



2017 Awards & Honors

City of North Richland Hills departments and staff received the following awards and honors during 2017:

Budget & Finance

The city earned the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association.

Staff earned the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award from the National Purchasing Institute.

North Richland Hills' Aa2 and AA+ credit ratings were reaffirmed by Moody's and S&P, a reflection of the city's sound financial management and strong economy.

City Council

Mayor Oscar Trevino was presented the Northeast Tarrant Chamber's Excalibur Award, given annually to one outstanding elected official for leadership and dedication to the community.

Councilman Tito Rodriguez was honored with the Chamber's Siegfried Charbonnet Community Spirit Award for his spirit of cooperation and volunteer service.

Economic Development

North Richland Hills ranked #10 on the list of Top 100 Cities to Start a Business in the United States by How to Start an LLC.

Staff earned a Certificate of Economic Excellence from the Texas Economic Development Council.

Fire Department

Captain Eric Cook received the Training Officer of the Year Award from the Texas Association of Fire Educators.

The department received a Business Partnership Award from Birdville ISD for its involvement in implementing the Fire Academy at the Birdville Center for Technology & Advanced Learning.

Fleet Services

NRH Fleet Services was presented the 2017 Bronze Fleet Award from DFW Clean Cities for efforts in emissions reductions, fuel reductions, familiarity with air quality and petroleum reduction goals and partnerships with the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Keep NRH Beautiful

Keep NRH Beautiful earned Keep Texas Beautiful's Sustained Excellence and Gold Star Affiliate Awards.

Library

Library staff earned the Achievement of Library Excellence Award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association.

Parks & Recreation

The Grand Hall at the NRH Centre was named one of the Top 10 Best Wedding Venues in Texas by the Wedding Spot.

The NRH Water Safety 365 initiative was presented an Extraordinary Achievement Award from Safe Kids Tarrant County.

Iron Horse Golf Course was voted the 14th best public course in DFW by Avid Golfer Magazine.

Community member John Barfield was named Advocate of the Year by the Texas Recreation & Park Society for his donation of 88 acres of land and \$350,000 to the NRH park system over the last several years.

Planning & Development

Hometown NRH was named one of six Great Places in Texas by the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association.

Staff earned a Certificate of Achievement for Planning Excellence from the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association.

Police Department

SafeHome.org ranked North Richland Hills among the safety cities in Texas.

The department's SHIELD Program and Women of Law Enforcement Conference were featured as model programs at the International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference.

Police Department Motor Unit was awarded several trophies throughout the year.

Officer Kristina Gonzalez was recognized by the Northeast Leadership Forum for her leadership of the UNIDOS Program.