



MULDOON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

October 24, 2007



FIREFIGHTER TRAINING PROGRAM UNDERWAY

MVFD Firefighters are currently undergoing an intensive Probationary Firefighter training regimen aimed at achieving an Introductory Firefighter certification with the State Firemen's & Fire Marshals' Association (SFFMA), during a period of eight months. The condensed nature of this 78-hour program requires firefighters to commit to an average of 10 hours of classroom and hands-on training per month. The goal of the program is to obtain a baseline level of knowledge and proficiency for all current members and to serve as a prerequisite for future participation in extra-departmental training and achievement of more advanced levels of certification. In addition, the program is designed to provide all required non-live fire training internally so as to reduce the amount of money spent on extra-departmental training and travel.

The MVFD Probationary Firefighter Program meets or exceeds State standards and will cover the following topics of instruction:

- Fire Department Organization
- Forcible Entry
- Ladder Practices
- Fire Hose Practices
- Fire Streams
- Ventilation Practices
- Rescue Operations
- First Aid
- Fire Behavior (Fire Science)
- Safety and Protective Clothing
- Ground Cover (Wildland Firefighting)
- SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus)

Students successfully completing the Probationary Firefighter Program will immediately enter the MVFD Basic Firefighter training program to achieve a 187-hour Basic Firefighter certification. The 78 hours of training already obtained will be applied toward this higher level of certification.

The lead instructor for both programs is one of our own: Assistant Fire Chief Douglas Iannelli, an 18-year veteran of the fire service, currently a Lieutenant with the Austin Fire Department's Training Division. His certified training achievements include:

- Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP)
- Advanced Firefighter; Fire Officer II; Fire Instructor II;
- Pumping Apparatus – Driver/Operator; Hazardous Materials Technician; SFFMA Advanced Firefighter and Level II Instructor; and Texas Department of Health EMT-Basic

The curriculum for this program can be reviewed on the State Firemen's & Fire Marshals' Association (SFFMA) of Texas website:

<http://www.sffma.org/smarty/index.php?page=certification#program>

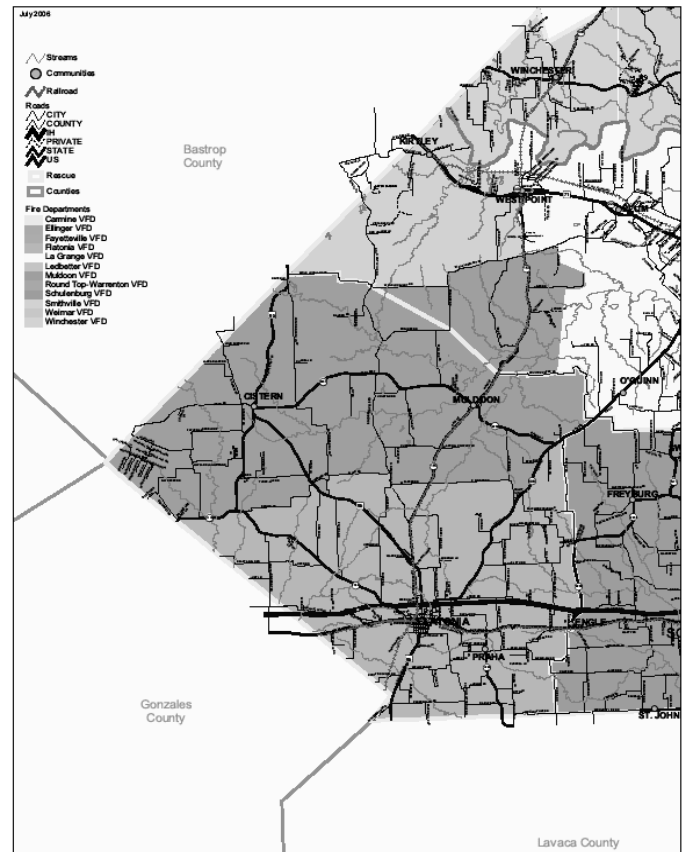
MULDOON COMMUNITY PARK PAVILION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Muldoon firefighters have committed to provide the labor necessary to complete planned expansion of the pavilion at the Muldoon Community Park. The Park association is providing needed construction materials for this project. Work party dates have been set for November 3rd and 17th, with volunteers being asked to bring basic work tools. If you would like to participate in this worthwhile joint community project, please contact Chief Johnny McCoy at 979-966-8805 for more details.

MULDOON FIRE DISTRICT AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS

Incoming 911 calls are dispatched to the nearest response team that is equipped to handle that type of emergency. Nearby departments work cooperatively to provide mutual aid as needed, maximizing resources.

Always call 911 in any emergency.



911 ADDRESS SIGNS are critical for identifying your property during an emergency. If you do not have a 911 address, or need a sign, please contact the 911 office at 979-968-6436 located at the Fayette County Courthouse.



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Telephone Directory for Quick Reference

ALL EMERGENCIES ----- CALL 911

Muldoon VFD Officers:

Fire Chief	Johnny McCoy, Jr.	979-966-8805
Asst. Fire Chief	Douglas Iannelli	979-250-1818
President	Ron Wunsch	979-247-4684
Vice-President	Norma Kerr	979-966-8787
Secretary	Gaye Wunsch	979-702-0700
Treasurer	Virginia Boehnke	830-839-4527
Chaplain	Pastor Chris Irving	979-966-8703

Non-Emergencies:

Muldoon Fire Station (leave message) 361-865-0176
 *Fayette County Sheriff -- Dispatcher 979-968-5856
**to report supervised burning on your property*

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Monthly General Meeting Dates: (Thursdays, 7:00 pm)
 Nov. 1st -- Dec. 6th -- Jan. 3rd -- Feb. 7th -- Mar. 7th

Annual Fundraiser (Picnic, Raffle, Auction)
 Sat., March 8th

TEXAS FOREST SERVICE SUPPORT

<http://txforestservicetamu.edu>

Local fire departments are the first responders to wildland fires in Texas. However, when their capacity to control a fire is exceeded, Texas Forest Service (TFS) provides suppression assistance. TFS provides valuable support to our area through a cost sharing grant program that allows our Department to obtain critical firefighter safety equipment, tools, and training support at a reduced cost. This TFS grant program multiplies your donation dollars through a qualifying application approval process. For instance, we recently received over \$3,000 in cost share grants for training equipment, firefighter safety gear, and firefighting tools at a net cost of approximately \$600 from our local funds.

The Texas Forest Service also provides important public safety training, public service information pamphlets and community programs—all FREE. Our Department has teamed with their public information office to provide a series of pamphlets for our newsletter that meet seasonal needs in our area. The first one is enclosed:

“Safe Debris Burning: What do you have to lose?”

If you have additional questions or concerns after reading this pamphlet, you may contact any MVFD officer to obtain further assistance. You may also visit the Fayette County office of the Texas Forest Service, located in LaGrange at 100 S. Reynolds (near LaGrange HS, right by the RR tracks), or call them at 979-968-5556.

MULDOON VFD DRAWS A RAFFLE WINNER



[L-R: Ed Kolesky, Chief McCoy, Kevin McCourt]

The Muldoon Volunteer Fire Department hosted a sellout raffle drawing during the Muldoon Community Park's 4th of July annual celebration activities. Kevin, his wife Rachel, and three children were present at ELK Tractors in LaGrange to claim their customized Kawasaki 4WD 610 Mule. They were greeted by Ed L. Kolesky, owner of ELK Tractors, Johnny McCoy, Fire Chief, Muldoon VFD, and Ron Wunsch, president of MVFD Community Board.

OUTDOOR FIRES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Many local residents and landowners routinely dispose of trash and debris by burning. When doing so, please obey any current fire “burn ban” warnings, and follow the safety procedures outlined in the enclosed brochure. When managing any visible fires, our Department also requests that you notify the Fayette County Sheriff's dispatcher at 979-968-5856, so that any calls received by them can be verified with you to avoid unnecessary fire department responses.

MULDOON VFD SPRING PICNIC & AUCTION

Saturday, March 8, 2008

Please reserve this date to join with members of the Muldoon–Cistern area for our picnic and fundraiser to be held at the Muldoon Community Park. We will provide more information in our January 2008 newsletter. At this time, we are seeking volunteers to help make this day a special time for our community. We need auction items, volunteers for set-up, light kitchen duty, on-site helpers for the auction, and clean-up. Please contact Norma Kerr at 979-966-8787 or Shay Iannelli at 979-242-3108 to volunteer.

NOTE: E-mail to gaye.wunsch@gmail.com to join our online network for current neighborhood information, activities, and needs.