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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Hays County Commissioners Court

Tuesdays at 9:00 AM

Request forms are due in Microsoft Word Format via email by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

AGENDA ITEM

Discussion and possible action to accept the annual report from the Hays County Emergency Services District #3.

ITEM TYPE	MEETING DATE	AMOUNT REQUIRED
ACTION-MISCELLANEOUS	March 26, 2013	N/A

LINE ITEM NUMBER
N/A

AUDITOR USE ONLY

AUDITOR COMMENTS:

PURCHASING GUIDELINES FOLLOWED: N/A **AUDITOR REVIEW:** N/A

REQUESTED BY	SPONSOR	CO-SPONSOR
Leighton Stallones/ESD #3 President	INGALSBE	N/A

SUMMARY
A copy of the report will be handed out the day of Commissioner's Court.

HAYS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 3

ANNUAL REPORT

AS PRESENTED TO

THE HAYS COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2013



Neighbors helping neighbors.

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MISSION STATEMENT

"To protect lives and property and to educate those who do, to a high standard of excellence".

HAYS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 3

Presented to the Hays County Commissioner's Court

March 26, 2013

Organizational Structure

- **What is an ESD?**
 - Special purpose district
 - Created by the State legislature
- **What services can an ESD provide?**
 - Can provide fire, first responder and EMS services
 - ESD #3 provides fire and first responder services
- **Managing the ESD.**
 - Five-person Board of Commissioners
 - Appointed by County Commissioner's Court
 - Two year terms – expiring in alternate years
 - Monthly meetings held 3rd Tuesday of each month
- **ESD Operating Authority.**
 - Operate under Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 775
 - Hays County has 9 ESD's
 - Texas has 300 in 91 counties

Hays County ESD #3 History

- **Beginnings.**
 - Originally a Rural Fire District formed on August 22, 1983, by the Hays County Commissioner's Court
- **Reorganization.**
 - RFD converted to an ESD on August 28, 1997
- **Current Alignment.**
 - 1998 - contracted with South Hays Fire Department

Vital Statistics

- **Coverage.**
 - 116 square miles of area surrounding San Marcos
 - County lines and Blanco River

- **Staffing.**
 - 78 Volunteers
 - ✓ 36 Career Certified Firefighters
 - ✓ 32 Volunteer Certified Firefighters
 - ✓ 33 EMT's
 - ✓ 16 Paramedics
 - ✓ 2 ECA's
 - ✓ 15 SMART Divers (San Marcos Area Recovery Team)
 - 3 Employees
 - ✓ 3 Full-time; Chief, Assistant Chief and Administrative Assistant
 - ✓ 1 Part-time; Health & Safety Officer

- **Stations.**
 - 3 full service fire stations
 - ✓ San Antonio Street
 - ✓ Ranch Road 12
 - ✓ Hilliard Road

- **Rolling Equipment.**
 - 19 apparatus and vehicles
 - 2 boats

- **Activity Levels.**
 - 1,023 calls
 - ✓ 63% - 642 - First responder
 - ✓ 08% - 84 - Fire
 - ✓ 29% - 297 - Other

- **Training.**
 - 2010 – 1,528 Hours
 - 2011 – 4,308 Hours
 - 2012 – 11,002 Hours

Funding and Operating Costs

- **Funding Sources.**
 - \$777,750 from Ad Valorem Taxes
 - \$692,000 from Sales Taxes
 - \$77,565 in Grant Income & Other Income

- **Asset to Debt Ratio.**
 - \$4.34 million in capital assets (cost)
 - Outstanding long-term debt \$317,542
 - Goal – Maintain high asset to debt ratio with “pay as you go” philosophy

- **Staffing Costs.**
 - Average cost to train and equip each firefighter - \$27,095

- **Equipment and Apparatus Expenditures.**
 - 2009 – \$756,000
 - 2010 – \$130,000
 - 2011 – \$451,000
 - 2012 – \$407,000
 - 2013 – \$111,500

- **Financial Responsibility.**
 - 2012 Audit to be delivered to County Auditor by June 1, 2013
 - Continued good stewards of taxpayer money

2012 Developments

- **Equipment Upgrades.**
 - 2012 Pierce Tender
 - 2012 Utility Truck
 - 10 sets of bunker gear
 - 5 sets of wild land gear

- **Accomplishments.**
 - Acquired property that will assist us in trading land with Brookfield Development for the relocation of our new central fire station
 - Contracted with Wiginton Hooker Jeffry Architects
 - ESD Board of Commissioners completed 51.5 hours of continuing education
 - Increased firefighter training hours by 155% from prior year
 - Implemented new National Wildland Firefighter training program, certifying 31
 - Volunteer membership increased from 48 in 2011 to 62 in 2012
 - Coordinated Shatter Dreams program at Gary Job Corps
 - Brought nationally recognized training programs to the County such as “Five Alarm Leadership” taught by retired FDNY Chief Sulka and retired Chicago Chief Lasky
 - Continued to work closely with the Hays County Fire Chiefs Association partners to provide joint training and coordination to effectively use taxpayer funds
 - Implemented the Automatic Vehicle Location system for the Hays County Sheriff’s Office
 - Planned, coordinated and participated in Urban Shield regional exercise
 - Awarded Life Safety Accommodations for three separate swift water rescues

- **Co-Location of County Dispatch.**
 - Involved from the beginning with the concept and the studies
 - Instrumental role in the progress
 - Fully support the County’s efforts

- **Texas Fire Academy (TFA).**
 - 221 firefighters have graduated since 2005
 - Some TFA graduates stay on as volunteers
 - TFA developed and implemented training for Emergency Medical Technician – Basic (EMT-Basic)
 - ✓ 177 graduates since 2009
 - ✓ Has been accredited through UT Health Science Center San Antonio. Assistant Chief Griffin and Lou Ann Mullins are now Coordinators and will be coordinating the Basic classes
 - ✓ Completed first Paramedic Program in 2012. Ten out of 13 students graduated at the end of May
 - ✓ EMT eligible for GI benefits
 - Other continuing education classes offered
 - ✓ Driver/Operator
 - ✓ Instructor I & II
 - ✓ Fire Officer I & II
 - ✓ Fire Inspector to be added online this year
 - ✓ Fire Investigator to be added online next year
 - ✓ AHA card classes now offered (BLS, ACLS, PALS & ITLS)
 - TFA employees – 45 staff and instructors

- **Support County Efforts for Public Safety.**
 - Leaders in the community
 - Conformed with County wide accountability system
 - Work closely with other Fire and EMS departments to provide best possible response times and efforts
 - Involved in the Fire Chief's Association
 - Hope to organize a County wide association for the ESD's
 - Support County wide Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) by purchasing and installing laptops and locating devices in our equipment – 15 units installed
 - Software development, implementation and training of AVL system
 - Donated hardware to County Dispatch for AVL system

Future Developments

- **Equipment Upgrades in 2013.**
 - 2012 Command – on order
 - 2002 Tender – refurbish

- **New Central Station.**
 - Relocation of our Central Station from San Antonio Street
 - Site and building design in 2013
 - Cost estimate at \$3.5M – goal to finance 68%
 - Move in date Spring 2015