



Three Alarm News

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Incident Run Totals

2007 YTD

FIRE	58
EMS	89
TOTAL	147

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Firefighters Attend Dozer Ops Training

The Texas Forest Service held a dozer operations course in Lufkin, Texas on May 19 and 20. The class

is designed to teach firefighters how to operate fire service bulldozers in order to extinguish wildland

fires. Bulldozers are often the only means to control fires that are too large to extinguish by hand or are in areas not accessible by normal fire apparatus. Six firefighters from Brazos County Precinct 3 attended the two day training and learned valuable information. The training will be important when working on large wildland fires and also when coordinating with other agencies such as the Texas Forest Service.



New Fire Station Number 3 Complete

The building construction on fire station no. 3 on Roans Chapel Road is complete.

This new station has an excellent location and will allow the fire department to better serve citizens in the Highway 30 area. Currently, the station houses an engine and a brush truck, and in the future, a water tender will also be located there. In addition to shorter re-

sponse times, the station will increase ISO ratings and decrease

homeowners' insurance premiums in the vicinity.



30th Anniversary Celebration a Success

The Precinct 3 Volunteer Fire Department celebrated its 30th



anniversary on March 3rd with an Open House at station 2 on Elmo Weedon Road. Guests experienced 30 years of local history, including displays of local newspaper articles featuring fire departments in action and a slide show highlighting memorable moments in our fire department. Our current fire apparatus and equipment were on display, as well as

some firefighting equipment from the past. Refreshments were provided to our guests, including two specially designed cakes, generously donated by Rose Cottage Creations.

Thank you to all who came out to help us celebrate 30 years of service to the local community. We look forward to seeing all of you at our next community event.

West Nile Prevention - The "Four Ds" to reduce the risk of West Nile

- **DEET** makes it difficult for insects to detect the source of carbon dioxide, which attracts biting insects to humans. Look for an insect repellent that lists the chemical as a main ingredient.

- **Drain** standing water in back yards and neighborhoods. Water often accumulates in old tires, flowerpots and rain gutters.

- **Dusk** and dawn are the times when infected mosquitoes are most

active, so try to stay indoors then.

- **Dress** in long sleeves and pants when going outside. Thin clothing should be sprayed with insect repellent.

Source: Brazos County Health Dept.

Precinct 3 Conducts Vehicle Extrication Training

On Saturday, June 23, several firefighters and officers from Precinct 3 honed their skills at advanced vehicle extrication. Auto Part Pros of Bryan were gracious enough to donate several vehicles and allow the fire department to use their property to conduct this training. One of the most common emergency calls in rural Brazos County is major vehicle accidents. Many times, occupants of vehicles involved become trapped and unable to free themselves due to distortion of the vehicle. Precinct 3 currently has two complete sets of hydraulic extrication tools used to manipulate the vehicle in order to free a trapped vic-

tim. The tools are extremely powerful and require substantial training in order to be proficient at safely operating them. These vehicle extrication training sessions allow firefighters to apply what they have learned in the classroom to a practical situation. New firefighters get the chance to learn new skills while others have the opportunity to further develop skills they already have. In addition to direct training on the tools, there were also scenarios created in order to simulate a real vehicle accident with patients trapped. This type of training is essential to ensure that firefighters have the

skills needed to safely remove a patient from a vehicle when time is of the essence. Thanks again to Auto Part Pros for allowing us to conduct this training.



Looking to Give Something Back To Your Community?

The Precinct Three Volunteer Fire Department is always looking for new members. Volunteer firefighting and emergency medical services are two of the most rewarding things a person can do. Our fire department responds to all types of emergency calls including fire suppression, medical emergencies, rescue, and hazardous materials incidents. All training and necessary equipment is provided for you at no cost and absolutely no prior experience is needed. We have several types of members includ-

ing firefighters, medical first responders, and also members that have duties not related to fire or EMS. You have the opportunity to be any one or any combination of these different types of members. If you are interested, stop by one of our trainings or business meetings to visit and pick up an application or go to our website at www.pct3vfd.com. Our weekly meetings are on Thursday nights at 7 pm at



Station 2 on Elmo Weedon Road. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have.

DPS Reminds Motorists, "Turn Around, Don't Drown!"

If you see water running across a roadway, you should immediately turn around and not attempt to go through it, says the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"Many cars will float in only 12 inches of water, and two feet of rushing water will carry off pick-ups, SUVs and most other vehicles," says Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "Six inches of water can be enough to stall a car or cause a loss of control over the vehicle."

Each year, more people die in flash flooding than in any other type of thunderstorm-related hazard.

"You might think that you can easily get across a flooded roadway, but it's not worth the risk. It's impossible to tell the depth of the water-or whether the road or bridge is damaged or missing. Don't endanger yourself or the first responders who may try to rescue you," Col. Davis said.

Bottom line: stay aware and cautious, especially at night, when recognizing dangers can be more difficult. Pay attention to the weather and the road conditions.

Remember: Turn Around, Don't Drown.

National Night Out - August 7, 2007

National Night out is on Tuesday, August 7th this year. This is a perfect opportunity to get to know your fire department on a non-emergency basis. If you would like members of Precinct 3 along with a piece of fire apparatus to visit your neighborhood gathering, please call (979) 776 - 6430 and leave a message or email publiced@pct3vfd.com.



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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.