

Aaron Woolverton

Aaron Woolverton is a retired Assistant Chief of the Austin Fire Department and a dedicated candidate for the Austin Firefighters Retirement Fund (AFRF) Board of Trustees. With a distinguished career spanning nearly three decades, Aaron began his service in 1992 and rose through the ranks, serving in Operations and Special Operations at stations 1, 3, and 5 as a Firefighter, Fire Specialist, Lieutenant, and Captain. His leadership extended into staff roles, including Captain/Battalion Chief of Investigations and Battalion Chief of Special Operations Support.

As Division Chief and later Assistant Chief, Aaron oversaw critical branches such as Risk Management, Support Services, Operations, and Fire Prevention/Wildfire. His strategic oversight and commitment to firefighter safety and operational excellence earned him deep respect across the department.

Aaron holds associate degrees in Fire Science and Criminal Justice from Austin Community College and a bachelor's degree in Fire Administration from Texas A&M San Antonio.

Aaron's candidacy comes at a pivotal moment following the passage of House Bill 2802, a landmark reform that secured the long-term sustainability of AFRF. The bill preserved core benefits for active and retired members, protected the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP), and avoided triggering a Funding Soundness Restoration Plan. Most notably, HB 2802 expanded firefighter representation on the Board to four members—ensuring those most impacted by Fund decisions maintain a strong voice.

Aaron's deep institutional knowledge, firsthand experience with AFRF, and commitment to collaborative governance make him uniquely qualified to steward the Fund through its next chapter. He is passionate about protecting member benefits, strengthening fiduciary oversight, and honoring the service of Austin's firefighters through transparent, forward-thinking leadership.