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## **TDLR mourns the death of Kemah Police Chief Chris Reed**

**AUSTIN** – The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation is mourning the death of Kemah Police Chief Chris Reed, who died Friday in a boating accident near Texas City. Reed was a member of the Combative Sports Advisory Board, which advises the agency on the regulation of professional Boxing, Kick Boxing, Mixed Martial Arts, Muay Thai and amateur MMA events in Texas.

“Chief Reed was a valued member of the Combative Sports Advisory Board. He brought a wide range of experience to the board - as a contestant, promoter and referee. His insights were vital to his fellow board members and to our agency. We will miss him deeply, and we join his family and friends in mourning this tragic loss,” said TDLR executive director Brian E. Francis.

Reed joined the Combative Sports Advisory Board in May 2016 in a board slot reserved for former combative sports contestants. Reed was a former professional mixed martial arts (MMA) fighter and promoter. He was licensed by TDLR as a combative sports referee and judge.

### About TDLR

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