



Fire Service Districts

November 11, 2024
Collin County Commissioners Court



Collin County FireServicesAgreements



October 1, 2013

Originally signed Fire Services
Agreements

2013 Population

37,468 in unincorporated Collin County
(no MUDs)

2023 Population

55,207 in unincorporated Collin County
(no MUDs)

Collin County Fire Services Agreements



Annual County funds
\$950,000



Dispatch subsidy
\$980,975
To fire departments for
dispatch services



Cities Contracted
21 cities
To cover Fire Districts



MUDs are not included

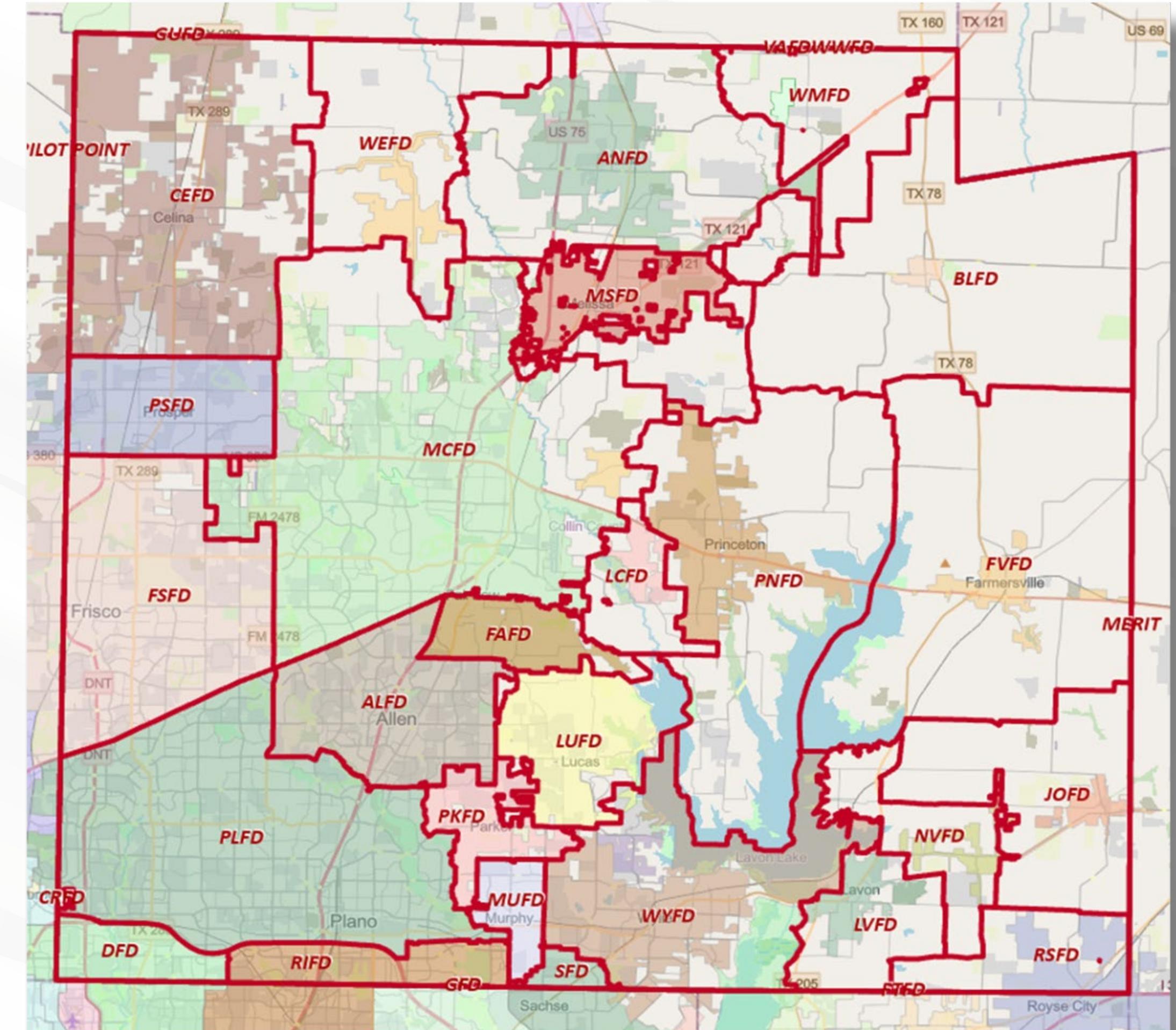


AMR provides EMS (8 cities)

- City of Princeton is holder of AMR contract County
- spent \$379,444 in FY 2024



Fire Department Boundary Map





Why did we enter into fire service agreements?

→ Sec. 352.001, Tex. Local Gov't Code:

“The Commissioners Court of a county *may* furnish fire protection or fire-fighting equipment to the residents of the county...”

→ Collin County does NOT have a fire department.



Why did we enter into fire service agreements?



Safety and Protection

Protect lives and property

Preventing Property Loss

Mitigate damage and potentially save properties from being completely lost.

Wildfire/Grassfire Management

Control wildfires/grassfires to minimize impact on homes and businesses.

Community Development

Make unincorporated areas more attractive for residents and businesses, encouraging growth and development.

Regulatory Compliance

Regulations requiring fire protection services for insurance purposes and public safety standards.



Cities have terminated the agreement

October 1, 2013

22 cities

Agreement originally signed

October 1, 2024

21 cities

City of Melissa no longer contracted
City of Weston covering Melissa's fire district

October 1, 2025

19 cities

City of McKinney and City of Farmersville no longer contracted

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Future Options



- Increase contract amount with the Cities (currently \$950,000)
- Emergency Services District (ESD)
- County Assistance District (CAD)



Increase Contract Amount with Cities

Current County Subsidy

McKinney

\$120 per call

\$597 per call for fire

Farmersville

\$400 per call

- \$216 for fire
- \$184 for dispatch subsidy

→ City of Wylie letter dated Nov. 4, 2024 to renegotiate contract.

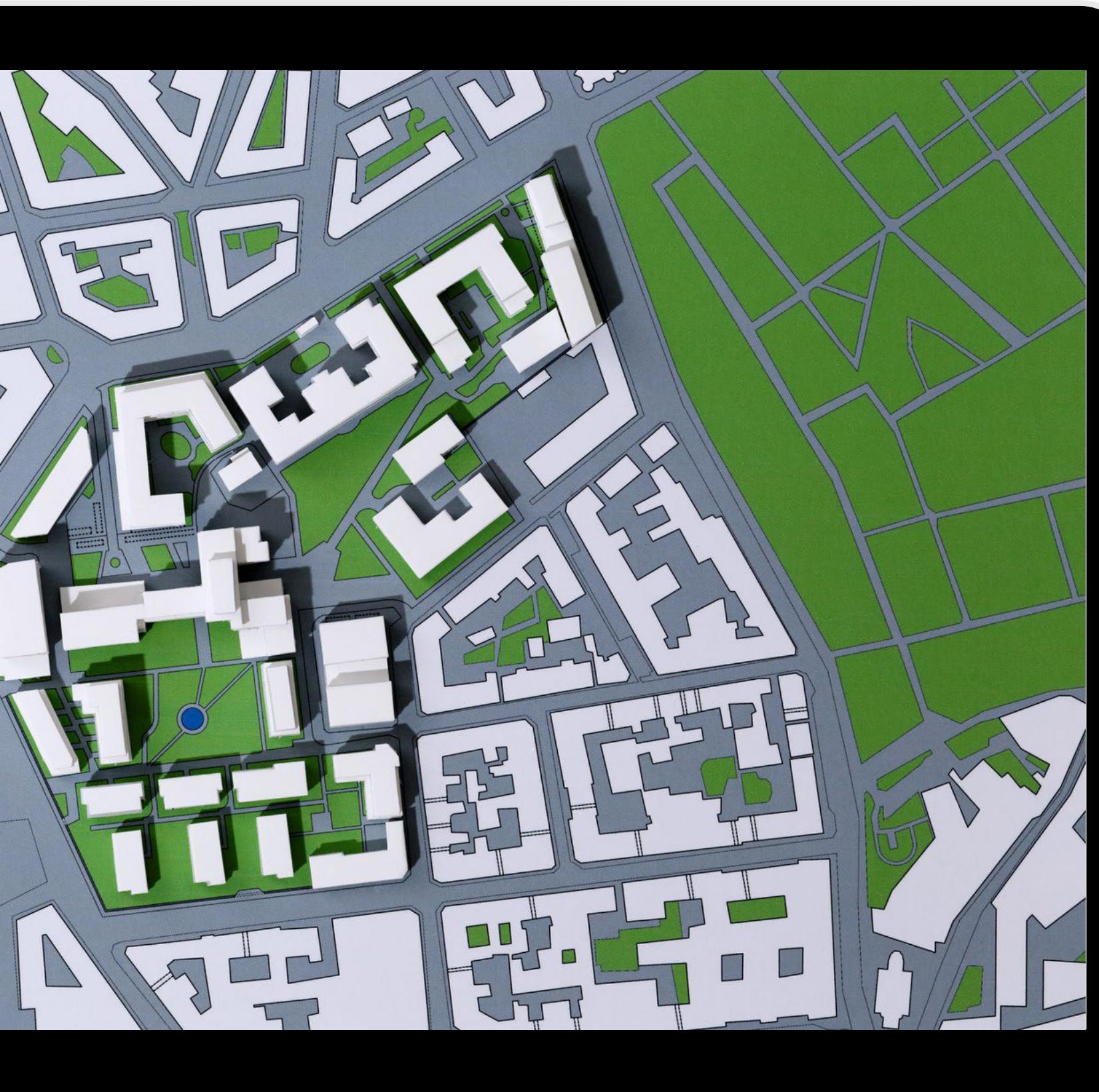
→ Issue: cost per run varies among cities

- McKinney - \$2,200
- Farmersville - \$710
- Wylie - \$2,340

→ Comes out of General Fund



Emergency Services District



- Texas Constitution, Article 3, Section 48-e
- Health and Safety Code Chapter 775 Petition
 - with metes and bounds description of the district signed by 100 eligible residents
 - Commissioners Court receives and calls the election
 - Cities have 60 days to determine if ETJ is included in the ESD
 - Existing MUDs, if included in the petition, can be part of the ESD



OTHER COUNTIES

PARKER

8 ESDs

HARRIS

32 ESDs

TRAVIS

17 ESDs

TARRANT

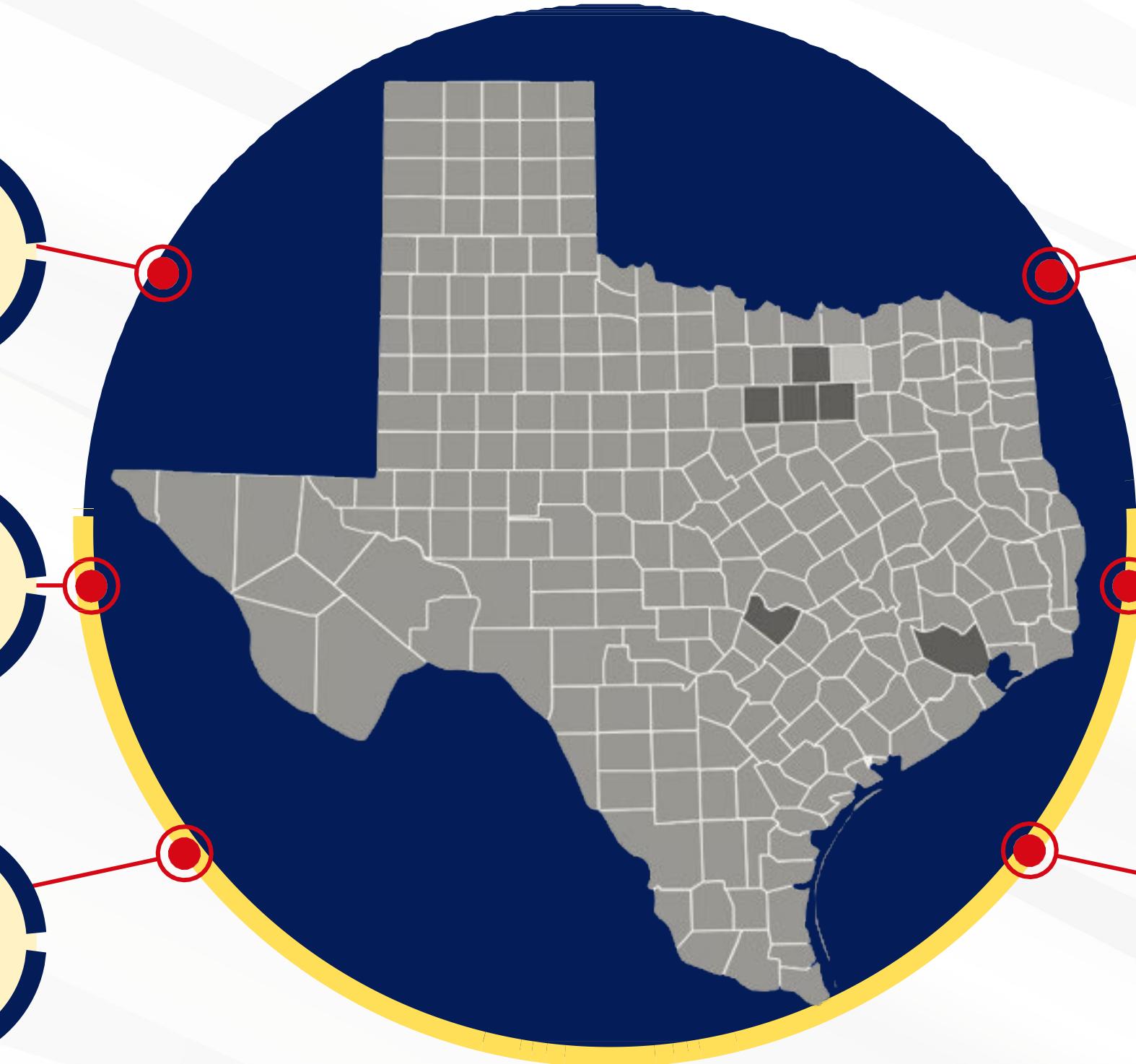
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DENTON

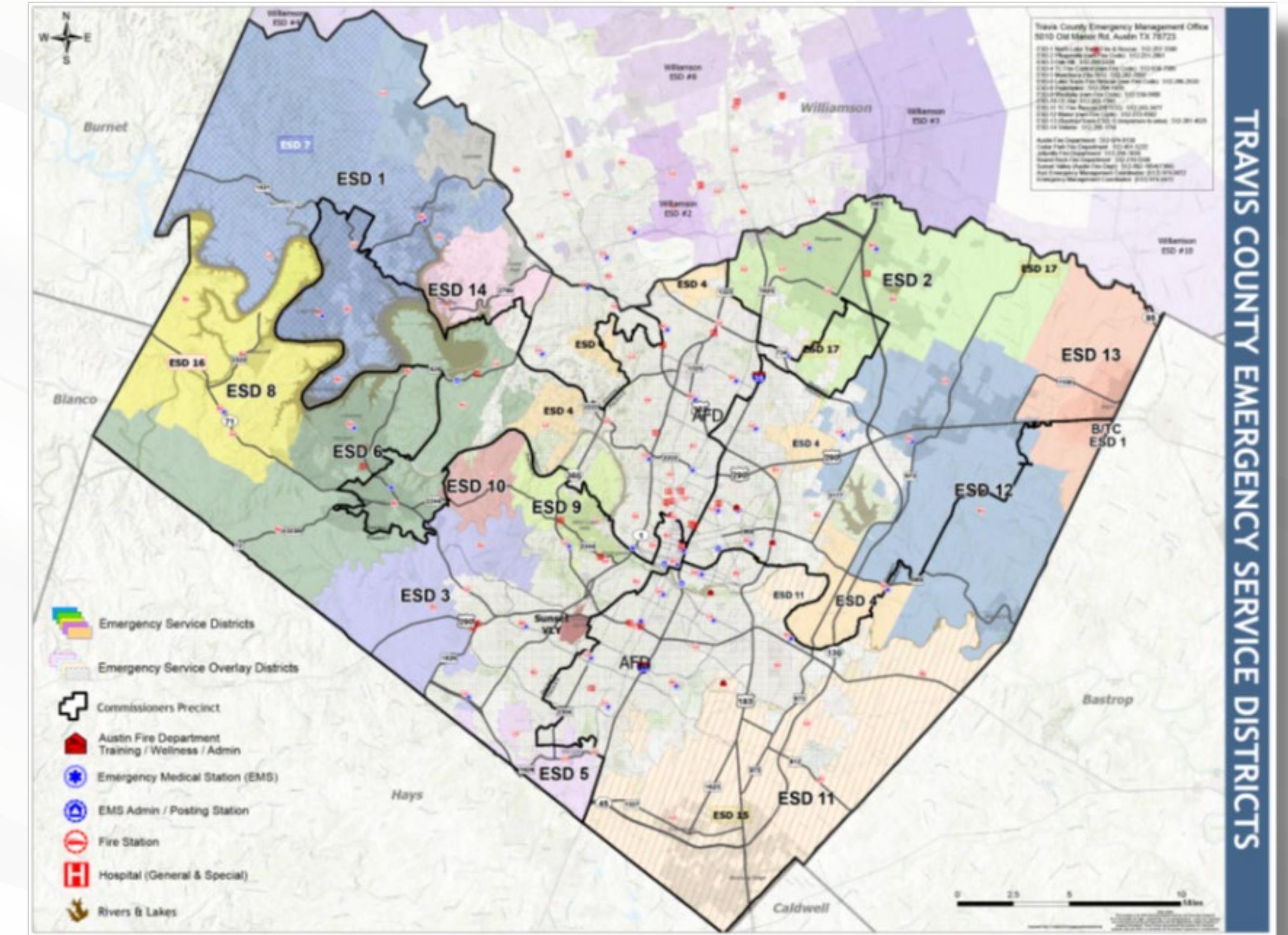
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DALLAS

County contracts with cities
and a volunteer fire
department



Travis County ESD Map





Emergency Services District

TY 24 - ESD Property Tax Levy

	2024 Taxable Value	\$0.05 Rate	\$0.025 Rate
Collin Co MUDs	\$ 6,544,367,805	\$ 3,272,184	\$ 1,636,092
Unincorporated (No ETJ/MUDs)	\$ 3,347,983,283	\$ 1,673,992	\$ 836,996
City Extraterritorial Jurisdictions (ETJ)	\$ <u>13,314,082,127</u>	\$ <u>6,657,041</u>	\$ <u>3,328,521</u>
	\$ 23,206,433,215	\$ 11,603,217	\$ 5,801,608

Above demonstrates the range of possible ESD levy. If all cities allow their ETJ to be included in the ESD boundaries and MUDs are part of the ESD, there is \$23.2 billion in taxable value. If all cities do not allow their ETJs to be included in the ESD boundaries, the lowest taxable value is \$3.3 billion.



Additionally, ESD voters can approve up to a two (2) cent sales tax in the unincorporated area.

Emergency Services District Governance



→ Current Statute: Commissioners Court appoints member to two (2) year terms



→ Legislative change in order to:

- Allow ESD board members to be elected
- Create statutory bracket to allow Commissioners Court members to serve as ESD Board of Commissioners



County Assistance District (CAD)



- Local Gov't Code Chapter 387
- County Commissioners Court calls a vote and voters create the district
- County sales tax (up to 2%)
- Currently working with Comptroller's Office on sales tax revenue in unincorporated



Court Consideration

→ **Fire Service Strategy**

- Negotiate with current cities to cover all fire districts
- Increase contract amount
- Create a county fire department
- ESD or CAD

→ **Level of Court and Staff Engagement**

- ESD



Questions?

