



DFW First Code of Professional Ethics

DFW First sets forth this Code of Professional Ethics to guide the conduct of its members in activities and duties associated with **DFW First**.

Therefore, it is the responsibility of each **DFW First** member to:

- 1) Support the Mission, Goals and Objectives as set forth by **DFW First** and abide by the corporate Bylaws.
- 2) Contribute to **DFW First** and to the resiliency of its members, their customers, the community, the financial sector, and the local economy in the event of a regional crisis.
- 3) Be an honest and trustworthy member of **DFW First** and serve the organization, its other members, and its stakeholders in a lawful and professional manner.
- 4) Maintain high standards of professional conduct and do not engage in acts discreditable to **DFW First** or to its members.
- 5) Honor and respect the privacy and confidentiality of sensitive and/or proprietary information learned and/or exchanged through **DFW First** unless authorized or disclosure is required by law.
- 6) Be fair and take action not to discriminate in conducting **DFW First** business.
- 7) Give proper credit for intellectual property exchanged through **DFW First** and honor property rights including copyrights and/or patents for its members, participants, and/or sponsors.
- 8) Strive to achieve the highest effectiveness and dignity in performing **DFW First** business activities.
- 9) Acquire and maintain professional competence to contribute and/or support **DFW First** initiatives and objectives.
- 10) Honor the **DFW First** Code of Professional Ethics, contracts, agreements and assigned responsibilities while a member of the organization and thereafter.
- 11) Promote the ongoing protection and advancement of critical infrastructure / key response program initiatives of the United States of America.
- 12) Collaborate with other **DFW First** members in the interchange of knowledge and ideas for mutual protection.
- 13) Strive to adequately plan, prepare, and respond to regional security and continuity threats that could adversely impact **DFW First** members.
- 14) Not withhold or be a party to withholding information that is deemed crucial in performing response or preparation activities in coordination with public sector first response agencies in times of crisis.

Failure to comply with this Code of Professional Ethics can result in an investigation into a member's conduct resulting in disciplinary measures which may include revocation of **DFW First** membership.