



Three Alarm News

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Incident Run Totals

2006 YTD

FIRE	170
EMS	97
TOTAL	267

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2006 Pierce Contender Joins Our Fleet

The most recent addition to our firefighting fleet is a 2006 Pierce Contender pumper. The four door cab fire engine seats five firefighters and is powered by a 6 cylinder, 570 cubic inch, 310 horsepower, turbocharged, direct injection diesel engine. It has a 1250 gallon per minute pump and carries 1000 gallons of water. There are three compartments on the driver's side, two compartments on the passenger's side, and a rear



compartment, all with roll-up doors. These compartments provide ample space for carrying supplies and other equipment.

The Truck was purchased using the combination of a grant and low interest loan from the US Department of Agriculture.

The 2006 Pierce Contender Pumper is designated as "Engine 322" and is housed at station 2 on Elmo Weedon Road.

We are committed to providing excellent service to the members of our community. The addition of this modern firefighting apparatus greatly enhances our ability to respond to emergencies in our community, making us a more effective and efficient fire department.

Change your clock, Change your Battery!

As local residents change their clocks back to Central Standard Time on October 29th, the Brazos County Precinct 3 Volunteer Fire Department strongly suggests they make another change that could save lives – changing the batteries in their smoke alarms.

Changing smoke alarm batteries twice a year

is one of the simplest, most effective ways to protect your family from fire. In fact, statistics show that working smoke alarms nearly cut in half the risk of dying in a home fire. An average of three children a day die in home fires, and 80% of these deaths occur in homes without working smoke alarms. And smoke detectors

most commonly fail because of worn or missing batteries.

"Working smoke detectors provide an early warning and critical extra seconds to escape," advises Fire Chief Gerald Burnett. "This is particularly important for those most at risk of dying in a home fire, such as children and seniors."

Prevent Cooking Fires—Watch What You Heat

More fires start in the kitchen than in any other part of the home. Why is the kitchen such a danger zone? Too often people fail to pay attention to what's cooking, and the consequences can be far worse than burned food. Like any home fire, cooking fires spread quickly, leaving you just minutes to escape safely. Follow these tips for safer cooking:

Stand by your pan!

Most fires in the kitchen occur because cooking is left unattended. Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food.

If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.

If you are simmering, boiling, baking or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that the stove or oven is on.

No Kids Allowed!

Keep kids away from cooking areas by enforcing a "kid-free zone" of 3 feet (1 meter) around the stove.

When young children are in the home, use the stove's back burners whenever possible, and turn pot handles back to reduce the risk that pots with hot contents will be knocked over.

Never hold a small child while cooking.

Keep it Clean!

Keep anything that can catch fire—pot holders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, towels or curtains—away from your stove top.

Clean up food and grease from burners and the stovetop.

Avoid wearing loose clothing or dangling sleeves while cooking. Loose clothing can catch fire if it comes in contact

with a gas flame or electric burner.

Microwave with care!

Plug the microwave oven directly into an outlet. Never use an extension cord for a microwave as it can overload the circuit and cause a fire.

Use only microwave-safe containers to heat food.

Allow food to cool for a minute or more before you remove it from the microwave.

Open microwaved containers slowly as hot steam escaping from the containers can cause painful burns. Be sure to let food and liquid cool before you eating them.

Never use aluminum foil or metal objects in a microwave oven. They can cause a fire or burn hazard and damage the oven.

Kitchen Fires 101

While the following tips can help you put out a small kitchen fire, never forget how dangerous fire can be. If you are unable to put out the fire, get out of the home and call the fire department. When in doubt, get out!

If you have a fire in your microwave, turn it off immediately and keep the door closed. Never open the door until the

fire is completely out. Unplug the appliance if you can safely reach the outlet.

Always keep an oven mitt and a lid nearby when you're cooking. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan (make sure you are wearing the oven mitt). Turn off the burner. To keep the fire from restarting, don't remove the lid until the pan is

completely cool.

In case of an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed to prevent flames from burning you or your clothing.

Keep a [fire extinguisher](#) in the kitchen in case of an emergency. Make sure that you know what type of fire the extinguisher will put out and how it works before an emergency occurs.

2006 Fall Festival



The Brazos County Precinct 3 Volunteer Fire Department held its Fall Festival on October 7th, 2006 at fire station 2 on Elmo Weedon Road.

About 200 guests enjoyed a great barbeque lunch, and were treated to an outstanding performance by the world famous Aggie Wranglers. Other activities included carnival games for the kids, antique cars on display, a silent auction, music provided by Bill Milberger, and a raffle.

The winners of the raffle were:

Weatherby Rifle: *D. Barringer*

Barbeque Grill: *Johnny Evans*

Porch Swing: *Sandi Hodge*

We would like to thank all those who came out to support their fire department. In addition, this event would not have been possible without the generous contributions of the following businesses:

- J. Cody's
- Slovacek Sausage
- Oxford Street
- Bryan Coca-Cola
- Kristen Distributing
- Mack Bolt & Steel
- Johnny Carino's



The Brazos County Precinct 3 Volunteer Fire Department raised approximately \$1400 and is grateful for all the support from the community. We look forward to seeing you at our next event.



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Visit our website at www.pct3vfd.com for information regarding membership, current burn bans, and other details about our department.

NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____

I would like to make a donation of \$_____. Please make checks payable to Brazos County Precinct 3 VFD. **We greatly appreciate your donation!**

I would like to receive information about becoming a member of Precinct 3 VFD.

I would like to purchase a reflective address placard to assist emergency vehicles in locating my residence. I would like a quantity of _____ @ \$15.00 each for a total cost of \$_____.

Please make checks payable to Brazos County Precinct 3 VFD.

Please send this form to the Brazos County Precinct 3 VFD, P.O. Box 5453, Bryan, TX, 77805.