

**NOTE: To conserve mailing costs, only one packet is being sent to each tax address on record. If there is more than one taxing entity or tract of land represented at your tax address, please share this information with others known to you, who have ownership or interest in the Muldoon area, so each may participate/donate as desired. To request additional mailings, call Gaye Wunsch at 979-247-4684.**



April 23, 2007

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The Muldoon Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD) needs **your** help to serve and protect your family and your property.

**Regular Monthly Meeting:** We hope that you and your neighbors will join us at our next monthly general meeting to be held:

**Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 pm**  
**Muldoon fire station on FM 154, north of FM 2237**

We will discuss several critical needs to keep our Department in operation to serve our community:

- (1) ways to raise necessary funds to meet our annual operating costs;
- (2) improvements in resident communication/support to assist in fire response and emergency medical first responder services;
- (3) ratification of current Constitution and By-laws with any proposed amendments; and
- (4) nomination of 2007 officers for election on Thursday, June 7, 2007.

**Contact Information and Donation Form:** We have been diligently assembling the best information available for our landowners and residents, with the full cooperation of the Fayette County 9-1-1 Addressing office (see enclosed pamphlet for critical information) and the Fayette County Appraisal District. However, much information is incomplete or out of date. Please take a moment to complete the enclosed form and return it to us in the enclosed envelope, along with any donation and comments you wish to make, so we can better serve you. We also encourage you to exchange contact information with your neighbor(s) to be able to support each other during a fire or medical emergency.

**Funding Needs:** The MVFD has no taxing authority to raise needed funds for operating costs. Fayette County sent \$7,142 to our Department in 2006 as part of a new allocation program for all fire departments in our area; however, all other monies needed for our estimated \$35,000 annual operating costs must be obtained through volunteer fundraising efforts within our 136 sq. mile rural community. The recent drought has not only increased our risk for fires, but has also reduced overall income in our area. Other worthy fundraising programs, such as church, civic, and other charitable programs are reaching out to the same residents, creating more of a challenge for the MVFD to raise needed funds in our already stressed area. The November 2006 fundraiser raised \$8,000, but fell far short of meeting our funding needs for the remainder of the year. We also have no reserves for the purchase or replacement of needed firefighting and other emergency equipment.

Without sufficient financial support and volunteers, the MVFD will be unable to continue to provide quality protection for our area. The MVFD service area was formed almost seven years ago to provide improved fire and medical emergency services for our sparsely populated, rural area. The local MVFD has reduced response time by an average of ten minutes--enough to prevent a fire from spreading out of control, or completely destroying structures.

Please return the enclosed form, indicating what **you** can do to support the MVFD volunteers who are training and serving each month to protect you and your home/property. Thank you for taking the time to participate in this mailing. If you wish to discuss this letter or any other fire department issues, please feel free to contact any of the MVFD representatives listed below.

Fire Chief:	Johnny McCoy	979-966-8805
Assist. Chief:	Doug Iannelli	979-242-3108
Treasurer:	Virginia Boehnke	830-839-4527
Newsletter:	Gaye Wunsch	979-247-4684

**We hope to see you on May 3<sup>rd</sup>! Please come join us-- and bring a neighbor with you!**

Photo at top shows the MVFD hard at work, quenching a serious brush fire. Early response prevented further spreading across roads and creeks to nearby communities.