



# Three Alarm News

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- Chief—Gerald Burnett
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- Vice President—Trey Smith
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- Fire Chief—Gerald Burnett
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- Captain—Cary Roccaforte
- Captain—Steven Kehlenbrink
- Captain—Jerry Merker
- Captain—Trey Smith
- Captain—Greg Cross
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## Firefighters Attend SFFMA Convention

The State Firemen’s and Fire Marshals Association 132<sup>nd</sup> annual training conference and convention was held June 5-11 in Beaumont Texas.

All exhibits, Business Sessions and Training Workshops were held at the Ford Park. The exhibitors showcased the latest products and services including Fire-fighting apparatus and equipment.

Six firefighter from Brazos County Precinct 3 attended the convention participating in various training sessions NIMS 300, NFPA 1851, Recruitment/Retention and Instructional Techniques for Company Officers.

Five members were department voting delegates that decided on important proposals for SFFMA By-Laws changes.



Precinct 3 VFD Captain Steven Kehlenbrink placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Fire Truck driving contest at the SFFMA convention.

### Incident Run Totals

2008 YTD as of 10/6/08

FIRE	150
EMS	124
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>274</b>



**Don't Forget To Change The Batteries In All Smoke And Carbon Monoxide Detectors!**

## Precinct 3 Members Assist With Hurricane IKE

As Ike approached, Brazos County Precinct Three Volunteers developed an incident action plan to provide for continuity of regular emergency service throughout the approach and passing of the storm, supporting the mission of emergency management in regards to evacuation and sheltering of coastal residents, and providing mutual aid to other agencies if requested.

Starting on Thursday Sept. 11th, Pct 3 personnel were staffing our fire stations, unloading medical evacuees at Easterwood Airport, helping at local shelters, and staffing the Brazos county Emergency Operations Center. These roles were continuously filled throughout the duration of the storm.

While the station staff began to demobilize on

Sunday the 14th, volunteers continued to work shelters, respond to Pct 3 emergency calls, and attend situational briefings, as it became clear that many of our neighboring communities were not doing as well as we were.

On Thursday the 18th of September, Pct 3 sent a two man team for an 8 hour shift in Norman-gee, Texas to relieve vol-

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unteers who had been working several days straight to provide emergency response as well as ice and water distribution to Ike stricken residents who were still without electricity.

Throughout the 2008 hurricane season, Pct 3 VFD continued to provide professional and dedicated

service. In addition to local and regional volunteer activities, precinct three also has members who are currently away serving FEMA and the United States Armed Forces.

If you would like to honor these members by joining those who

serve you, please come to a Thursday night meeting and find out what it's all about. As always, if you give us your time, we'll provide the training.

Gerald Burnett, Fire Chief

## Multi-Purpose Vehicle "390" put into Service



The most recent addition to our vehicle fleet is a 1999 Chevy Suburban purchased at auction last spring.

The Suburban, unit number 390, is an extremely versatile vehicle. It gives us the ability to transport significant numbers of firefighters and ad-

ditional supplies to an Emergency scene without tying up multiple vehicles. It's also very useful on Emergency calls that

don't require larger apparatus, such as medical calls, to get responders on scene quickly. Another recognized benefit is the fuel savings gained from taking one vehicle instead of multiple vehicles to attend training events and conferences out of town.

Unit 390 will also function as a "Command Vehicle" for larger incidents such as house fires and major Wildland Fires.

## Precinct 3 Conducts Live Fire Burn Training

On Saturday, August 9th, several firefighters and officers from Precinct 3 & District 2 Fire Department participated in a live fire burn training at Brayton Fire Training field.

TEEX Emergency Services Training Institute is a leader in training emergency response personnel from all over the world.

ditions and practice different scenarios which emphasized incident command, team work, hose handling, search and rescue, fire behavior, fire streams all in a simulated safe environment.



Instructors and students complete a safety walk through.



Instructor John Mathews explains fire scenario to students.

In the training firefighters were able to experience real fire con-



Instructor Cary Roccaforte explains Thermal Imaging techniques as Firefighter Jeff Gore Jr. puts on (PPE) Personal Protective Equipment.

## Members attend Emergency Vehicle Operations Course

On October 4th, 10 firefighters attended (EVOC) Emergency Vehicle Operations Course. This course along with Apparatus Familiarization and Pump Operations/ Hydraulics are required components for Driver/ Operator certification.



**Backing in confined space**

The duties of an Emergency Vehicle Operator are extremely dangerous, as well as mentally and physically exhausting, when responding to and returning from or operating at an emergency scene.

Driver re-certification is a vital element in maintaining a valid and professional emergency vehicle driver program.



**Driving forward and backwards in a Narrowing lane**

*Special thanks to Central Baptist Church for allowing the use of their parking lot.*

## Turkey Fryers - Not Worth the Risk

Outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers cook up juicy turkeys in a fraction of the time it takes to roast one in an indoor oven. However, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) discourages the residential use of turkey fryers because they pose an enormous risk of injury. Outdoor fryers heat gallons of cooking oil to very high temperatures to cook the turkey. The risk of this oil being spilled is significant, and the injuries resulting can be severe.

- \* The fryers are often bumped or tipped over when the turkey is put in or taken out, presenting a greater risk for the oil to splash or spill. Outdoor fryers that come with a stand pose the greatest risk of tipping.
- \* The oil is heated to such a high temperature for frying that the vapors could ignite, resulting in a fire.
- \* If you use a turkey fryer during rain or snow, the risk of injury is increased. When rain or snow hits the hot oil, the oil can splash or turn to steam, which can cause burns.
- \* Numerous fires have ignited when fryers were moved indoors or into a garage to keep the appliance out of the rain.
- \* Moving the turkey from the fryer to a serving plate presents another chance of contact with hot oil.

Precinct 3 wants residents of Brazos County to be aware of the risk of injury associated with turkey fryers. For your own safety, use the oil-free models or refrain from using them altogether.



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Visit our website at [www.pct3vfd.com](http://www.pct3vfd.com) for information regarding membership, current burn bans, and other details about our department.

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**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.*