



Assistant Fire Chief Donald Hughes

Assistant Fire Chief Donald Hughes began his career with the Wichita Falls Fire Department on May 14, 1984 and graduated from the 35th Fire Academy in August of 1984.

In February 1996 he was promoted to Fire Equipment Operator and served in that position until November 1999 when he was promoted to Fire Lieutenant. He served in the Lieutenant position until February 2002 when he was promoted to Captain, and served in that capacity until November 2011.

In November 2011 he was promoted to Battalion Chief in Operations and served in that position until December 2012, and at that time was transferred to Battalion Chief in charge of the Training Division. While serving in Training, he accepted an offer of the Assistant Chief position in August 2014.

Assistant Chief Hughes is certified by the Texas Commission of Fire Protection as an Advanced Firefighter, Basic Inspector, Basic Investigator, and Fire Instructor II. He also holds certifications by the Commission as a Hazardous Material Technician and Fire Officer I.

Assistant Chief Hughes is Emergency Medical Technician trained and Wildland Certified, and holds many Incident Management Certifications. He is currently enrolled in the Texas Fire Chief's Academy and is working toward the professional designation of "Certified Fire Executive.

At the current time he is also serving as the Board Chairman of the Wichita Falls Firemen's Relief & Retirement Fund, and has served on the Board since 1999.