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TARRANT COUNTY 9-1-1 DISTRICT

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County 9-1-1 Board Appoints New Chairman

Jim Austin has been elected chairman of the board of managers for the Tarrant County 9-1-1 Emergency Assistance District (the 9-1-1 district). Board members unanimously endorsed Austin during their April meeting.

Austin, a prominent Fort Worth businessman, has served on the 9-1-1 district board for nearly eight years. He is president of Fort Worth-based Austin Co. Commercial Real Estate and is an alumnus of the Howard University School of Business.

“I am looking forward to working with Jim as chair and to his continued leadership on the board,” said Bill Munn, PhD, executive director of the 9-1-1 district. “He is quite knowledgeable not only on the level of the Tarrant County community, but on issues affecting 9-1-1 service at a national level.”

Austin is the founder of the National Cowboys of Color Museum and Hall of Fame located in Fort Worth. He also founded the Renaissance Cultural Center. The center serves a primarily minority, section of inner-city Fort Worth and focuses on culture and education. RCC offers career guidance workshops and has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in college scholarships to high school seniors since 1995.

Austin began his 9-1-1 district board service in July 1997 immediately following his appointment to the board by the Fort Worth City Council.

The seven-member board manages an annual budget of nine-million dollars.

The 9-1-1 district and its board work to ensure the district’s 1.9 million citizens are provided the most reliable and technologically advanced 9-1-1 telecommunications system available.

Tarrant County 9-1-1 District is the 2nd largest 9-1-1 system in Texas, providing 9-1-1 service for 46 cities.