

## *A Note from Mayor Williams*

### **Dear Residents:**

You may have read the newspaper article or seen the news report on Channel 11 about the Katy Fire Department saving a 3-year-old from drowning.

#### Official PR – Katy FD Saves Child

#### KHOU 11 – Katy Fire Crews Arrive in 47 Seconds

In summary, the City of Katy recently added a second fire station and were able to respond to a potential drowning victim in 47 seconds. According to reports, if the Katy Fire Department had responded from their original station (in other words had not built the second station), the outcome would have been different.

As a comparison, the City of Katy has approximately 15,000 residents and covers 14 square miles. The Memorial Villages have approximately 18,000 residents and over 9.5 square miles. The leadership in Katy was proactive in adding a second station so they now have two stations covering 14 square miles. We also want to be proactive and potentially save lives by improving response times.

Time can save lives. This is why our City Council, our Fire Commissioners, and I have been working so diligently this year on a plan to improve response times to Bunker Hill Village for our EMS Services.

As I have said before, this is not about operational issues with the Village Fire Department; just like Katy, this is about getting the Village Fire Department to you as quickly as possible in the midst of exploding commercial growth. I don't know if you are aware, but there is over 800,000 s.f. of commercial development in the pipeline on Katy Freeway within the VFD service area.

Many have asked, "How many deaths or problems have occurred in Bunker Hill because of below standard response times?" I don't know of any specifically, but I don't think we should wait until someone dies to act.

As we shared last week, we are working with the other Villages on a 4-year service agreement with the Village Fire Department. The agreement includes a provision that Bunker Hill can supplement existing services with our own EMS. We also have the right to opt back into membership in three years. I am confident our elected officials will continue to evaluate all opportunities to provide better public services to you.

I hope this good news in Katy helps you better understand our efforts.

Thank you,  
*Mayor Jay Williams*