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Alamo Springs VFD  
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Hello Neighbors:

It's time again for the annual update from the VFD.

This year's list isn't as long as the previous, but it is just as exciting for all of us.

We received the grant we requested from the Texas Forest Service for a new tanker truck. That is major milestone. Additionally, the Commissioner's Court has authorized funds to add to the grant which was a bit shy of the cost of the unit we ordered. We solicited bids from major truck builders and chose the one that is best suited our needs and was within our price range.

The truck will carry 2000 gallons of water. Its primary use is as tanker, but it will also be outfitted to be a first attack vehicle for structure fires. It will replace the big Mack fire engine we received from Leon Springs VFD a few years ago. Since that truck was donated to us, our members thought it only fair that we turn it over to the Texas Forest Service. They have a program which accepts vehicles and finds another department that can use them. So, it will end up in a deserving department.

We have added another EMT to our ranks. She attended our open house last September and volunteered on the spot. Now we have two EMTs and a retired nurse in the department. That is quite a step up in our medical capabilities from just 2 years ago, a step in the right direction. All our members requalified in CPR and the use of the defibrillator last fall. And our EMTs have kept us current on the new recommended techniques.

A bit of advice: If you have had CPR training longer than a year ago, you might want to look into those new procedures, things have changed.

Based on our truck usage data, we have decided to add another brush truck, one similar to our trusty old 1985 Ford F-350. We have contacted the Ag Department at Comfort High School and they have agreed to build a truck bed with firefighting equipment on it as a semester project for the students. The finished bed will be entered in the various annual Ag competitions in this area. They will eventually install it on a chassis that we procure. We are currently exploring numerous finance options. The Kendall County Commissioner's Court has authorized some

assistance, but as we know, there are always a few extra items that we'll need.

To help us out with this project, one of our neighbors, Maggie Montgomery, who lives out on Old Number 9 at Bankersmith, has volunteered to host a fundraiser. She has a venue on her property for a good size event. It'll be family oriented with a BBQ plates available by donation, a silent auction for items donated to the cause, some local vendors and live music by various local artists.

The date will be Saturday July 16, 2011. She plans to start around 1 PM and go until 10PM. We will advertise on the local radio, in the paper and with fliers with details. The information will also be posted on the [www.alamospringsranch.com](http://www.alamospringsranch.com) web site.

You've probably noticed the enclosed envelope. This year we are soliciting donations to use for the brush truck project. We now have a PayPal account if you care to donate that way. The account can be found on the above web site. You can rest assured that all funds will be used to the VFD's maximum benefit and that translates to the community's benefit.

Thank you in advance from all the members of the Alamo Springs VFD.

**Please enclose this slip with your donation. Thank you!**

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