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Abstract: **Danny Jan**

Mr. Jan was born in Richmond and watched the building at 307 Fort Street serve various functions over the years. It began in 1954 as a county jail and is now the high tech operation center for the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management (OEM).

Danny served the City of Missouri City for 27 years, retiring as Fire Chief. Shortly thereafter, in 2000 he began his second career with Fort Bend County in law enforcement, then transferred to the OEM to serve as Assistant Emergency Coordinator which evolved into a Captain's position with the Office of Sheriff supervising the Crisis Intervention Team and coordinating the Incident Management Team.

He describes how OEM prepares and coordinates with other departments in the county, with cities, the state and local businesses to ensure responsiveness during any disaster affecting Fort Bend County.

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Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

Steven Noto – Richmond Fire Chief
 Jeff Braun – FBC OEM Emergency Coordinator
 George Bush – US President
 Rick Perry – Texas Governor
 Robert Hebert – FBC County Judge
 Dr. Mary Desvignes Kendrick – FBC Health Authority
 Paulette Shelton – FBC Director of Transportation
 Troy Nehls – FBC Sheriff
 Larry Riendeau – Lieutenant, FBC Sheriff Office
 Bob Stone – OEM Grant Coordinator

Places / Businesses

Richmond, Texas
 Fort Bend County (FBC), Texas
 Missouri City, Texas
 Chief Administrator, Missouri City Fire Department
 WKM Manufacturing Company
 Texas A&M University
 Constable Pct 1, Fort Bend County
 Missouri City Police Department
 Constable Pct 4, Fort Bend County
 FBC Office of Emergency Management

Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator
 Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX)
 National Incident Management System (NIMS)
 Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
 FBC Health & Human Services
 FBC IT Department
 FBC Road & Bridge Department
 FBC Transportation Department
 American Red Cross
 Richmond State Supported Living Center
 Brenham State Supported Living Center
 Joint Information Center
 FBC Sheriffs Office
 FBC Library System
 Galveston, Texas
 Texas Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES)
 Federal Government
 State of Texas
 Harris County, Texas
 Galveston County, Texas
 Crisis Intervention Team, the Mental Health Response Team

Events

Born in Richmond in 1953, Danny has witnessed tremendous growth and changes in Fort Bend County from a rural farming neighbor to Harris County to a fast growing, high tech metroplex.

After graduating from high school, he went to the Fire Academy around 1973. Shortly afterward, he went to the Police Academy. Danny served the City of Missouri City for 27 years, retiring as its Fire Chief.

In 2000, he joined Fort Bend County in law enforcement which evolved into his current position as Captain with the Sheriff's Office managing its emergency response teams. Danny describes in detail how the county and its cities plan, prepare and coordinate responses to all hazards.