**Ken Bell,**

**Deputy Fire Marshal**

**Rowlett, TX**

**I began public service in San Marcos, Texas in 1989 as a Firefighter. In 1991, I was tapped to be the San Marcos Fire Marshal. In 1998, I became the City Emergency Management Coordinator in addition to the FM duties. In 2003, I was commissioned to sit on the Capital Area Homeland Security Task Force (representing 10 Central Texas counties), where I served as Chair of the task force and Chair of the Technical Response Committee.  In 2006, I was tasked with running a newly formed Marshals Office division managing Emergency Management, Park Rangers, Fire Investigators, HAZMAT, Code Enforcement, Health Department, Animal Control , and Court Marshal’s. In 2003, I was placed on the Governor’s First Responder Advisory Committee to facilitate representation for first responders to the state legislature. In November of 2016, I retired from the City of San Marcos and moved to North Texas where I am currently working with the Rowlett Fire Marshal’s Office as a Deputy Fire Marshal.**