**James Johnson**

Mr. Johnson serves as the Assistant Vice President for Campus Safety at the University of Texas at Austin. Johnson oversees the Emergency Preparedness, Fire Prevention Services and Environmental Health and Safety departments. In his role as the Assistant vice president, he is responsible for providing leadership and direction for all aspects related to Campus Safety, including preparation, organizing and directing emergency planning and preparedness, fire prevention services activities, and environmental health and safety concerns. Mr. Johnson is a public safety professional with over three decades of fire-life safety and emergency management expertise gained through leadership opportunities within a municipal fire department organization and at a flagship public university. He is skilled in the direction and effective operation of fire strategies, tactics, and prevention activities, recognized national fire service standards and practices, and the knowledge and skills normally utilized in applying and interpreting applicable local, state and federal regulations in reference to fire safety standards and guidelines. He utilizes these attributes to drive highly effective operational and planning practices associated with nationally recognized principles of emergency preparedness/management activities in an all-hazards risk management environment. Mr. Johnson has developed a comprehensive campus safety and security perspective through a global body of education and experiential learning opportunities honed over a career encompassing the U.S. military, law enforcement, private-sector security, municipal fire service, emergency management, and higher education.

Mr. Johnson began his career with the University of Texas in 2008 within the Office of Emergency Preparedness. Mr. Johnson was chosen in 2013 to serve as the Director-Fire Marshal, for Fire Prevention Services, and in 2016 brought the leadership responsibilities of the Office of Emergency Preparedness under his purview. In December 2017, he was selected as the interim Associate Vice President for Campus Safety & Security. After a reorganization designed to create efficiencies and mission-specific focus, Mr. Johnson was permanently appointed as the Assistant Vice President for Campus Safety in April 2018.

Mr. Johnson is an honors graduate of St. Edward’s University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Safety Management. He holds numerous credentials in related areas of expertise from the both the National Fire Academy and the Emergency Management Institute, located in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Jimmy is a certified USAR Planning Team Manager, designated through the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Association. Mr. Johnson serves on the governing board for the Greater Austin Travis County Regional Radio System, and is an active member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the National Fire Protection Association, the Texas State Fire Marshal’s Association, and the International Association of Emergency Managers.

 Mr. Johnson was honored in 2019 by Campus Safety Magazine as the National Campus Safety Director of the Year for Higher Education.