

President & Chief Executive Officer — Williams-Pyro, Inc.
President — WPI Firefighters' Fund

Once a one-woman manufacturing company, Della Williams made professional contacts; secured development contracts; handled sales, purchasing, and marketing; and manufactured parts in the shop. This firsthand knowledge of every aspect of the business helped build Williams-Pyro into the successful company it is today. As president and CEO, Ms. Williams has been involved in a variety of professional organizations and legislative efforts.

Serves as

- member of USS Fort Worth Committee
- an Advisory Board Member on the President's Council of the National Association of Manufacturers
- the Chair of the Texas Manufacturing State Advisory Board
- a Member on the DFW TMAC Advisory Board

Member of

- the National Defense Industrial Association and
- the North Texas Women's Business Council

Ms. Williams has also lobbied extensively in Washington, D.C. for continued federal support of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, an initiative of the U.S. Department of Commerce. Williams-Pyro is celebrating it's 49th year in business in 2012.



Williams-Pyro, 2012

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Williams-Pyro, Inc., Fort Worth, TX (1996-Present)

President & Chief Executive Officer

(Co-founder & Vice President of Williams Instruments, Inc. from 1963 to 1998)

(Co-founder & Vice President of Pyro Control, Inc. from 1972 to 1998)

Williams-Pyro is a woman-owned, privately-held small business founded in 1963 that produces more than 200 unique, profitable products, all designed and manufactured in-house. These include:

ElectroLinx™ — cable assemblies, connectors, adapters, ground support and test equipment for the aerospace, defense and energy sectors

StoveTop FireStop® — America's leading automatic residential stove top fire suppressor

Duradero® IECS — Intelligent Energy Control System brings smart micro-grids to the battlefield

SERVICE

WPI Firefighters' Fund, Fort Worth, TX (1999-Present)

President & Founder

In late 1999, Ms. Williams founded a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization called the WPI Firefighters' Fund to help families of firefighters killed or injured in the line of duty. In 2000, the WPI Firefighters' Fund gave \$35,000 to firefighters' families in Texas. After September 11, 2001, she worked diligently to raise funds and distribute them quickly to the families of FDNY firefighters who died at the World Trade Center. She made multiple trips to New York and presented donations totaling \$489,429.31 to these families. This was the first help any of them had received, and it eased their financial burdens as they awaited their benefits from the city. The fund continues to assist families of fallen firefighters, having disbursed a total of \$832,263 since 2001 to families in Idaho, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Texas, New York, and California.

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2011 Tibbetts Award for Excellence in Innovation Small Business Administration (SBA)
- 2011 Great Women of Texas Nominee
- 2009 Small Business of the Year Lockheed Martin, GT&L (LMCO)
- 2007 Best Value Gold Medalist Defense Supply Center Richmond (DSCR)
- 2007 Texas Family Business of the Year Medium business category Hankamer School of Business, Baylor University
- 2006 Mainspring Award Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center
- 2004 Hall of Achievement College of Engineering, University of Texas at Arlington
- 2004 Administrator's Award for Excellence Nominee Small Business Administration (SBA)
- 2001 Champion Award Modernization Forum National Conference
- 2001 Women of Influence Finalist Fort Worth Business Press