

Who is Eligible for the Homes for Texas Heroes Program?

Fire Fighter – a member of a fire department who performs a function listed in Section 419.021 (3) (c), Government Code. Permanent, full-time fire department employees who are not secretaries, stenographers, clerks, budget analysts, or similar support staff persons or other administrative employees and who are assigned duties in one or more of the following categories:

- (i) fire suppression;
- (ii) fire inspection;
- (iii) fire and arson investigation;
- (iv) marine fire fighting;
- (v) aircraft rescue and fire fighting;
- (vi) fire training;
- (vii) fire education;
- (viii) fire administration; and

Any other position necessarily or customarily related to fire prevention or suppression.

Fire Fighter Certification is obtained through Texas Commission of Fire Protection.
www.tcfp.state.tx.us

Emergency Medical Services personnel – has the meaning assigned by Section 773.003, Health and Safety Code. Emergency medical services personnel means:

- (A) emergency care attendant;
- (B) emergency medical technicians;
- (C) emergency medical technicians-intermediate;
- (D) emergency medical technicians-paramedic; or
- (E) licensed paramedic.

EMS personnel are licensed/certified through the Department of State Health Services.
<http://dshsregn.dshs.state.tx.us/ems/certquery.htm>

Peace officer - has the meaning assigned by Section 1.07(a) (36), Penal Code. Peace officer means a person elected, employed, or appointed as a peace officer under Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, Section 51.212 or 51.214, Education Code, or other law.

Peace officers are licensed through Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE). Please call (512) 936-7700.

County jailer - has the meaning assigned by Section 1701.001, Occupations Code. County jailer means a person employed as a county jail guard under Section 85.005, Local Government Code.

County jailers are licensed through TCLEOSE. Please call (512) 936-7700.

Public security officer - has the meaning assigned by Section 1701.001, Occupations Code. Public security officer means a person employed or appointed as an armed security officer by this state or a political subdivision of this state. *The term does not include a security officer employed by a private security company that contracts with this state or a political subdivision of this state to provide security services for the entity.*

Public security officer are licensed through TCLEOSE. Please call (512) 936-7700.

Corrections officer – all full-time employees of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) who receive hazardous duty pay.

Hazardous duty pay employees must have a VOE through TDCJ. Please call (936) 437-4037.

Juvenile corrections officer – all full-time employees of the Texas Youth Commission (TYC) who receive hazardous duty pay.

Juvenile corrections officers must have a VOE through the TYC. Please call (512) 424-6130.