

# Meet the Holmes Family - by Marvin Holmes

While I wasn't part of an existing volunteer fire service family tradition when I began in 1998 as a volunteer firefighter in Powell, Texas, my legacy won't just be achieving high-ranking positions within multiple departments. It will be that my children are now also part of the volunteer fire service.

After serving for a short time in Powell, I moved across the county and joined Mustang VFD where I rose through the ranks, ending as Assistant Chief of the Department. In 2005, I moved my family moved to Granbury, Texas. I joined Granbury VFD and was the first African American firefighter in the history of GVFD and Hood County.

In 2018, I joined the DCBE-ACTON VFD family. With my current department, I've served as Lieutenant, Captain and am now the Assistant Fire Chief. In my "day job", I'm a truck driver for a home builder in Granbury.

Throughout my 25 years in fire service, I've earned a range of certifications from Basic Firefighter to Advanced Firefighter, SFFMA Fire instructor & training coordinator, incident safety officer, Texas Department Health Services Emergency Care Attendant (ECA) certification.

I love being able to apply everything I've learned over the years to help teach the next generation including my children, Montana and Cheyanne.

My daughter, Cheyanne, works full time for H-E-B as a grocery shopper. She is an EMT-B and volunteers with DCBE-ACTON VFD. It's been three years already! She holds certificates in swift water rescue boat rescue. Cheyanne graduated from the Hood County Fire Academy in June. She is looking to gain experience for future career opportunities as she plans to follow her family's public service legacy. She said, "I want to be just like my brother when I grow up."

My son, Montana Diaz, is a paid firefighter/Paramedic with the City of Burleson. He started as a junior firefighter at age 16 with Granbury VFD.

What advice do I give my own children? This is a tough business to be in. If you don't have the drive or patience to do it, then don't. You will see and do things that "normal" people won't. I love doing what I do for people that I don't know and will probably never see again. This is my passion and I'm thankful that I'm still able to do this work.



Assistant Chief Marvin Holmes



Firefighter/EMT Cheyanne Holmes



Montana Diaz as a junior VFF in Granbury.



Asst. Chief Marvin Holmes and Cheyanne Holmes getting creative with bluebonnet pics.



Asst. Chief Marvin Holmes in full turnouts



FF Montana Diaz



Asst. Chief Marvin Holmes and his daughter, Cheyanne Holmes.