

--EVERYDAY HEROES

Since 2015, our publication has dedicated an edition each year to celebrating the Everyday Heroes of Freestone County, Texas:

- Law Enforcement
- Volunteer Fire Departments
- Emergency Medical Responders

Our county supports three municipal Police Departments: Fairfield, Teague and Wortham; Freestone County Sheriff's Department; District Attorney Investigator; Environmental Health & Safety; four elected Constables; Game Wardens

and K-9; Fairfield Lake State Park Crew/Police; Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Special Ranger; TABC Inspector; Texas DPS Troopers; and Texas Ranger.

We have nine Volunteer Fire Departments: Butler, Dew, Donie, Fairfield, Kirvin, Southern Oaks, Streetman, Teague, Wortham.

Responding to Freestone County medical emergencies include Fairfield EMS, Teague EMS, and AirEvac.

These men and women have committed themselves to safeguarding our communities, neighborhoods, and families.

Our law enforcement ensures public safety and enforces the laws of the land.

Our firefighters are volunteers who are willing and faithful to provide courageous service without monetary compensation.

Our Emergency Responders stand ready to provide lifesaving care and medical transport to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Each entity spends hours in training and learning to serve our citizens.

And, each individual stands ready to put their lives on the line for the Citizens of Freestone County.

We salute these men and women, and thank them for their service.

The family and readers of Freestone County Times.



WORTHAM FIREFIGHTERS respond to blaze in full gear.



THREE POLICE CHIEFS attend Freestone County Commissioners Court last week to learn the status of the de-populated jail facility. They include (left-right) Fairfield Police Chief David Utsey, Teague Police Chief DeWayne Philpott, and Wortham Police Chief Kelly Butler.

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 --Paramedic: Erica Markham, Arthur Mallord, Hannah Scarborough, Megan Robb, Steven Sanders, Devin Davis, and Brandon Glass
 --EMT-Basic: Rhonda Craig

Part-Time Crew

--Office/EMT-Basic: Gail Christie
 --Office/Intermediate: Leita Poteet
 --Paramedic: Colby LeGalley, Jeffrey Price, Kevin Markham, Michael Petty and Stephanie Pearson
 --Intermediate: Garrison Blue
 --EMT-Basic: Angela Henderson, Avery Aultman, Christopher Perez, Emilee Allen, Laramie LaRue, Quintin Irvin, Sutton Jones, Tyler Tucker, and Leonard Smith II

Teague EMS Roster

--EMS Supervisor/Paramedic: William Flippin
 --Assistant Supervisor/Paramedic: Joey Harris
 --Paramedic: Erin Scott, Blake Ryan, Steven Sanders, Wade Kaminski, Shelton Chapman, Mark Bettis, Blake Torrence, Angela Reed, Bear Stockman, and Shelly Hutson.
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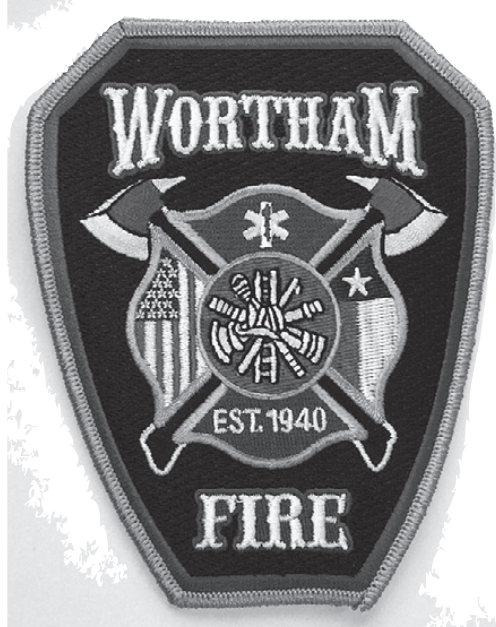
Wortham VFD

Roster of Volunteers

- Fire Chief/Fire Marshal: Kelly Craig
- Assistant Chief/EMT-B: Leonard Smith
- Captain/EMT-B: Sutton Jones
- Captain: AJ Sandlin
- Lieutenant/EMT-B: Chris Perez
- Lieutenant: Dalton Sandlin
- Secretary-Treasurer/Paramedic/RN/Firefighter: Melissa Perez
- Assistant Secretary/Firefighter/EMT-B: Kateley Craig
- Chaplain: Justin Colquette
- Engineer/Firefighter: Carl McKinney
- LVN/Firefighter: Sherry Harper
- EMT-B/Firefighter: Rhonda Craig, Cole Tackitt, and Tyler Tucker
- Firefighter: Rickey Ridge, Scot Harper, Anthony Perez, Caleb Tucker, Ashley Sandifer, Corey Price, Waylon Gierisch, Kyle Calame, Dan Harrington, Cole Shivers, Sam Wright, Ashleigh Daniel, Wade Smith, John Doffelmyer, and JR McLelland.



PROUDLY SHOWING OFF their new Rescue Truck - R77 are (l-r): Wortham Fire Chief Kelly Craig, Asst Chief Leonard Smith and Lieutenant Dalton Sandlin.



Fairfield VFD

Streetman VFD

- Fire Chief: Brian Davis
- Assistant Fire Chief: Matthew Marfell
- Captain: Kevin Davis
- Secretary/Treasurer/ECA/Fire Fighter: Heather Marfell
- Training Officer/Fire Fighter: John Sutton
- Fire Fighter: Robert Cockerell, Heather Davis, and Nick Higginbotham
- Probationary Fire Fighter: Omar Martinez

- Chief/EMT: Matt Foree
- Assistant Chief: Mike Burns
- Captain/ECA: Chandler Baggerly
- Lieutenant/EMT: Avery Aultman
- Lieutenant: Laney Newman
- Secretary/EMT: Rich Schaufert
- Firefighter/Paramedic: Bradley Holland
- Firefighter/EMT: Bobby Harris
- Firefighter: Connor Aultman, Collin Blair, and Joe McCaulman
- Probationary Firefighter/EMT: Jason Sisson
- Probationary Firefighter: Omar Garcia

Southern Oaks VFD

- Chief/EMR/Fighter: Van Wagnon
- Assistant Chief/Firefighter: Tom Blake
- Treasurer/EMR/Firefighter: Bill Drozd
- Captain/Firefighter: Jeff Grace
- EMR: Linda Branscum and Valerie Steele
- EMR/Firefighter: Sue Ander, Pat Metcalf, Jane Suggs, and Patsy Wagnon
- Firefighter: Hank Ander, Brad Emsley, Randie Fenton, Ed Fleming, Dawn Furgason, Scott Furgason, Ryan Gates, David Grosshans, Nancy Grosshans, Merle Hughes, Mike Jeffrey, Milton Kornegay, Rodney McAfee, Danny Pitts, Leanna Pitts, and Harold Steele.
- Admin Personnel: Cheryl Wangrin - Secretary, Brenda Cooper, Grady Cooper, Royce English, Bill Groce, Betsy Metcalf, Carol Pyle, Rev. Thomas Q. Robbins, and Bob Wilson.

Dew VFD

- Chief: Carl Clark
- Assistant Chief: Randy Dawson Jr.
- Training Officer: Monte Atchley
- Treasurer: Tammy Atchley
- Secretary: Ashley Dawson
- First Lieutenant: Audry Wattles
- Second Lieutenant: Devin Coker
- Captain: Jerry Coker
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Wortham Police Chief Kelly Butler



Sergeant Kelly Craig



Officer Corey Price



Officer Ashleigh Daniel

Wortham PD Roster

--Chief: Kelly Butler
 --Sergeant: Kelly Craig
 --Officers: Corey Price and Ashleigh Daniel
 --Reserve Officers: Brad Butler, Matt Foree, Leonard Jimmerson, Anthony Langley, Marcus Mason, Gary McKnight, Caleb Tucker, and Pattie Watson.



Reserve Officer Leonard Jimmerson



Reserve Officer Marcus Mason



Reserve Officer Gary McKnight



Reserve Officer Pattie Watson



Fairfield PD Roster

--Chief: David Utsey
 --Officers: Albert Gallegos, Rodney Price, Harold Markham, Weldon Alexander, Jared Scarrow, Mary Bates, and Markeisha Cox
 --Dispatcher: Sharon Williams (Supervisor), Jeri Hunter, Tammy McKinley, and Amber Brock

Teague PD Roster

--Chief: DeWayne Philpott
 --Sergeant: David Keale and Mark Clark
 --Officer: Danielle Lee-Winston, Robert Remaley, Christopher Condren, and Miguel Hutchinson



Welcome Sight In The Community

Teague Police Department would like to take a moment to recognize one of our officers: Officer Lee-Winston. With us since August 2018, she has been making herself known to the citizen of our community in a very positive way. You may have seen Officer Lee-Winston engaging with the youth of our community on multiple occasions, the incriminating evidence is in the picture above. Officer Lee-Winston is making a positive impact on the lives of our citizens. Moreover, she is captivating our youth in many positive ways. She is an absolute pleasure to have around and talk with, not to mention her contagious personality and smile. Be sure to show your appreciation, if you chance to meet her while she is out patrolling.

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DONATING \$500 TO Freestone County Fire Association Water Rescue Team is the Fairfield Lion's Club. Presenting the check is Club President - Mark Ornelas. Accepting is Fairfield VFD Lieutenant - Avery Aultman. Also representing the Fire Association are Teague Firefighters Doug Hurst (far left) and Zach Gauntt (far right). Other Lion Club members are Lion Tamer - Catherine Ethridge, 1st Vice President - Ann Gatlin, and Tail Twister & Membership Chair - Gilbert Gatlin. (Photo by Nicole Schaefer)

Freestone County Sheriff's Office & County Jail Roster

- Sheriff: Jeremy Shipley
- Chief Deputy: Devin Mowrey
- Sheriff's Administrator: Mary McDonald
- Lieutenant: Robert Willis and Scott Shaw
- Sergeant: Preston Cordova and Travis Martin
- Deputy: Brody Weinmann, Mike Noll, Brian Walker, Rick Howerton, John Steele, Anthony Gasaway, Justin Campbell, David Graham, Ed Fleming, and Larry Jones
- Jailer: Adriana Martinez, Rick Smith, Joe Bond, and Cordell Ward
- Dispatch Lieutenant: Susan Taylor
- Dispatch Sergeant: Leslie Avery
- Dispatcher: Keitha Ashley, Leslie Gonzalez, Ron Knouse, Kateley Craig, and Jonny Childs
- Records: Karren Townsend

Fairfield Lake State Park Roster

- Office Manager: Kris Simmons
- Assistant Office Manager: Daniel Stauffer
- CSR: Judy Haynes and Kate Sherman
- Lead Ranger/UPO: Joey Burks
- Rangers: Wendell LeGalley, Kurt Ansley, and Barry Schattel
- Park Police: Kyle Ware



Additional Law Enforcement Roster

Freestone County Constables: Buck Bonner - Pct 1, Lynn Clary - Pct 2, Pam Barnes - Pct 3, and Wade Harrison - Pct 4

Texas Ranger: Jake Burson

Texas Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association - Special Ranger: Jimmy Dickson

Texas Game Wardens: Shawna Poole, John Thorne & K9 Justin, and David McMillen

TABC Inspector: Danny Pavlas

Environmental Health & Safety: Bill Madding



New Vests For Deputies

Freestone County Sheriff's Office received six new ballistic vests for deputies on March 12, 2019.

Thanks to the great assistance received from Sheriff's Administrator Mary McDonald in her grant writing, and Thank You to the US Department of Justice for this acquisition.

The department will continue to look for other options of funding for equipment for the

deputies and the office with necessary items and tools they need to perform their duties for citizens safely.

This grant was a 50% match, meaning six ballistic vests were purchased and the Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Grant through the US Department of Justice paid for three of

them. Funding used for this purchase by the office was out of the drug seizure fund. It is important to the office to continue looking for other means of available funding instead of strictly relying on local tax payer dollars.

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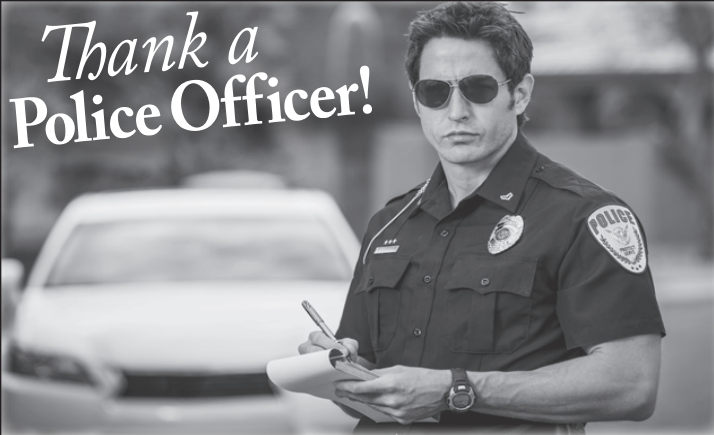
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International Firefighters' Day May 4, 2019

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- Lt JJ Edmondson, 1999

Firefighters dedicate their lives to the protection of life and property. Sometimes that dedication is in the form of countless hours volunteered over many years, in others it is many selfless years working in the industry. In all cases it risks the ultimate sacrifice of a firefighter's life.

International Firefighters' Day (IFFD) is a time where the world's community can recognise and honour the

sacrifices that firefighters make to ensure that their communities and environment are as safe as possible. It is also a day in which current and past firefighters can be thanked for their contributions.

International Firefighters' Day is observed each year on 4th May. On this date you are invited to remember the past firefighters who have died while serving our community or dedicated their lives to protecting the safety of us all. At the same time, we can show our support and appreciation to the firefighters worldwide who continue to protect us so well throughout the year.

By proudly wearing and displaying blue and red ribbons pinned together or by participating in a memorial or recognition event, we can show our gratitude to firefighters everywhere.

The IFFD ribbons are linked to colors symbolic of the main elements firefighters work with – red for fire and blue for water. These colors also are internationally recognized as representing emergency service.

National EMS Week May 19-25, 2019

May 19-25, 2019, is the 44th annual National EMS Week.

In 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized EMS Week to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our nation's communities. The National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) partners with the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) to lead annual EMS Week activities. Together, NAEMT and ACEP are working to ensure that the important contributions of EMS practitioners in safeguarding the health, safety and wellbeing of their communities are fully celebrated and recognized.

EMS Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's "front line." Whether celebrated with a company cookout or a catered lunch; an open house, an awards ceremony or even quiet reflection about what it means to be an EMS practitioner, EMS Week is the perfect time to recognize EMS and all that its practitioners do for our nation.

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National Police Week May 12-18, 2019

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The Memorial Service began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park of approximately 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement. Decades later, the event, more commonly known as National Police Week, has grown to a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to our Nation's Capital each year.

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Kirvin Fire Department Converts Military Vehicle Into Firefighting Apparatus

Kirvin Community Volunteer Fire Department transformed a 1997 Stewart Stevenson into a brush truck capable of fighting wildland fires and navigating high water. It was awarded through the Department of Defense Firefighter Property Program (DoD) along with a \$20,000 grant for a slip-on unit through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program, both programs administered through Texas A&M Forest Service.

"This truck has all-wheel-drive and will be able to get into areas that are demanding," said Kirvin VFD Fire Chief Ken Sessions. "We added a 600-gallon water tank, 20-gallon foam tank and a remote control turret for the front. These changes helped to complete the conversion and make it possible to be operated by one firefighter if necessary."

The DoD Property Program requires the recipient to paint the vehicle a non-military color and convert it to perform an emergency response function within 180 days of acquisition.

"The department completed a great conversion on this truck and it will be an asset to both the Kirvin Volunteer Fire Department and to the surrounding mutual aid area," said Matthew Whelan, Texas A&M Forest Service Regional Fire Coordinator.

Texas A&M Forest Service is committed to protecting lives and property through various fire department assistance programs. The Department of Defense Firefighter Property Program launched in Texas in 2005, is one such program and has released over 600 retired military trucks to volunteer fire departments across the state. The agency transports the vehicle from a military installation, performs necessary repairs and delivers it to the volunteer fire department at no cost to them. The Texas A&M Forest Service excess military equipment program is sponsored by the USDA Forest Service which also oversees the national program.

For more information on programs offered by Texas A&M Forest Service, please visit <http://texasfd.com>.



FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF KIRVIN COMMUNITY'S Fire Department gets a first-hand look at their new fire truck.



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