

# 2023 State of the Travis County Emergency Services Districts

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# Collective Snapshot of TCESDs

Municipalities &  
Villages Protected  
by TCESDs:

20

(Including City of Austin  
Extraterritorial Jurisdictions)

Total # of Primary  
TC ESDs

13

Total # of Overlaid TC ESDs

4

Total # of Incidents

43,642

Total TC ESD Budgets FY22/23

\$117,264,458\*

8.34% Increase from FY21/22

\* Includes all M&O *and* Debt Services

Total TC ESD  
Population Served

428,473

10.57% Increase 2020-2023

Total TC ESD  
Sq. Miles  
Served

750.5

Source1: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/c2000/>

Source2: City of Austin GIS Austin Fire

# New & Updated Fire & EMS Stations to Reduce Response Times & Improve Coverage

Total # of TCESD  
Staffed Stations

42

New Stations Opened Since 2022

5

Existing Stations  
Remodeled/Updated

4

# Additional Firefighters, Paramedics and Advanced EMT

Since 2022, TC ESDs have increased Advanced Life Support (ALS) levels on engines, ladders, support staff, and ambulances by 17%.

Total # TC ESD  
Personnel

802

17% Increase Since 2022

Total # Uniformed  
Personnel ADDED to  
TC ESD Rosters

117

Total # of Additional  
Paramedics

46

Total # of Additional  
Advanced EMT

39



# Travis County ESD Resources From 42 Fire Stations



TENDER RESOURCE:

7

BRUSH TRUCKS:

29

QUINT/ RESCUE:

7/3

ENGINE COMPANIES:

37

SQUAD RESOURCE:

10







## Reducing EMS Response Times via the expansion of Fire Based EMS

Travis County commissioned the Management Advisory Group EMS Report (2011) provided recommendations for ESDs providing enhanced services, including ALS first responders and ground transportation and the cost-effectiveness of utilizing ESD (fire-based) resources to meet demand. Today, both ALS first response and ground transport options are available in many of the ESDs.

Investments in technology, additional firefighters and fires stations, and community risk reduction programs help improve Insurance Services Office (ISO) ratings for Travis County residents resulting in *lower* residential insurance premiums.

Class Rating is Comprised of:

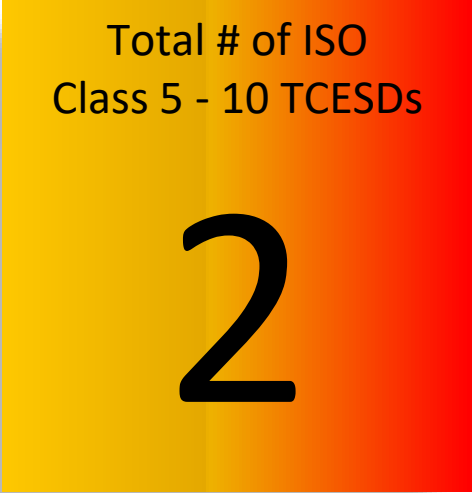
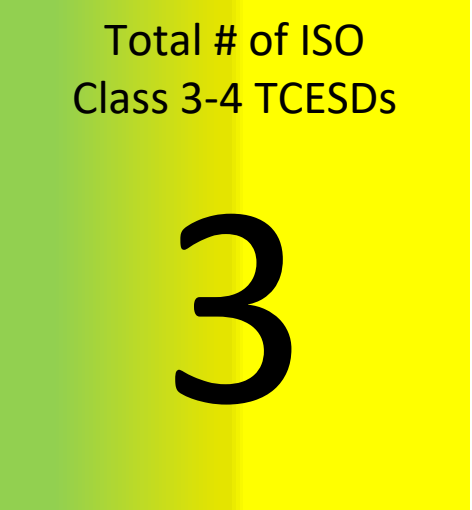
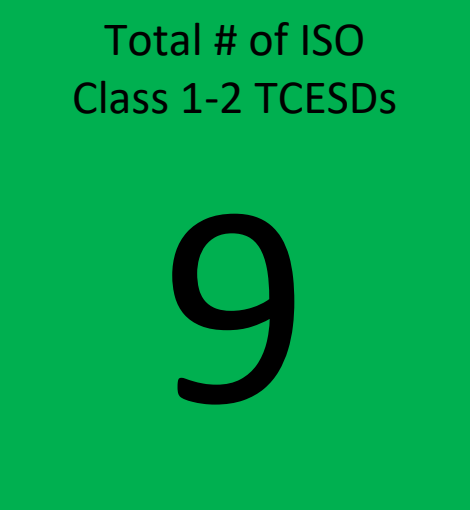
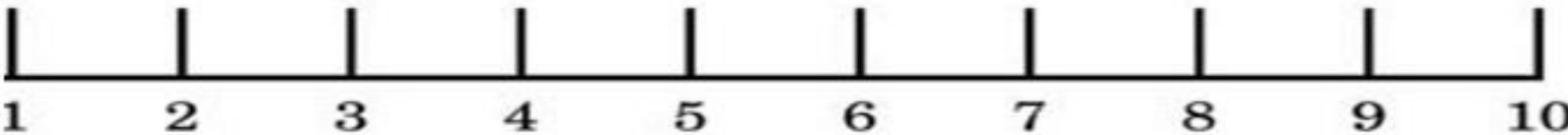
Fire Organization Depth = 50%

Water Supply Infrastructure = 40%

Community Risk Reduction = 5%

911/Communication System = 5%

(National Avg. ISO = Class 4)



# Prevention and Risk Reduction Activities

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All TC ESDs participate in various public education and risk-reduction activities throughout the year.

Five TC ESDs maintain and service fire codes and enforcement within their jurisdiction.

TCESDs w/Fire Codes	Fire Inspections	Maintenance Inspections	Plan Reviews	Operational Reviews/Permits
ESD2	1,275	386	563	33
ESD6	3,254	615	781	163
ESD9	1,139	175	318	41
ESD11*	116	81	239	5
ESD12	649	263	625	6
<i>Total</i>	<b>6,433</b>	<b>1,520</b>	<b>2,526</b>	<b>248</b>

\* TCESD11 data reflects nine months of data since the installation of its fire code in 2022.



# Shared Resources to Maximize Efficiencies & Reduce Costs

TC ESDs have partnered to share costs in several training programs, including initial certification training, training academy maintenance & operation, continuing education, and officer development.



TC ESDs have partnered to share fleet services program by hiring full-time emergency vehicle technicians serving eight TCESDs.



To ensure safe staffing levels are maintained, some TC ESDs share personnel to fill vacancies when possible.

# TC ESDs have collectively increased their deployment of innovation, technology and collaborative partnerships

Training Partnership with High Schools and Workforce Solutions for High Demand Jobs



Wildfire/Fuel Mitigation Programming



Enhanced Interlocal Agreements with Municipalities



Coordinated Response and Recovery in Travis County



Unmanned Aerial Vehicles



Improved Automatic Aid – Added Williamson County



Division Clinical Performance & Education



Firefighter Cancer and Behavioral Health Care





# Opportunities

Collectively Navigating the  
Legislative Landscape



Public Communication and Outreach



Collaborative Strategic  
Planning Sessions

