

# Tom Hushen

## Emergency Management Coordinator, Cameron County

Tom Hushen currently serves as the Emergency Management Coordinator and Chief of the County Fire Marshal's Division for Cameron County, Texas, where he reports directly to the county's highest elected official. In this role, he has led efforts to strengthen the security of county facilities and has been instrumental in developing a countywide public safety communications system.

Tom plays a critical role in coordinating emergency operations planning for major regional industries, including SpaceX, AEP, TransMontaigne, and Rio Grande LNG, while also championing the inclusion of small cities and rural communities in regional emergency planning. He has overseen the establishment of hazardous response teams across the county and manages countywide emergency communications. He currently serves as Board President of the Cameron County Emergency Communication District (CCECD), supporting the infrastructure behind 911 call intake and emergency dispatch services.

Actively engaged in regional leadership, Tom serves on multiple boards with the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, contributes to school safety through emergency planning and training, and is a Board Member of the American Red Cross of South Texas, supporting disaster preparedness and response across seven counties. A certified instructor in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), he has delivered training nationwide and has been appointed by the Governor's Office to serve on two State of Texas boards.

With a distinguished 37-year career in law enforcement, Tom served as Chief of Police for Los Indios, Texas, and held multiple leadership roles within the Harlingen Police Department, retiring as a Commander and Master Peace Officer. He continues to serve as an instructor for the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) and remains actively involved in advancing public safety and community resilience.