

## ***Message from the Executive Director***

*Welcome to the recently updated Tarrant County 9-1-1 District website. It is our intention to use this space on the World Wide Web to keep you informed of District activities and services we provide. The District was created in 1984 for the expressed purpose of providing 9-1-1 equipment and services to all Police, Fire and EMS Departments in Tarrant County, as well as Irving, Grand Prairie and DFW Airport. Today the District provides 9-1-1 service and equipment to a population base of over 1.9 million through 50 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs).*

*In the early days of 9-1-1 in Tarrant County, we interacted with just two phone companies; Southwestern Bell (now AT&T) and GTE (now Verizon). Today, we support calls from more than fifty landline companies, five wireless providers, several VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) providers and numerous private telephone systems. In 2005, the District's PSAPs processed over 2 million 9-1-1 calls with over 62% of those being processed from wireless callers.*

*We look forward to the challenges of tomorrow. Through our partnership with the Public Safety Answering Points, we will continue our mission to provide the most reliable 9-1-1 telecommunications system possible to all persons within our District.*

*Please feel free to contact us with any questions, comments or requests for information.*

*Greg Petrey  
Executive Director*