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## Streetman Volunteer Fire Department

# Taking Care of their Hometown & Community



**STREETMAN VFD CREW** members (l-r) Robert Cockerell, Chief Brian Jones, Captain Kevin Davis, and John Sutton.



Streetman VFD's new grass truck, G33.



**STREETMAN VFD FIREFIGHTER'S WIVES**, Melody Cockerell and Jacie McNett, are always there to support the crew.

(Submitted Photos)

## Community Invited to Annual Fish Fry

Streetman Volunteer Fire Department is gearing up for their annual Fish Fry scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2025.

From 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. come to the firehouse located at 219 E. Main Street in Streetman to join in on the fun.

Fish Fry starts at 5:00 p.m. until food runs out.

Cake Auction starts at 6:00 p.m.

There will also be some great door prizes.

Don't miss out on this chance to show your support for the volunteer firefighters that serve your community!

We'll see you there!

## Roster of Volunteers

Serving Streetman and the surrounding area as crew members of Streetman Volunteer Fire Department are:

--Chief: Brian Davis

--Assistant Chief: Matthew Marfell

--Captain: Kevin Davis

--Secretary/Treasurer: Heather Marfell

--Firefighters: Robert Cockerell, John Sutton, and Brian McNett



## Dew Volunteer Fire Department

# Proudly Serving their Neighbors

Serving the community of Dew and surrounding area on the crew of Dew Volunteer Fire Department are:

--Chief/Safety Officer: Monte Atchley

--Assistant Chief: Hayden Hardwick

--Captain: Joey Lane

--Lieutenant: Audry Wattles

--Firefighters: Dakota Helfenbein, Tammy Atchley, Carl Clark, Jordan Atchley, Cabastion Cargill, Colt Hardwick, Brighton Bulger, Derek Wattles, Mark Morgan, Ethan Morgan, John Lester, Rowdy Phillips, Devin Coker, and Byron Seals

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--**Lieutenant:** Shaw and Martin


--**Sergeant:** Weinmann and Darby

--**Deputies:** Pickens, Hill, McAdams, Steele Howerton, Fogle, Lopez, Allen, Dollar, Aultman, Thompson, and Jones

--**Jailers:** Lt. Wimberly, Sgt. Nelms, and Officers Northcutt, Price, Shelton, Bryant, Stubbs, Lamb, McCoy, Singleton, McIntosh, and Gilbert

--**Dispatchers:** Lt. Ashley, Sgt. Gonzalez, and Officers Murdock, McKinley, Brock, Arman, Childs Sanders, Warren, and Small

--**Administrators:** Officers Hale and Sutton



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## Wortham PD Introduces K9 Robbie III

The Wortham Police Department is proud to introduce the newest member of the department Robbie III, a Belgian Malinois trained in Narcotics Detection.

The police department was awarded a grant from the Charette Foundation for a Narcotics Detection K-9 and with the help of some local donations Officer Rowdy Miers attended 160-hour K-9 handler training at Kelis K-9s. Afterwards, Officer Miers and Robbie III earned certification through the National Narcotics Detection Dog Association.

Robbie Gail Charette, President of the Charette Foundation and the Robbie Gail Charette Police Canine Support Program presented Wortham PD with the certificate of ownership of Robbie III.

Following their first night on duty, after stopping a vehicle for a traffic violation, Robbie III alerted to the vehicle where nearly 50 pounds of marijuana was located.

Wortham PD looks forward to having Officer Miers and his partner Robbie III joining the battle to keep drugs off our streets.



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SHERIFF SHIPLEY LENDS A HAND with hotdog grilling on the courthouse lawn on April 11th during the Freestone County Child Protective Services fundraiser.


(Photo by Natalia V. Marsters)



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# Learning the Difference: EMS Professionals

What are the different types of EMS professionals?

Texas EMS agencies rely on different levels of EMS personnel to provide life-saving services to Texans.

**--Emergency Care Attendant (ECA):** ECAs are certified by the state of Texas after the successful completion of a 60-hour course to provide enhanced first aid. They typically work as volunteers or paid members of a local first responder organization, a police department, a fire department, or an EMS agency.

**--Emergency Medical Technician (EMT):** EMTs are certified by the state of Texas after the successful completion of a 150-hour course to provide Basic Life Support. They often work on an ambulance as volunteers or paid members of a first responder organization, a police department, a fire department, or an EMS agency. They also serve as members of safety teams for organizations such as warehouses and petroleum plants.

**--Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT):** AEMTs are certified by the state of Texas after the successful completion

of a 250-hour course to provide Basic Life Support and some Advanced Life Support. After receiving credentials from a local medical director, AEMTs may perform procedures such as Intravenous therapy, medication administration, and provide airway management through intubation or blind insertion devices. AEMTs often work on an ambulance as part of a first responder organization. They also serve as members of safety teams for industrial organizations.

**--Paramedic:** Paramedics are certified by the state of Texas after the successful

completion of 1,000-hour training program. After receiving credentials from a local medical director, paramedics perform advanced airway procedures such as surgical airways, CPAP, and ventilator management. Other duties include telemetry and EKG Interpretations, medication administration, and some even provide advanced techniques seen in an emergency department, such as ultrasounds. Paramedics typically work for EMS agencies on ambulances. However, they can also be found working in emergency departments, clinics, and imaging facilities.

## Fairfield Emergency Management Services Legacy of Service

Serving Freestone County as part of Fairfield EMS are the following:

**--Chief/Paramedic:** Ignacio (Billy) Perez - 26 years

**--AEMT/Officer Manager:** Debbie Glass - 31 years

**--Captain/Paramedic:** Chris Wirtz - 30 years, Kevin Markham - 13 years, and Steven Sanders - 11 years

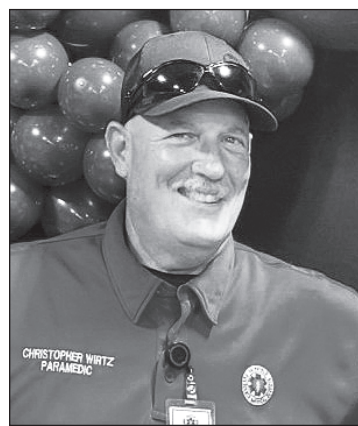
**--Lieutenant/EMT:** Amanda Ray - 6 years

**--Lieutenant/Paramedic:** Matt Foree - 2 years

**--Billing Office/Retired AEMT 2024:** Leita Poteet - 10 years

**--EMT:** Gail Christie (retired 2024 - 19 years), Rhonda Craig - 10 years, Taylor Thomas - 3, Christopher Perez - 1 year, Brandon Milner - 1 year, Ryan Walls - 1 year, William Perez - 1 year, Gage Sipe - 1 year, Jennifer Humphries - 1 year, Chavela Alexander - 1 year, Robert Roberts - 1 year, and Tyler Collins - New

**--Paramedic:** Melissa Perez - 25 years, Brandon Glass - 19 years, Jeff Price - 15 years, Hannah Scarborough - 9 years, Ashley Kennedy - 6 years, Casey Giles - 6 years, Devin Davis - 6 years, Robyn Tackitt - 4 years, April Radke - 1 year, Travis Monroe - 1 year, Steven Hutson - 1 year, Erica Markham - 1 year, and



CELEBRATING HIS 30TH Year with Fairfield EMS is Captain & Paramedic, Chris Wirtz. Congratulations Chris and THANK YOU for your service to our community.

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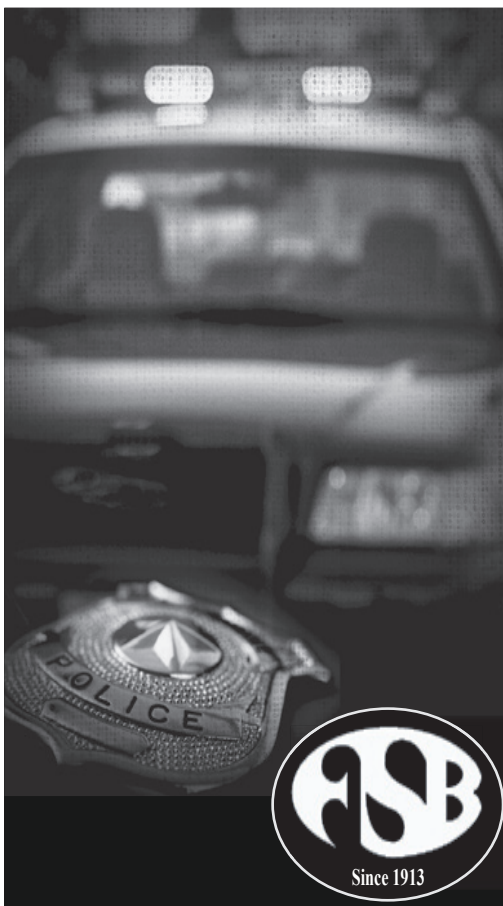
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SERVING THE BUTLER COMMUNITY as members of the Butler Volunteer Fire Department are: (l-r) Chief Kurt Kropp, the late Curtis Ballew, Assistant Chief Todd Bendict, Renee Brewer-Isom, Chris Isom, and Paul Parrish. (Submitted Photo)



*Freestone County puts its trust in the amazing First Responders who selflessly answer the call to service every day, in every situation.*

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*Wortham Volunteer Fire Department*

# Taking Care of their Hometown

Serving the community as members of the Wortham Fire Department are:

**Chief/ECA:** Kelly Craig

**Assistant Chief:** Scot Harper

**Captain/Paramedic:** Leonard Smith

**Captain/EMT:1:** Garrison Blue

**Lieutenant:** Scott Wilkins and Brandon Davis

**Treasurer/Paramedic:** Melissa Perez

**Engineer/EMT:** Sutton Jones

**Firefighter/EMT:** Rhonda Craig and Sherry Harper

**Secretary/EMT:** Kateley Craig

**Firefighter/EMT:** Chris Perez

**Engineer:** AJ Sandlin, Rickey Ridge, and Carl McKinney

**Firefighter/Paramedic:** Dalton Sandlin

**Firefighters:** Blake Ridge, Kalen Stone, Anthony Perez, Ozzie Labbe, Corey Price, Waylon Gierisch, and Kyle Calame, Hunter Marcott, Sam Wright, Clinton Graham, Cameron Echarte, Brian Myers, JR McLelland, Patrick Evans, Justin Colquette, and Ashleigh Daniel



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## Wortham Police Department Protecting Two Hometowns

Serving the cities of Wortham and Streetman as part of the Wortham Police Department are:



--Interim Chief of Police: Sgt. Kelly Craig



--Senior Corporal: Nick McAlister



--Corporal: Ashleigh Daniel

--K-9 Officer: Rowdy Miers (page 1-B)

--Officers: Leonard Jimmerson, Marcus Mason, Gary McKnight, Brad Butler, Corey Price, Amber Faigin, and Matt Foree.

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# Vital Service to Hometown & Interstate

Serving Fairfield and the surrounding area as part of the crew of Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department are:

- Chief: Anthony Roberts
- Lieutenant: Christopher Wilamson
- Safety Officer: Joe McCalman
- Driver/Operator & Chaplain: Andrew Weitner
- Firefighter & Secretary: Krystal Walker
- Firefighter: Rhonda James
- Probationary Firefighters: David Treece, Emily Roberts, Kenadie Jordan, Kiera Walker, James Barrentine, and Leonard Chavez



## A Message from your FVFD Volunteers

We're More Than Volunteer Firefighters. We're also community leaders, blue-collar workers, parents, paramedics, and full-time firefighters. We balance many responsibilities, but we all share one purpose: protecting Fairfield.

We dedicate countless hours to training for every kind of emergency—raging fires,

hazardous spills, life-threatening rescues. We're the ones pulling victims from wreckage, battling flames inch by inch, and standing firm when fear takes hold.

The Fairfield Fire Department isn't just important, it's vital. We are a shield between danger and safety. But maintaining that shield takes more than courage. It takes

support.

Your continued support empowers us to do more, such as upgrading life-saving equipment that can shave precious seconds off a rescue or offering advanced training that can turn a close call into a saved life.

When you support the Fairfield Fire Department, you're investing

directly in the safety of your friends, neighbors, and loved ones.

We're grateful for every kind word, wave, and donation—whether you see us in the grocery store, at community events, or responding to a call. Thank you for your past support and your continued support as we serve Fairfield and the surrounding area.



## Southern Oaks Volunteer Fire Department Fire & Water Rescue

Southern Oaks VFD, whose service area covers about 90 square miles, currently has 31 Active Members, 11 Administrative Members, 7 Rehab Team members, and one member on the Swift Water Rescue Team.

Many members are husband and wives as well.

On the crew are one Licensed Paramedic, one EMT, and eight EMR's.

Members range in age from about 28 to 84.

Current equipment includes one Engine that holds 1,000 gallons of water, two Tankers that hold 1,600 gallons of water each, one Rescue Truck for medical calls, two Grass Trucks holding a combined 850 gallons of water, and one Large Brush Truck that is CAFS (Compressed Air Foam) equipped and holds 1,250 gallons of water and will convert that water into about 10,000 gallons of foam.

They also have a CAFS-equipped Kawasaki 4-wheel drive side by side.

## Fairfield PD Roster

Serving Fairfield on the Fairfield Police Department are:

- Chief: David Utsey
- Assistant Chief: Albert Gallegos
- CID Sergeant: Harold Markham
- Corporal: Jared Scarrow and Corporal Josh Ashley
- Patrol Officers: Mary Warren, Bailey Mills, Joseph Tinsley, Joseph Silas, and Tylor West
- Reserve Officer: Scott Leatherman.

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