

Office of the City Secretary

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Bill Agan and members of the Richland Hills City Council
From: Cathy Bourg, City Secretary
Date: August 4, 2015
Subject: Service Award

City Council Action Requested:

Presentation of 15 year Service Award to Richard Berkobien, Battalion Chief with the Richland Hills Fire Department.

Background Information:

Attachment – Bio and award certificate

Board/Citizen Input:

N/A

Financial Impact:

N/A

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Richard Berkobien Bio for 15 Year Service Award

Battalion Chief Berkobien, who grew up in Richland Hills, started with the Richland Hills Fire Department as a part-time firefighter in November 1999 before becoming a full-time firefighter/paramedic in July of 2000. During his career Richard has received numerous letters of appreciation for the service he has provided to the citizens of Richland Hills. He has earned state certifications as a Master Firefighter, Fire Investigator, Driver/Operator, Fire Inspector, Fire Service Instructor, Fire Officer, Hazardous Materials Technician, Hazardous Materials Incident Commander and as an Incident Safety Officer.

He's attended multiple local, state and national courses and seminars including courses at the National Fire Academy, the Emergency Management Institute and the national Center for Domestic Preparednes. Over the past three years he has completed the National Emergency Management Basic Academy, the Texas Fire Chiefs Association's Fire Chief Academy and Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service's Fire Services Chief Executive Officer program. Richard is currently enrolled at the University of North Texas pursuing a Bachelors degree in Emergency Management.

He currently serves the city as a Shift Commander overseeing the day to day operations on B Shift, as well as filling the role as the department's Training Officer and EMS Coordinator. In those positions he works closely with all members of the Richland Hills Fire Rescue Department as well as representing the department in committees working with all the NEFDA fire departments.

Certificate of Service

Presented to

Richard Berkobien



Battalion Chief

Fire Department

in recognition and appreciation of

Fifteen Years of Service

Presented this 4th Day of August, 2015

Eric Strong, City Manager

Bill Agan, Mayor