

Daniel Ramirez

EMS Chief/Deputy EMC, City of Pharr



Daniel Ramirez (born 1973, McAllen, Texas) is a public safety professional with more than 30 years of experience in fire service, emergency medical services (EMS), disaster response, and municipal leadership. Raised in a hardworking family, he developed a strong sense of responsibility early in life, working alongside his father and contributing to his household from a young age. He began his career in 1991 as a volunteer firefighter and, by age 18, became the youngest firefighter hired by the City of Pharr, Fire Department.

Ramirez expanded into EMS, earning his EMT certification in 1992 and becoming a paramedic in 2001. He gained extensive experience in both municipal and private ambulance services before transitioning into leadership roles. In 2008, he joined the City of McAllen as Sanitation Manager, where he helped develop Texas' first Public Works Task Force for disaster response.

He later played a key role in the development of the State of Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF), strengthening coordinated emergency response efforts across the region.

In 2018, Ramirez returned to the City of Pharr to lead the development of a regional public safety communications center integrating police, fire, and EMS dispatch, and helped establish a regional tactical medical team supporting law enforcement operations. In 2021, he was appointed EMS Chief for the City of Pharr, where he led the creation of a city-operated EMS system and now serves as Emergency Management Coordinator. Throughout his career, he has responded to numerous large-scale disasters and continues to serve in regional and state leadership roles, reflecting a lifelong commitment to public service and community resilience.