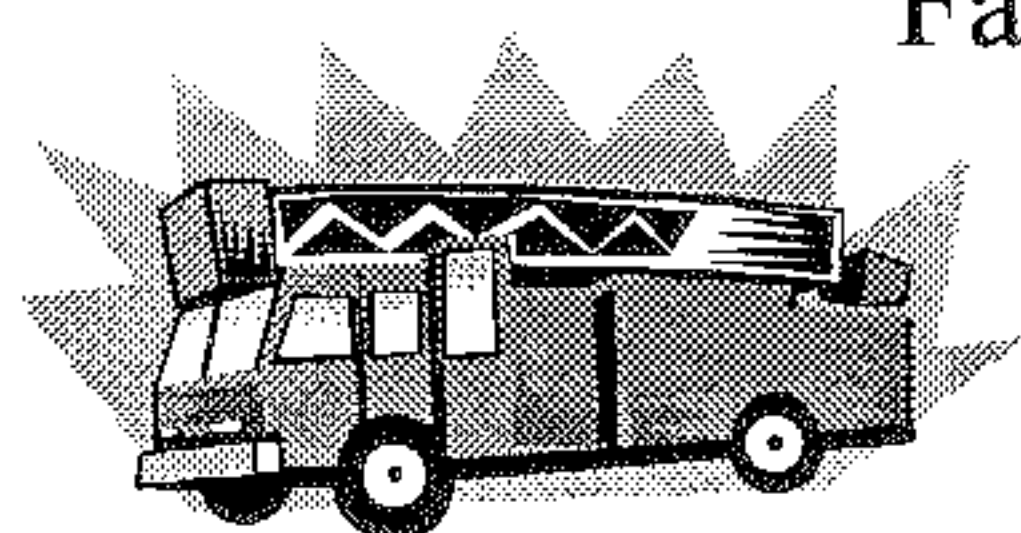




Brazos County Precinct 3 Volunteer Fire Department

Summer 2005 Newsletter

The members of Precinct 3 would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making our 6th annual Fall Festival in November 2004 such a great success. We hope to see you at the next Fall Festival on October 22, 2005.



Slow down or change lanes for stopped emergency vehicles

There is a fairly new law from the Texas Department of Public Safety that many people do not know about. The law states a driver approaching a stopped emergency vehicle with its lights activated must slow down to 20 miles per hour below the posted speed limit or vacate the lane closest to the stopped emergency vehicle if there is more than one lane of traffic traveling in that direction. If the speed limit is 25 mph or below, the driver must slow down to 5 mph. Emergency vehicles include police, emergency medical services and fire department apparatus. This law is important because it helps to increase safety of emergency responders on the roadway.

**We have had a few changes
in our Officers:**



Fireground Officers:

Chief	Gerald Burnett
Assistant Chief	Greg Janda
Assistant Chief	Jason Ware
Captain	Cary Roccaforte
Captain	Steven Kehlenbrink
Captain	Jerry Merker
Captain	Trey Smith

Executive Officers:

President	Benjamin Miller
Vice President	Greg Cross
Secretary	Jason Johnson
Treasurer	David Dibello

Burn Ban In Effect

The Brazos County commissioners issued a countywide burn ban on June 22, 2005, which will be in effect for 90 days. During this time, outdoor burning will be prohibited. This is due to dry weather conditions, which increase the chance of grass fires. For more information on the ban, call Brazos County Fire Dispatch (non-emergency) at (979)-361-3888.

Pct. 3 Conducts Vehicle Extrication Training

Precinct 3 VFD recently completed a day of vehicle extraction training. L&G Wrecker Service donated the vehicles and the training took place at their facility on Hwy 30. Seventeen department members attended the half-day training session and a total of 4 vehicles were utilized for training. This is invaluable training to prepare department members to perform extrication of victims at vehicle accident scenes. The department is grateful to L&G Wrecker for the donation of the vehicles and the use of their facility to conduct the training. One of the pictures from this training can be seen below.



Captain Steven Kehlenbrink looks on as Firefighters Ben Miller and Nick Hickson use hydraulic tools to dismantle a vehicle. All photos courtesy of Firefighter Kyle Gentry.

If you would like to make a donation or have further questions, please contact us at:

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Bryan, TX 77805
(979) 776-6430

Better Equipment to Serve You Better

In February of this year, your fire department took possession of a new Fire Engine. The Engine is a 2004 Pierce Contender built on an International 4 door chassis and is capable of seating 5 firefighters. It has a 1000-gallon water tank and can pump water at a rate of 1250 gallons per minute. The pumper has a class A foam system on board which makes the water more effective at extinguishing fires. Engine 320 also features dual scene lights for night operations, hydraulic rescue tools for vehicle accidents, and plenty of hose and equipment for firefighting operations. This unit is a much-needed replacement for our 1968 Mack pumper.

As you may remember from our Fall 2004 newsletter, we also have a new 2004 Chevrolet 1-ton booster truck for grassfire operations and a new 1500-gallon tanker. The new engine, booster truck and the tanker are featured in the pictures below.



Booster 343, Tanker 331, and Engine 320 in front of Station 2 on Elmo Weedon Road