston.



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JAMES CAMPBELL, B.S., FACPE Chief of EMS

Biography

Chief Campbell joined MCHD in June of 2018 and began his role as the Chief of EMS in March of 2019. Collectively, Chief Campbell has 18 years of experience in Fire/EMS. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Emergency Health Sciences from The University of Texas Health Science Center and is a certified member of the American College of Paramedic Executives (FACPE).

Currently, he serves as a member of the Governor's EMS & Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) EMS Committee and is a board of director for the SouthEast Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC). His focus continues to be a people-centered approach, working to ensure MCHD's employees and patients are at the center of his decision-making processes. Chief Campbell is proud to help lead MCHD, an organization committed to its mission, vision, and core values.





FIRE CHIEF KEN KREGER

Biography

Chief Ken Kreger has been married for over 43 years, has 2 grown married children; 2 grand-daughters and 2 grandsons. Chief Kreger was born and raised in the Klein, Texas area and moved in 1980 to live in Orange Texas for approximately 25 years.

Chief Kreger has over 38 years of experience in the Fire Service. He joined the Orange Fire Department in May 1985 and promoted over the years to the Deputy Fire Chief and the City's Emergency Management Coordinator. In December of 2005, Chief Kreger retired from Orange FD with 20 years and 6 months of service. On December 5, 2005, Chief Kreger was hired as the Fire Chief and the Emergency Management Coordinator in Conroe.

Chief Kreger has two Associates Degrees from Lamar University; one in Industrial Electronics and one in Fire Protection. He also attained a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences Degree in Emergency Management Administration from West Texas A&M University.

Chief Kreger completed the Executive Fire Officer Program from the National Fire Academy in March 2005.



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Fire Chief – Carter Johnson Biography

Carter Johnson joined the Porter Fire Department in 1997 and, in August of 2012, was appointed by the board of commissioners as the Fire Chief. Chief Johnson earned an associate degree in Fire Protection Technology from Lone Star College, a Bachelor's of Fire Administration from Texas A&M University-San Antonio, and a Certified Fire Executive "CFE" with the Texas Fire Chiefs Association.

Chief Johnson serves as the Deputy State Coordinator for the Texas Interstate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) and has been deployed for complex wildfires and hurricanes in Texas, California, Louisiana, and Florida.

Chief Johnson is married to his high school sweetheart, Suzy, and they have two boys.



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CAPTAIN HENRY L. SCARBROUGH JR.

Biography

Henry is a 28-year veteran of the Department Of Public Safety and currently serves as the Service Commander for the Conroe District. He began his career in 1995 as a Highway Patrol Trooper in Humble. He promoted to Highway Patrol Sergeant in 2000 over the newly created Centerville Sergeant Area. In December 2014 he promoted to Highway Patrol Lieutenant in Beaumont and transferred to Lufkin in April of 2016. He was promoted to Captain in July of 2017 and served as the Highway Safety Operations Center (HSOC) Captain and Del Rio District Service Commander before transferring to Conroe. Henry was also a member of the United States Army Reserves from (1987-2014) retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Captain Scarbrough holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Texas A&M University and a master's degree in Applied Criminology from Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Captain Scarbrough is a crash reconstructionist, firearms instructor and armorer and a mediator. He is a holds the FBI LEEDA Trilogy and is a graduate of the Texas Department of Public Safety Command College and the prestigious FBI National Academy Class#283. He is married with two children and four grandchildren.



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POLICE CHIEF JEFF CHRISTY

Biography

Jeff Christy began his career with the Conroe Police Department in 1991. With over 30 years of increasingly responsible law enforcement experience, Chief Christy has a strong background in every facet of municipal law enforcement and administration. Rising through the ranks of Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Deputy Chief, he was appointed as Chief of Police in 2018.

Chief Christy attained a bachelor's degree from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas, and is a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy Class 251.

He is also a graduate of Leadership Montgomery County Class of 2018- The Best Class Ever...



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DISTRICT ATTORNEY BRETT LIGON

Biography

District Attorney Brett Ligon has spent his entire professional career in the area of law enforcement and criminal justice. If asked, he would say that he is most proud of having started at the very bottom entry level as an intern in college with the Brazos County District Attorney's Office, and later as a jailer in the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department. From there, he continued working his way through the ranks as an Assistant District Attorney for the Harris County District Attorney's Office, and Staff Counsel for the Houston Police Officers' Union before finally being elected as the District Attorney of Montgomery County.

As a conservative, Brett knows that governments' first responsibility is the protection of its citizens. When citizens do not feel safe in their homes and neighborhoods, or traveling about the community for work and pleasure, little else matters.

Since being elected District Attorney, Brett has carried out his campaign commitment of helping us lose the title of the Deadliest Roadways in Texas by focusing on Driving While Intoxicated offenses. His office has implemented No Refusal Weekends, in which a person suspected of driving while intoxicated has a sample of his blood taken if they refuse to voluntarily give a sample of their breath.

He has also implemented D.A.R.T., the District Attorneys Response Team, which dispatches a team of prosecutors and D.A. investigators to the scene of homicides and traffic fatalities involving alcohol, drugs, or excessive speed.

He has aggressively enforced prosecution of habitual offenders and continues with his philosophy of making criminals pay instead of the taxpayers.

Brett and his wife of 30 years, Shannon, were both raised here and educated in the public schools in Montgomery County. Lastly, he would say that the greatest pride he derives both professionally and personally is being the proud parent of his son Austin and his daughter Morgan.



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SHERIFF RAND HENDERSON

Biography

Sheriff Rand Henderson is a native Texan and lifelong public servant with both law enforcement and corrections experience who has served the Montgomery County community since 1994. He was elected Montgomery County Sheriff and was sworn into office January 1, 2017. Sheriff Henderson was re-elected as Sheriff and sworn in on January 1, 2021. Sheriff Henderson is married and has 2 children.

Rand Henderson graduated from the Texas Peace Officer Academic Licensing Academy (TPOALA) receiving his Peace Officer license and commission from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office in 1994. He moved his way through the ranks of the Sheriff's Office holding the positions of Patrol Deputy, Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain before being elected to the office of Sheriff.

He has held prominent roles in Emergency Management serving as incident Commander during hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Ike. He was selected to serve as the Law Enforcement Branch Commander and Public Information Officer during the Magnolia wildfires of 2011. He has also served on anti-terrorism planning committees with the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) as well as criminal justice committees with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC.) Rand has also served as an adjunct professor of Criminal Justice at both Lone Star College and his alma mater, Sam Houston State University.

Rand is a graduate of the FBI National Academy (Session #232) and the Leadership Command College (Class #48). He holds both Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science degrees in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University. He holds a Master Peace Officer Certification, Law Enforcement Instructor License, Crime Prevention Inspector License, and a Texas Jail License. He is a lifetime member of the NRA, Montgomery County Fair Association, The 100 Club, Sam Houston State University Alumni Association, and the Sheriffs' Association of Texas. The Henderson family worships at First Presbyterian Church of Conroe.

