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Assistant Fire Chief
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Chief Gibson is currently the Assistant Fire Chief for Harris County ESD 13 and the Cypress Creek VFD. In this role he manages the human aspects of emergency services delivery in the district. This encompasses human relations, training, development and medical, health and wellness officer. Further his duties include federal, state and local fire and emergency medical compliance officer.

Chief Gibson is currently working through his final course work in the National Fire Academy's (NFA) Executive Fire Officer Program. This intensive curriculum encompasses development of the nation's fire service senior leadership through a mix of on campus and distance work. The program has four courses in-residence at NFA in Emmitsburg, MD. These are each followed by six months of work on a local Applied Research Project (ARP) that is peer reviewed.

Chief Gibson's recent ARPs include an analysis of the problems created by having both volunteer and career leadership in fire departments, the failures of recognizing the effects on the fire departments of flooding along Cypress Creek in Harris County, Texas, and the latest is the problems arising from working with non-governmental emergency services providers when working at emergency incidents.

Chief Gibson has worked with other University of Houston researchers on emergency services delivery modeling and is currently co-investigator on a proposed study on firefighter stress. Chief Gibson is a 31 year public servant, having spent nine 25 years in the fire service and nine years with the U.S. Air Force and Air Force Reserves. During these years he focused his efforts toward training and development, both in the military and emergency services.

Currently Chief Gibson and his wife, Tina, live in Cypress, Texas with their three sons and daughter. They enjoy the local sports scene as well as spending time visiting the Texas countryside.