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Fire service is a dynamic profession with ever increasing challenges. Along with the added responsibilities of EMS, Heavy Rescue, and Hazardous Materials comes the duty of acting as an educated, critically thinking firefighter. In this text, Jason Loyd, an Instructor for the Private Sector Group of the Emergency Services Training Institute (ESTI) Division of the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) and James Richardson, Assistant Professor of the Protective Service Department at San Antonio College and Interim Program Coordinator for the Emergency Management/Homeland Security Degree Program, expound upon the history of the fire service, career opportunities, and education, in addition to fire dynamics, fire prevention, and more, in order to provide a comprehensive overview of the fundamentals of fire service. Each chapter follows the (FESHE curriculum) and outlines specific (learning objectives) that not only introduce students to the firefighting profession, but also remind career firefighters that the fire service is a profession requiring continuous learning.

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James D. (J.D.) Richardson joined the United State Air Force in February of 1968.He was trained as a munitions specialist and served one year in Vietnam. After returning from Vietnam in 1971, he met, and married, his beautiful wife Dianne. In 1972 he was
honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant. In January of 1973 he joined the Houston Fire Department. In 1974, J.D. enrolled in the Fire Science Program at Houston Community College. Before completing his Associates Degree, he transferred to the
University of Houston and achieved a Bachelor of Science in Technology Degree in December of 1977. J.D. was promoted to the rank of Chauffeur (Engineer/Operator) in 1979 and was assigned to an ambulance as an EMT. In 1980 he was re-assigned to the newly created Hazardous Materials / Heavy Rescue Team.When the team was divided into two separate entities in 1981, J.D. was assigned as the Engineer/Operator for the Heavy Rescue Team. He remained with heavy rescue until 1989. From 1989 until 1991 J.D. served as an Engineer/Operator in the suppression division. In 1991 he was promoted to the rank of Captain. In 1993 J.D. developed a hydraulic rescue tool training program that was used to train over 500 Houston Firefighters in the use of the Hurst rescue tool. He was temporarily assigned to the Houston Fire Department Training Division to work with the rescue teams in developing rescue training programs. He returned to the Suppression Division in 1995 and was chosen to be a member of a Hazardous Materials Training Team with the International Association of Fire Fighters. As a member of this team, J.D. helped initiate the twenty-four

hours hazardous materials awareness and operations program now being mandated for the fire service. Captain J.D. Richardson retired from the Houston Fire Department in January of 1997 and began a new career as an instructor of Fire Science with San Antonio College. During his tenure with the College, J.D. was instrumental in developing the Associate
of Applied Science Degree in Emergency Medical Service in 1998. In 2003 he initiated the first Associates of Applied Science Degree in Emergency Management and Homeland Security Administration in the state of Texas. J.D. served a sdirector of the Fire Science Degree Program from 1999 to 2001, during this time he achieved a Masters of Arts in Education and was Chairperson of the Protective Services Department from 2001 until 2005. He has achieved the rank of Assistant Professor. J.D. and his wonderful wife Dianne have been married for thirty-seven years. They have one son, R.J., a lovely daughter-in-law Kate, and a beautiful granddaughter Cadwyn.

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