

# TARPLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

## ANNUAL BBQ, PARADE, AUCTIONS & RAFFLE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

PARADE STARTS @ 11:00AM (LINE UP @ 10:30AM)  
SERVING STARTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PARADE.

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August, 2017

SILENT AUCTION BEGINS @ 10:30AM      LIVE AUCTION BEGINS @ 12:00PM

### TARPLEY VFD SCORES BIG WITH TFS GRANT!!

The Texas A&M Forest Service provides Texas Volunteer Fire Departments with the opportunity to apply for funding through HB 2604—Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program. We routinely apply for grants for training, personal protective equipment (PPE), fire equipment, and occasionally (about every 10 years) it is our turn for something big. Last October, we scored big! TVFD received a grant for \$200,000 to be used for the purchase of a new “Large Brush Truck.”

This opportunity doesn’t happen very often. The last time was in 2005 when we received \$38,750 for the purchase of the chassis that

we used to build our tanker truck 4494. Thanks to the success of prior annual fundraisers and our judicious management of your contributions, TVFD has added \$68,000 cash to this grant in order to make this new truck the pride of our fleet and the first-out response unit for nearly all calls.

The new truck is built on a 2017 Freightliner M2-106 4WD chassis. It has a 4-door crew compartment, Allison transmission, and a Cummins diesel under the hood. Enough shop talk.

Brush Fires—The truck will carry 750 gallons of water and 20 gallons of foam. The pump is rated at 1000gpm

and the truck can “pump and roll.” There is a turret nozzle on the front bumper, two spray nozzles under the front bumper, and reel with 150’ of hose at the rear.

Structure Fires—The truck will carry hundreds of feet of hose, self-contained breathing apparatus, and firefighting hand tools. Water can flow from any of 7 discharges around the truck.

Rescues—The truck will house the majority of our hydraulic rescue equipment and vertical/water rescue gear. There is a portable 10,000# Warn winch that can operate from the front or either side of the truck as needed.

Welcome Unit #4492!

### THE TVFD FLEET OF APPARATUS:

- Brush 4490—1997 Ford F350 4WD. Tarpley Station.
- Brush 4492—2017 Freightliner 4WD. Tarpley Station.
- Brush 4493—2007 Chevy 2500 4WD. Rio Hondo Station.
- Tanker 4494—2005 Chevy 7500. Tarpley Station
- Engine 4495—1982 F700. Rio Hondo Station.

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### HAL & CHARLIE PETERSON FOUNDATION GRANT

TVFD was able to make a significant upgrade to our communication capability thanks to the Hal & Charlie Peterson Foundation. They contributed \$40,749 for the purchase of nine Motorola APX 6000 handheld radios with accessories and a radio for Unit #4492.

The latest communication technology is essential for our safety and for TVFD to operate effectively with dispatch and our neighboring fire departments.

TVFD wishes to express our sincere appreciation for this generous funding.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT—MARK BRADFORD

Fundraising is a part of every volunteer fire department’s calendar. TVFD wants you to know how much we appreciate your contributions. We feel we are stewards for your dollars. Our creed is “Thrift without sacrificing capability.” To that end, we spend your money wisely.

Your pocketbook is not the only source of our funds. Since 2005, TVFD has received \$383,130 in grants from organizations such as the Texas A&M Forest Service, Texas Department of State Health Services, Lower Colorado River Authority, and the Hal & Charlie Peterson Foundation. This

sum excludes the very generous donations we used to convert the Tarpley schoolhouse into the local Community Center and the amazing contributions made by several local patrons that enabled us to purchase the latest self-contained breathing apparatus. At the time of this writing, another grant request for \$20,000 has yet to be awarded. Should we get that grant, those funds will be used for all of the “stuff” that makes a fire truck a fire truck.

We have a solid roster of capable, trained personnel. Our fleet is now something to be proud of. We are well equipped for any emergency.

Our next endeavor is a new fire station in downtown Tarpley. Our existing station is iconic. It has character. There is a lot of history involved with it. On the downside, it has no temperature control. It floods in heavy rain. We cannot roll our primary truck without first taking another truck outside. It is cramped and it impedes our ability to serve all of you.

This will be a six-figure project. We will find grant funding, but with large grants, the more “we” contribute, the more grant money we get. When the time comes, please help us with the same generous support we’ve come to expect from each and every one of you.

## FIRE CHIEF’S REMARKS—ADAM JENSCHKE

I’m pleased to report that TVFD continues to make strides in all aspects of the service we provide.

Our firefighting capability will be greatly enhanced with the addition of our new truck 4492. The addition of this truck also improves the distribution of our resources as we will be relocating engine 4495 to the Rio Hondo station giving that substation

two trucks: Engine and Brush.

With 4495 relocated to Rio Hondo, we will have a second set of hydraulic rescue tools aboard, broadening our response capability from both ends of our coverage area.

Our roster has expanded. We now have 18 firefighters trained to respond. Our command structure remains the

same: Chief, Asst. Chief, Captain, and two Lieutenants. We’re just a year older.

Finally, we are grateful to have mutual aid partners who can quickly assist us when we call for help. It’s rewarding to know they feel confident in our capabilities and readiness to respond to their requests for assistance. See below. This makes the entire regional fire response stronger .

### THE EXPENSES WE INCUR:

- 50’ WILDLAND HOSE \$65
- 50’ OF 1-3/4” HOSE \$160
- 50’ OF 3” HOSE \$224
- 1” NOZZLE \$206
- LARGE NOZZLE \$525
- 24’ LADDER \$657
- 8’ POLE \$55
- 10’ POLE \$62
- AXE \$110
- HALLIGAN BAR \$221
- 1 SET OF STRUCTURE FIRE PPE \$3000
- 1 SET OF WILDLAND FIRE PPE \$500

## 2016 TARPLEY VFD CALLS [2017 THRU JUNE 15]

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| • EMS.....4 [2]            | • Public Asst....2 [1]     |
| • Flood/Swiftwater...1 [1] | • Extrication...1 [1]      |
| • Brush Fire.....10 [12]   | • Electrical...0 [1]       |
| • Structure Fire....2 [2]  | • False Alarm...1 [1]      |
| • HAZMAT.....1 [0]         | • Mutual Aid Given..9 [11] |
| • Vehicle Fire.....0 [0]   | Total 2016 Calls = 30      |
| • Vehicle Accident...5 [4] | YTD 2017 Calls = 25        |
| • Rope/Search Resc..3 [0]  |                            |

*Please remember to call dispatch BEFORE you burn brush. They can advise you if there is a BURN BAN or if burning is discouraged based upon forecasted dangerous fire weather conditions.*

**Bandera Co.: 830-796-3771**

**Medina Co.: 830-741-6150**