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Burleson Fire Lt. Mike Jones was one of four appointed by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott to the 13-member board of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP). Jones' term expires Feb. 1, 2017.

The policymaking body of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The commissioners adopt policies in accordance with Chapter 419 of the Government Code. Upon adoption by the commission, these policies become state administrative laws collected under Title 37, Part 13, of the Texas Administrative Code. The TCFP aids in the protection of lives and property of Texas citizens through the development and enforcement of recognized professional standards for individuals and the fire service.

The 13 members of the commission represent a broad spectrum of the Texas fire service and public. Two members are chief officers nominated by the Texas Fire Chiefs' Association. Two members are paid fire protection personnel nominated by the Texas State Association of Fire Fighters. Two members are volunteer fire protection personnel nominated by the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas. One member is a certified fire protection engineer. One member is a certified arson investigator or fire protection inspector. One member is a fire protection instructor from an institution of higher education. And, four commissioners are public members who cannot be employed or certified as fire fighters or who otherwise would fall under the commission's regulatory authority.

Jones' fellow TCFP appointees include Tommy Anderson of Santa Fe who is a communication specialist at Marathon Petroleum in Texas City. He was elected to the rank of chief, serving the Alta Loma Volunteer Fire Department for the past 43 years. Carlos Cortez, Jr. of Harlingen is president and proprietor of Harlingen Flooring. Kelly Doster of Frisco is the Technology Construction Manager for Frisco Independent School District responsible for district wide technology classroom and facility Infrastructure. Robert Moore of Bryan has been named as the presiding officer of the TCFP. He is director of the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Emergency Services Training Institute. And, Steve C. Tull of Valley Mills is a lieutenant with Waco Fire Department. He is a member of

the Texas State Association of Fire Fighters and past president of Waco Professional Fire Fighters Association.

The 39-year-old lieutenant/firefighter for Burleson was hired in April 1999 as part of the second group of the City's first career firefighters. He worked for the Forest Hill Fire Department, Ranger Fire Department, and volunteered with Burleson before he went full-time.

Jones is certified as an advanced firefighter, hazardous materials technician, field examiner, fire service instructor III, fire officer II, Wildland Firefighter – Basic, Hazardous Materials Incident Commander, Incident Safety Officer, Basic fire Inspector, driver/operator-pumper, rope rescue operations, swift water technician, weapons of mass destruction radiological/nuclear operations level certified trainer, and weapons of mass destruction standardized awareness level certified trainer. Jones is in charge of the fire department's hazardous material program and assists the training officer with training and tracking training hours as required by the TCFP.

Jones is the president of the Burleson Professional Firefighters Association. He previously served for three years, then recently took over the helm again. He is a member of the Texas State Firefighters Association and the International Association of Firefighters. Jones also serves as an adjunct fire instructor at Tarrant County College in Fort Worth.

This isn't his first leadership role with the commission. Jones was appointed to the TCFP Firefighter Advisory Board in April 2009. That committee has nine members, including six active or retired fire protection personnel and three certified fire protection instructors. At least one member of the committee must be a volunteer fire fighter or fire chief. The committee is responsible for drafting and reviewing the administrative rules that govern the state's fire service. (The Government Code states that the commission cannot adopt a new rule until the fire fighter advisory committee has had an opportunity to review it.)

The commissioner and his wife Carolyn have been married for 19 years and have two daughters, 15-year-old Kaitlyn and 13-year-old Madison.