

HUNT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



2021 HVFD NEWS

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Dear Friends & Neighbors,

The Hunt Volunteer Fire Department looks forward to a productive year in 2021 following a pandemic and hurdles that our department had to overcome. Our call volume in 2020 was down 19% from the previous year with a sum of 43 total calls. Hunt VFD responded to a total of 18 fire calls that encompassed Structures, Vehicles and Wild Land scenarios. Fire calls make up 40% of our call volume. We also responded to 16 Rescue Calls for incidents requiring assistance with traffic, transport and landing zones for the injured parties. Rescue calls make up 35% of our call volume. We also responded to seven false alarm calls. These calls are usually smoke and fire alarm malfunctions and can also be a concerned citizen that has observed a fire that may be dangerous in their estimation. False Alarms make up 20% of our call volume. Lastly, the Hunt VFD responded to a rare Hazardous Condition call to wrap up the final 5% of our call volume. The calls we respond to are not only ours but mutual aid to other departments in the area as well.

The Hunt VFD is constantly looking for ways to improve our department, and at the same time, looking for ways to continue to assist our homeowners that reside in our service area. In 2020, the HVFD added an additional 2,500 gallon tender to our fleet, which positively dropped our ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating to an 8b from a 10. This can assist our homeowners in lowering their home owner's insurance. The HVFD also successfully performed a water shuttle exercise that may drop our ISO rating even lower. You can visit our website at www.HuntVFD.org in the "Insurance Info" tab for our current ISO rating document.

We have recently added a Class 2 attack vehicle to our fleet. Unit 695 will be stationed in Canyon Springs and is capable of responding to both structure fires and wild land scenarios. The addition of this apparatus has helped close the gap in preparing our department for emergencies on all sides of the Guadalupe river to adequately support our community in all directions of the 161 square miles that the Hunt Volunteer Fire Department covers.

To continue our department improvement through education, the Hunt VFD has registered four of our volunteers to attend the prestigious TEEEX Fire School in College Station this July. We will send two fire fighters for Fire Fighter 1, one fire fighter for Level III vehicle extrication, and one fire fighter for Pump Operations and Water Shuttle Scenarios.

In closing, we would like to thank those who have graciously given to our department through these tough COVID times. Our community has been more than generous with donations to support us, yet we ask for your help once again in November. Judge Rob Kelly announced in 2020 the county was not able to support non-mandated organizations with county money. The volunteer fire departments in the county were one of those organizations. The Hunt VFD, along with other departments, was not funded by Kerr County in 2020.

The Kerr County Judge has strongly suggested that all volunteer fire departments consider establishing an ESD (Emergency Services District). Our department is following through with Judge Kelly's suggestion and has taken the proper steps to have a spot on the November ballot for ESD #3. The two departments in the area that have an ESD are Ingram (ESD #1) and Mountain Home (ESD #2). Both departments have grown exponentially with the addition of new equipment and capabilities to respond to emergencies. The Hunt VFD would like to establish an ESD for our community to continue and elevate the protection that our residents deserve.

The Hunt VFD will look forward to a future Best Blast based on CDC Covid-19 guidelines as we would like to ensure the safety and health of our community. We eagerly await a time when we can all congregate together and celebrate the beautiful Texas Hill Country in which we live.

If you would like to become a part of our organization through Emergency Services, joining the outstanding and progressive HVFD Auxiliary, or simply making a donation to support our cause in protecting the citizens of Hunt, Texas, please visit our website at www.HuntVFD.org for information or use a donate button. We are a 501(c)(3) Non-profit and your donation MAY benefit your tax needs.

Yours in service,

Lee Pool

HVFD Fire Chief

Thank you for your continued support of our always evolving department!

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