

Tarpley VFD

August 2016

Protecting Our Valley Since 1975

Annual BBQ, Parade, Auctions, and Raffle
Sunday, September 4, 2016

Parade starts at 11:00 a.m. (line up at 10:30)

Serving starts immediately after the parade.

Silent auction 10:30

Live auction 1:00

Five Year Plan Calls for New Fire Station

The Tarpley Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors completed its work on a Five Year Plan (2016-2020). The most exciting item in that plan is the construction of a new fire station. In 2015, the department studied the need and feasibility of building a new station. Several factors were cited in support of the need for a new station:

- 1) the department has expanded its services and those services have required additional equipment and storage space,
- 2) the current building has no insulation and insulating it would not greatly increase protection of the equipment,
- 3) even after diverting the water flow during a heavy rain, the building gets runoff in it,
- 4) the slanted walls make creating viable storage space nearly impossible, and
- 5) as TVFD replaces its older fire trucks, in the years to come, larger bays for those larger trucks will be needed.

Fire Chief Jenschke said, "As our capabilities and equipment have grown, so has our need for a proper facility. Providing our First Responders with the right tools for the job also means providing them with a home base that is functional and efficient. We'd like to continue to build and improve upon the hard work and perseverance of those who started the Tarpley Volunteer Fire Department." President Mark Bradford noted, "We cannot store any equipment on the slab because it might get wet. In short we really need the facilities that will help keep our trucks and rescue equipment in good shape and protected."

The plan calls for work on the design and setting the location in 2016. Also, in 2016 the department will begin to write and submit grants for the new fire station to appropriate foundations and state and federal agencies. In 2018, a capital fund drive will be started. Area landowners will be approached to help fund a portion of the cost for the building. Ground breaking is planned for 2019 and completion of the new station would be 2020.

From the Chief... Greetings,

With such an amazingly wet Spring, the springs are still flowing and the tanks are still full. This also means that all the vegetation that grew is now drying out with the hot Summer months upon us. Please use extra caution and keep fire potential in your thoughts as you go about your outdoor activities. In an effort to better help notify Tarpley Residents, I have arranged for TXDOT to install a Burn Ban sign at the Williams Creek Rd and Hwy 470 Intersection. I thank everyone who have called this past year to advise me of their burning plans. I welcome the opportunity to discuss best practices with everyone.

Our core group of Firefighters and First Responders remains a force of about 11 Members. Of those, there are 6 of us who make up the Technical Rescue Team and 4 of us who make up Medical First Responders. Our Rescue Training Certifications, including Vehicle Extrication, Swift Water Rescue, and High Angle Vertical Rescue have all been renewed within the past 12 months.

We are currently competing for a Large Brush Truck grant through the Texas Forest Service. Not only will this truck be designed for fighting wildfires, but it will also have a large water capacity, a large pump output, and large equipment storage to make it our most versatile truck in the fleet.

We are always on the lookout for a few good men and women to join our ranks. Please contact me with any questions you may have; I'll be glad to answer. Thank You for your continued support. Tarpley Volunteer Fire Department is truly YOUR Fire Department and cannot stand without your support. - Adam Jenschke, Chief.

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If you have Auction Donations...

If you have donations for the live or silent auctions for our upcoming fundraiser, September 4, please let us know so that we can get the item(s) listed and placed in the auction order ahead of time. If you live in the area call Curtis Kosub at 830-426-9317. He will make arrangements to have the item(s) picked up. **If you are planning to bring the item the day of the picnic, please Curtis call ahead of time so he can put it on the list(s).** This will help the auctions run smoothly. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Community Potlucks a Success, Fun

The potluck dinners have been a success. But you ask, how are you gauging success? Well...it depends on who you ask. Some answers we gotten to that question are:

It's a time to catch up with friends you don't see often,

The food is great

It's a good way to find out what's going on in Tarpley

It's a good way to meet new neighbors.

It's a cheap way to get some pretty good food.

There is no business conducted, just visiting with friends.

Everyone in the Tarpley area is invited. Just bring a covered dish. The dates for the rest of the year and for 2017 are:

September 20, 2016

December 3, 2016 - Annual Tarpley Christmas Potluck

March 21, 2017

June 20, 2017

September 19, 2017

TVFD 2016 Expense Budget	
Administration	\$2,935.00
Fire Operations	\$28,445.00
Training and travel	\$5,000.00
Fuels	\$3,600.00
Build./ Grounds Maint.	\$750.00
Insurances	\$3,962.00
Memberships	\$130.00
Picnic costs	\$13,144.00
Utilities	\$2,200.00
Total Budget	\$60,166

From the President...

I would like to personally thank each and every one of you that helps support our fire department. Without your donations and support we would not be able to help you in your time of need. We are truly blessed to live in the Tarpley area. We are grateful for the many landowners and residents who support our department. This enables us to do the things that are needed by the department. Not only do we fight fires, we are trained in swift water rescue, vehicle extrication, and vertical rescue. Also, we do medical first responder work with Bandera County EMS. No one that *volunteers* with Tarpley VFD gets paid to provide these services for our community. Nobody gets paid to do all the trainings throughout the year to keep their certifications up to date or keep the department running. This is truly a great group of individuals who sacrifice their time away from their families to help out their community. Without your support and donations, we would not be able to keep the department rolling. The cost to keep all the trucks operating keeps increasing.

Now, on another note, as you will see when you look around the picnic grounds our facilities are in very good condition. The upgrades we were able to do because of the LCRA grant last year has helped us improve our facilities. However, with these improvements the need for a new fire station really comes to the forefront. Please read the front-page article. Believe it or not we have had a building boom in Tarpley, Texas. Several new homes and many out buildings have or are going up. With this increase in growth, the demand of services will increase. It is exciting to be a part of this effort to build a new fire station and I hope each and every one of you will join us in this endeavor. Thanks again for all your support whether it's a thank you, financial, and especially if it is with your time. I look forward to seeing you at this year's picnic.

Mark Bradford
President / Lieutenant
Tarpley VFD

Meeting Times

Regular membership meetings are the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 at the Tarpley Community Center. Every landowner and Tarpley area resident is welcome.

Tarpley VFD Mission Statement

The mission of the TVFD is to promote community education on fire and public safety and to enlist and train volunteer members in order to provide firefighting and emergency services within its capabilities.

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