## POLICY AND NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

The Rockwall Fire Department complies with Federal civil rights laws and is committed to providing its programs and services without discrimination in accordance with:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin (including language).
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination based on disability.
- Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, which prohibits discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities.
- Age Discrimination Act of 1975, which prohibits discrimination based on age.
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security regulation 6 C.F.R. Part 19, which prohibits discrimination based on **religion** in social service programs.

It is against the law for the Rockwall Fire Department to retaliate against anyone who takes action to oppose discrimination, files a grievance, or participates in the investigation of a grievance in accordance with the above authorities.

### To File a Complaint

If you think that the Rockwall Fire Department has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way based on race, color, national origin (including language), disability, sex, age, or religion, you can file a complaint in person, by mail, telephone, or email with the Fire Chief.

Online: <a href="www.rockwall.com/fire-team.asp">www.rockwall.com/fire-team.asp</a>

**E-mail:** kcullins@rockwall.com

**Telephone:** (972)771-7770

U.S. Mail: Rockwall Fire Department

Attn: Kenneth Cullins, Fire Chief 385 S Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL):

E-mail: <u>CRCLCompliance@hq.dhs.gov</u> (fastest method to submit your complaint)

**Fax:** 202-401-4708

U.S. Mail: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

Compliance Branch, Mail Stop #0190 2707 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave., SE

Washington, D.C. 20528

For additional information: www.dhs.gov/crcl Phone: 202-401-1474 Toll-Free: 1-866-644-8360

# Information and Services for Persons with Disabilities and Persons with Limited English Proficiency

The Rockwall Fire Department

- Provides free aids and services, such as qualified sign language interpreters and written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, etc.), to communicate effectively with persons with disabilities.
- Provides free language services, such as qualified foreign language interpreters and information written in other languages, to ensure meaningful access to programs and activities for persons with limited English proficiency.

### If you need these services, please contact:

Fire Chief, Kenneth Cullins (972) 771-7770

E-mail: kcullins@rockwall.com

• Rockwall County participates in the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR) Program, which is a free registry that provides local emergency planners and emergency responders with additional information on the needs of their community. The program is aimed at assisting individuals with functional and access needs. The online program registration and flyer is available in English and Spanish.

#### For more information on the STEAR program:

**Website:** www.rockwallcountytexas.com/963/STEAR

**Telephone:** Rockwall County Emergency Management Office at 972-204-7080

**Email**: emergencymanagement@rockwallcountytexas.com.