

TRAVIS COUNTY ESD #3



2010 ANNUAL REPORT

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Cohnway Johnson Memorial Bar-B-Q and Pergola



Travis County ESD #3

MISSION

“...To Preserve Life and Property”

Guiding Principles

PUBLIC SAFETY – Salus Publicus

Ensuring and protecting our citizens' as well as our firefighters' safety is our primary concern. We will do everything in our power to separate hazardous and destructive threats from: 1) the people that rely on us and 2) the property in our jurisdiction.

PUBLIC TRUST – Fides Publicus

The public's trust is vital to the successful operation of the Oak Hill Fire Department. We will conduct ourselves in such a way that we will always deserve that trust.

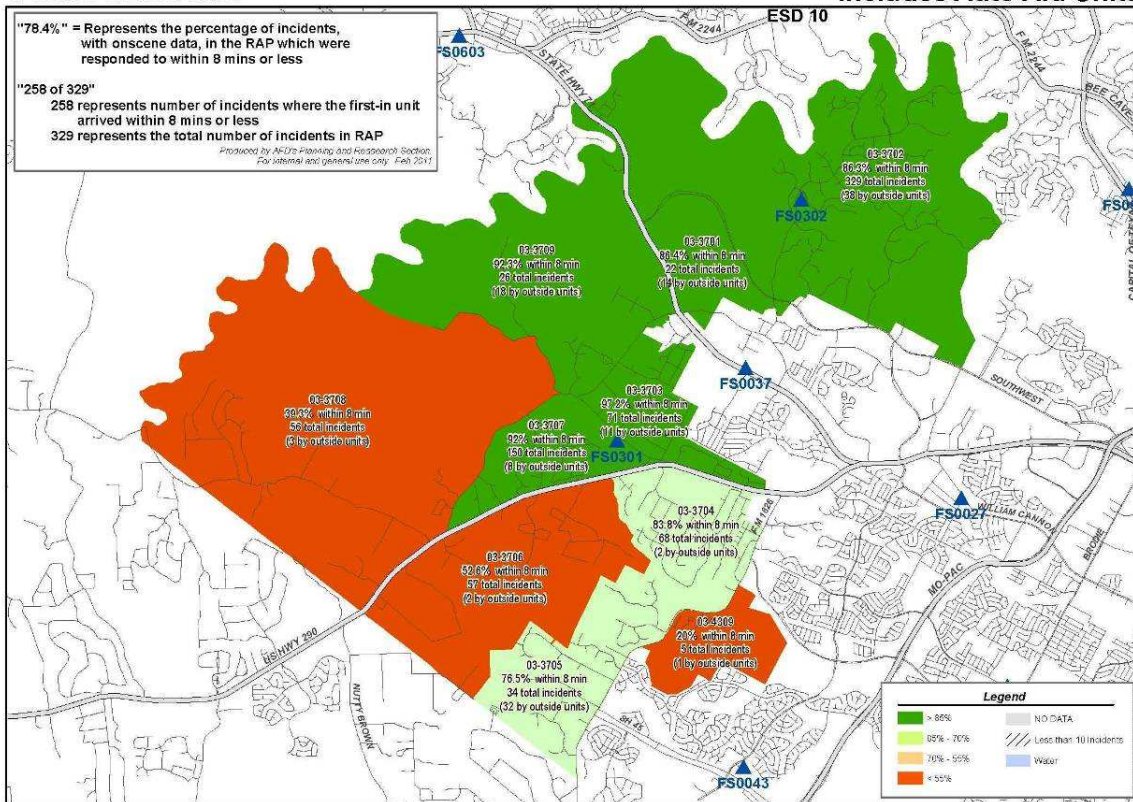
PUBLIC SERVICE – Muneris Publicus

It is important to the Oak Hill Fire Department that our department is viewed as providing more than just emergency response. While we will always maintain emergency readiness, it is our goal that we also provide an array of services that support the well-being of our community.

ESD Overview

2010 Using AFD Standard of Coverage
8 mins within 85%

ESD 3
includes Auto Aid Units



Founded in April 1968, the Oak Hill Fire Department is currently the fire protection and emergency medical response organization operating under the jurisdiction of Travis County Emergency Services District #3. Travis County includes Austin, the capital city of Texas.

The Oak Hill Fire Department serves a forty-one square mile area bounded on the north and west by Barton Creek, on the south by Hays County. The area of the 'Y' at the junction of Highway 71 and Highway 290 is served by Austin Fire Department. Advanced Life Support and medical transport services are provided by Austin - Travis County Emergency Medical Services. Travis County STARflight provides aero medical transport services as well as firefighting reconnaissance and assistance in rescue missions.

The Oak Hill Fire Department maintains two stations staffed 24/7 by a minimum of four full-time members who are State-Commissioned Firefighters and who also hold at least Emergency Medical Technician - Basic certification. Currently, one station houses a front-line Engine, one reserve Engine, two Brush Trucks used for fighting wildland fires, one Water Tender, one Rescue Truck and one Support Truck. The other station houses a front-line Quint ladder truck, two Brush Trucks and two Command vehicles.

The Oak Hill Fire Department/Travis County Emergency Services District #3 is proud to provide fire protection deemed by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) as the best that can be graded for residential fire protection. ISO has rated Oak Hill Fire Department at a "2" in its suburban area of the district. This rating gives fire insurance companies the assurance that they can allow the greatest discount possible in fire insurance premiums to the citizens of our district with minimum risk.

Department History

Oak Hill Fire Department used to cover the area from Brodie Lane to Barton Creek, and from Sunset Valley to Dripping Springs. As the city of Austin has grown over the years, the Austin Fire Department has taken responsibility for much of the eastern end of the original district. The formation of Travis County ESD#3 in 1992 required that Oak Hill Fire Department serve only Travis County locations, except when requested elsewhere as part of mutual aid.

The Oak Hill Fire Department has gone through two district name changes since it was founded in April 1968. On August 13, 1985, the Oak Hill Fire Department became Travis County Rural Fire Protection District #6. Later, on October 1st of 1992, the Oak Hill Fire Department became the current Travis County Emergency Services District #3.

The following article, written by Frank Loftus, was published February 13, 1975, in the Hill Country News. The pictures are taken from the original article.

OAK HILL -- When Loy Mackey first moved to Oak Hill, he was comforted by the fire hydrant across the street from his house - until he discovered there was no fire department to use it. In Sept. 1967, Mackey and two others, Kermit Burren and Bill Jackson, decided they wanted a fire department and started knocking on doors for donations.

They were able to raise enough money to incorporate the department in April 1968. In June 1968, they were ready to buy their first truck but found that ready-made trucks were too expensive. They were able, however, to purchase an old military crash truck.

The hoses and other equipment needed repair, but the young department was able to get the work done, giving them their first operational fire truck.

The population of the area continued to grow and, in April 1969, they started trying to raise more money to buy more equipment. They were still relying on door-to-door soliciting and they also sponsored a rodeo and held benefit dances. Then, in Dec. 1969, they ordered a new truck.

In early 1970, it became apparent that new sources for money were needed. The old methods weren't raising enough. They decided to charge an annual participation fee based on the type of building to be protected.

The current fee schedule charges \$25 annually for a home, barns, and outbuildings over a certain size cost \$10 and businesses are charged by square feet of floor space.

Participation fees are still the main source of money although the Ladies Auxiliary raises substantial funds which are used to purchase needed equipment.



The fire fighters are volunteer and receive no pay but the department pays for insurance on both men and equipment. There are other expenses to be met, including a phone system with one primary fire phone and seven extensions which cost over \$100 each month.

In 1969, O. B. McKown Jr., a concerned resident, gave the department use of his own truck which had been modified for use as a fire truck. The department eventually purchased the truck from McKown.

In 1970, the department bought a 6,000 gallon tank truck which was used as a portable fire hydrant and a 1,400 gallon gas truck which was turned into a pumper.

Fire fighters attended a 15-hour training course conducted by Texas A&M University and the local Red Cross provided first aid training.



In the autumn of 1973, the first truck was wearing out from considerable off-road use and was sold. It was replaced by a new one ton truck which the department converted to a pumper. The new truck first saw service fighting a grass fire on the Fourth of July 1974.

Because more fire hydrants have been placed in the area, the department is trying to sell the 6,000 gallon tank truck. The 1,400 truck is being used in its place. A two-ton truck has been bought and is being converted into a pumper by the fire fighters.



The Ladies Auxiliary has been invaluable to the department and all fund raising except for membership contributions is their responsibility. They have recently purchased a portable electric generator and extension cords and lights for fighting night fires and a large exhaust fan.

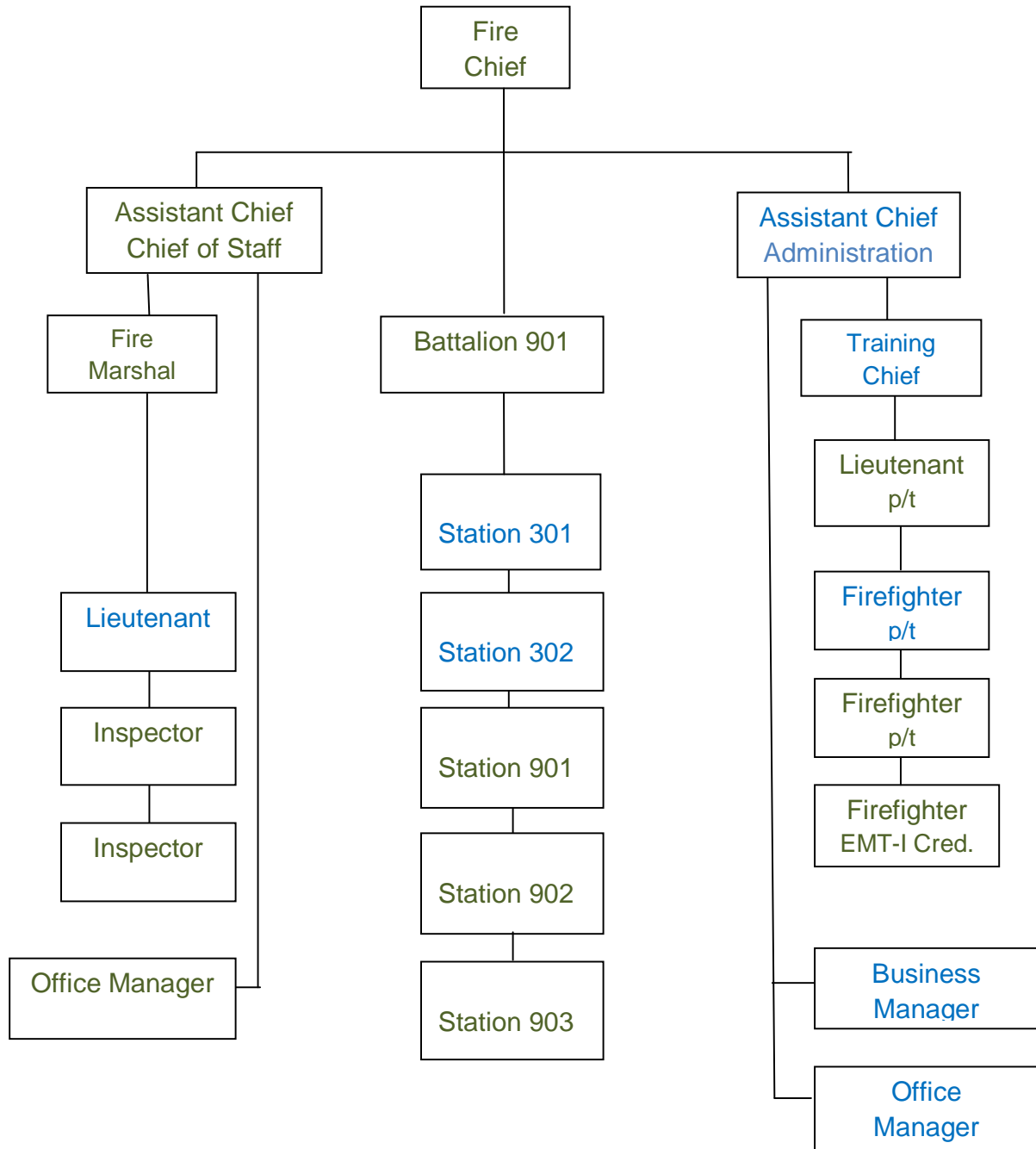
The ladies are also trained as fire fighters and are qualified to operate all the equipment possessed by the department. They can often respond faster and have the necessary equipment ready at the site by the time the men get there. They also provide food and drink for fire fighters who are out for extended periods of time handling grass and range fires.

Department President is Loy Mackey and Vice-President is Mike Gissel. Ben Jungman is Secretary, Jim Harvey is Treasurer and Pete Peterson is Chaplain. The fire fighters are led by Chief Joe Nelson, Assistant Chief Bill Schlueter, Captain L. D. Krabe, Lieutenants David Mackey, Leon Leger, Joe McNair, and David Tazder. There are 27 active fire fighters on the roll at the present time.



The Oak Hill Volunteer Fire Department, along with other volunteer fire departments throughout Texas, are proof that concerned citizens can make their communities a better place to live if they care enough.

Organizational Chart 2010



Travis County ESD #3 Employee
 Travis County ESD #9 Employee

Accomplishments

Each year we speak about change in the fire service. This year is no different in that respect. Whether you look at the changing faces of the fire department, equipment changes or changes in service, you will see that Travis County Emergency Services District #3 is making significant strides to keep pace with the changing world.

The District continued its conservative approach to financial forecasting to help maintain an exceptional level of service to the community in the presence of a very delicate economy. The District was able to utilize funds set aside for difficult economic times so that staffing levels and equipment maintenance can be maintained.

Our fire suppression personnel population remained static at twenty-seven firefighters assigned to the stations over the past year. TCESD #3 hired four firefighters in 2010 to replace personnel due to attrition.

Cohnway Johnson's family donated money to the Oak Hill Regional Emergency Response Training Foundation (OHRERTF) in his memory to fund scholarships for the students of the Oak Hill Fire Academy.

In 2010, there was only 1 significant lost time injury experienced by an ESD #3 fire fighter.

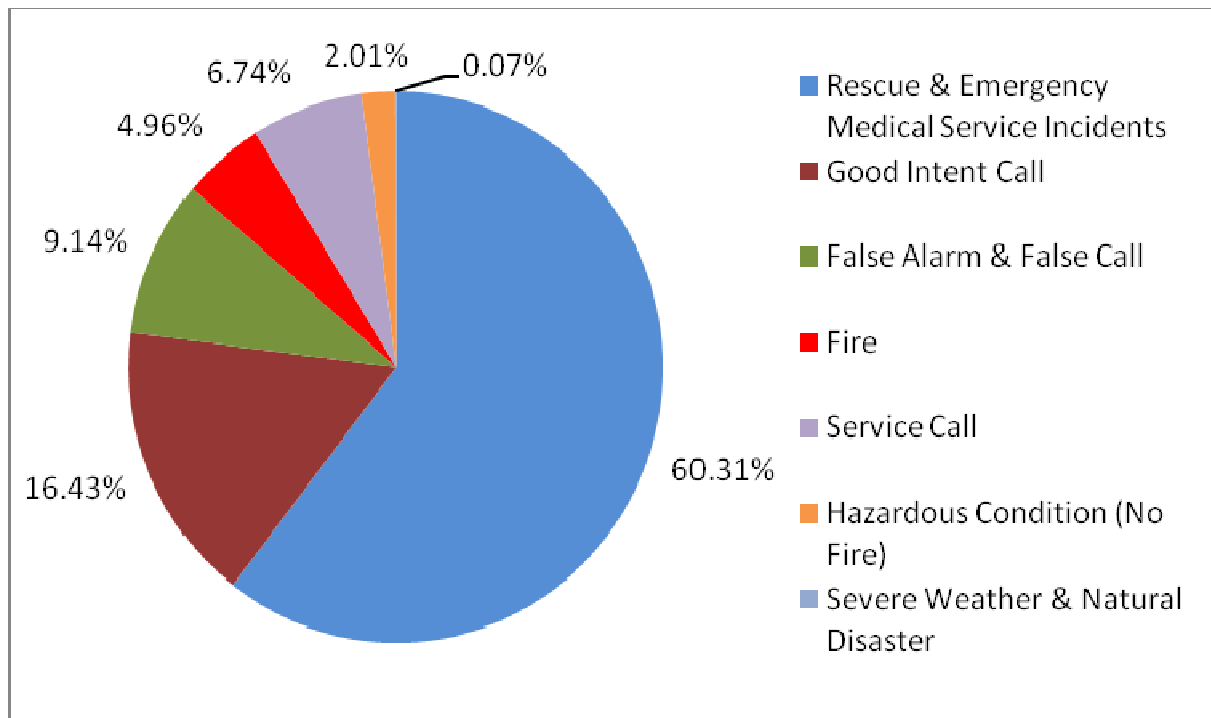
Travis County ESD #3 continued work toward achieving the items set forth in its strategic plan for 2007 through 2010 that provided a road map for improving services throughout the District and within the organization. The goals established for that plan are 100% complete as of January of 2011.

The District was able to obtain the necessary approvals from the Texas Department of State Health services to offer two training courses for Emergency Medical Technician – Basic level students.

The fourth annual awards banquet was held at the Barton Creek Country Club in ESD #3's District. The 2010 Awards Banquet featured the following awards:

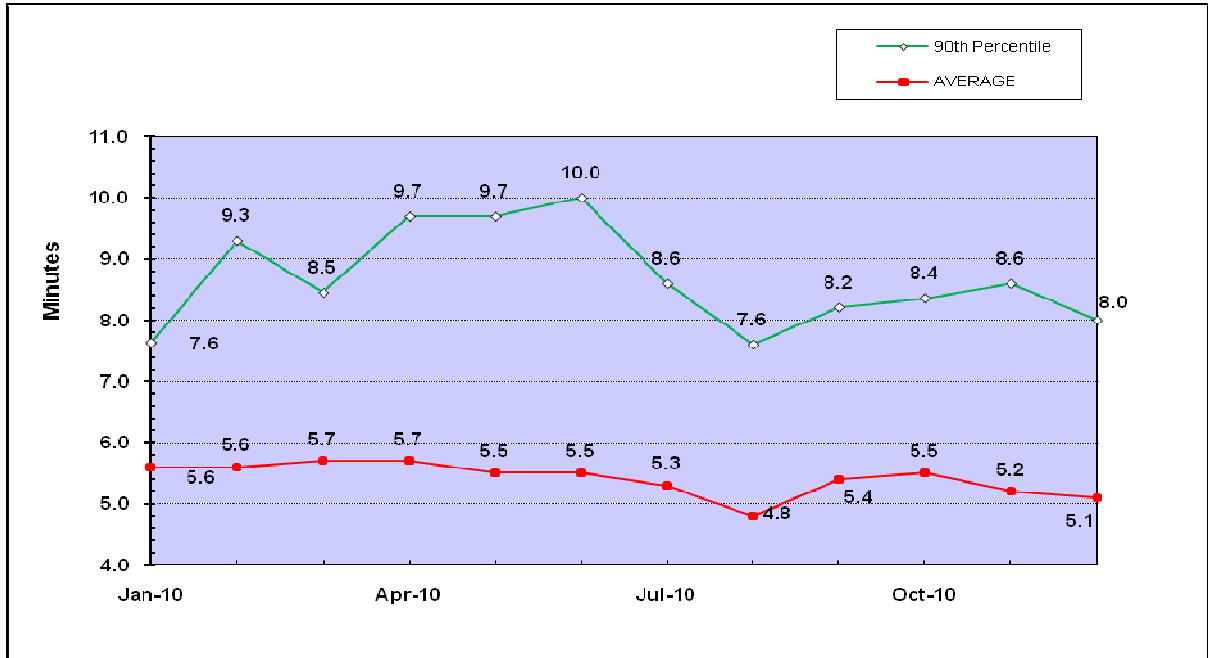
- **Loy I. Mackey Award** – The Loy I. Mackey Award is to recognize the member who unselfishly gives an excess amount of time and talents in support of the Oak Hill Fire Department. This year's recipient was **Firefighter Mark Dalland**. Mark was selected going far beyond the normal in volunteering to do special work projects around the stations.
- **Phoenix Award** – awarded to first responders whenever they resuscitate a person in full cardiac arrest and that person is able to leave the hospital alive. This year, four Oak Hill firefighters were awarded the Phoenix Award JC Roy, Charles Ford, Trevor Koiro and Aaron Lyngass, Sam Furman, David Bluemel, Jason Martinez and Brian Storer. 2010 marks the first year that an Oak Hill Firefighter has received two Phoenix Awards in the same year. That fire fighter is Aaron Lyngass.
- **Fire Achievement Award** – awarded to individuals that have demonstrated outstanding leadership and commitment to the Oak Hill Fire Department. This year, three members received the Fire Achievement Award: Captain JD Patton, Firefighter Sal Salupo and Lieutenant Trevor Koiro.

Type of Alarm Summary - 2010

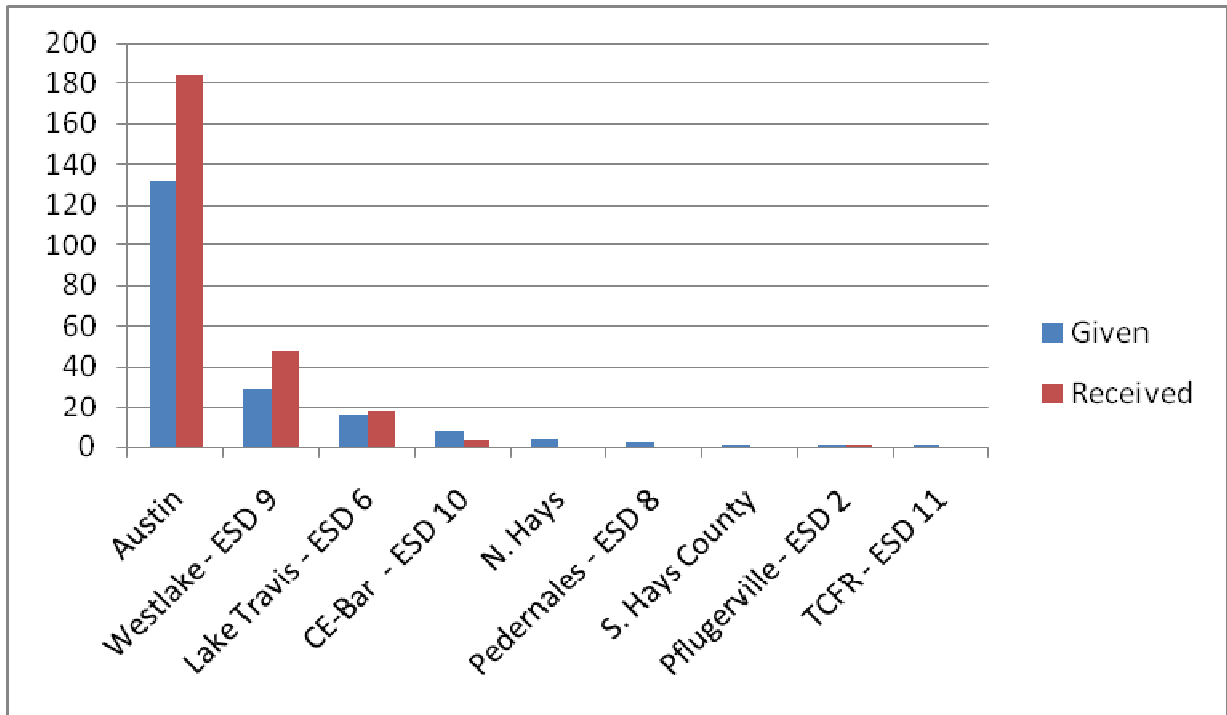


Echelon Building Plane Crash

2010 Response Times



Auto/Mutual Aid Responses 2010



Fire Department Vehicles



Command 302	2005 Ford Expedition XLT Chief Vehicle
Training 301	2005 Ford Expedition XLT Chief Vehicle
Training 302	2007 Ford Expedition XLT Training Vehicle
Support 301	1999 Ford F-450 Support Vehicle
Rescue 301	1997 Freightliner FL 70 Heavy Rescue Vehicle
Tanker 301	2003 Kenworth T-300 500 GPM Pump Water Tender
Brush 301	1999 Ford F-450 Brush Vehicle
Brush 302	2000 Ford F-650 Brush Vehicle
Brush 303	1986 Chevrolet C30 Brush Vehicle
Brush 311	1999 Ford F-550 Brush Vehicle
Quint 302	2006 Pierce Quantum 2000 GPM 105' Ladder
Engine 301	2006 Pierce Quantum 1250 GPM Pumper
Engine 303	1998 Spartan 1250 GPM Pumper

Training Division ESD # 3 / # 9

The Training Division for Oak Hill and Westlake Fire Departments has been busy this past year with all of the training that we accomplished in 2010. This facility has saved both departments thousands of dollars in facility rentals from other places and out of service time for travel. This facility has let us go to the next level for all of our firefighters to being prepared for all kinds of emergencies. We have completed an EMT-I class with 12 ESD 3 and 9 firefighters being certified. This will allow our crews to be able to assist the public in their need of medical treatment. The departments have really worked together to make the automatic aid go smooth with all of our neighboring departments through multi-company drill training with all of the surrounding departments. The total training that the Training Division has put out this past year was just under 47,000 hours. This included the Fire Academy and EMT Academies along with about 3500 hours of outside departments coming in and either using our facility or attending classes that we have put on.



The picture below is a new structure that was built on the training grounds to give the firefighters a place in the shade to rest and rehab. This project was an Eagle Scout project, the entire project was completed and mostly paid for from donations from the community. A special thanks to Benton Mahaffey, Jr. who was the Scout that headed up the project and completed this project.



Oak Hill Regional Fire Academy

Fire Academy # 8 graduated in October 2010 with 33 cadets. This was the largest class that we have had since the Fire Academy started. Every year we are building on what we did from the year before to make it better than the class before. With this class it was a challenge with the class being so large. This was the most physically fit class we had to date. The class average for the TCFP test was 82.76



Our EMT – B Academy class # 4 graduated 16 students and class # 5 graduated 13 students in January and February 2010. Class # 4 graduated and most of them went into the Fire Academy and most of Class # 5 was from Fire Academy # 7. All of the students in both classes put in a lot of time in both classroom and extra study time outside the classroom.





Emergency Prevention Division

The **Emergency Prevention Division** of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 3 & 9 has the primary duties and responsibilities of two sectors. One is the Inspection Services Sector and the other is the Fire / Arson Investigation Sector. All of the services we provide to the community we do while keeping our focus on the guiding principles of the Fire Department – Public Safety, Public Trust, & Public Service.

The **Inspection Services Sector** performs many functions to facilitate the District's development process. The District is comprised of the City of West Lake Hills, City of Rollingwood, the unincorporated portion of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 9, and the unincorporated portion of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 3. Each of these jurisdictions has their own fire code, processes, ordinances, and orders that we utilize in order to provide a safe development process throughout the entire district for all who work and live here.

The **Fire / Arson Investigation Sector** is responsible for investigating the origin, cause, and circumstances of a fire, and determining whether it was accidental or criminal in nature. In addition to the fire and arson investigations conducted throughout the year, we perform internal affairs investigations and conduct fire department application background checks.

HIGHLIGHTS (2010)

We completed many of our goals throughout this past year. A few of these goals include:

- **The Fire Code adopted by both Travis County Emergency Services District No. 3 & 9 were upgraded to the 2009 edition of the International Fire Code.**
- **The Emergency Prevention Division provided numerous training opportunities to the community throughout the year. Some of the topics covered during the training included: Hands-on fire extinguisher use, fire warden and building evacuation, commercial and residential kitchen fire safety, hospital evacuation principles, incident command for school officials, response to building intruders and facility lockdown principles, general home safety awareness, and wildland urban interface property risk mitigation.**
- **The Emergency Prevention Division began a process of scanning the blueprints of completed projects previously submitted and approved by our office. The scanned blueprints will be accessible in an achievable electronic format for future access and use. This will help minimize our storage of physical blueprints at headquarters in the future.**
- **The Travis County Emergency Services District No. 9 Headquarters and Emergency Prevention Division was successfully relocated to our new office location on Addie Roy Road with minimal interruption to services we provide.**

YEAR END EMERGENCY PREVENTION STATISTICS

1/1/2010 – 12/31/2010

Item Description	ESD 3	ESD 9
No. OF MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS (PT Inspectors)	14	67
No. OF CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY INSPECTIONS	15	48
No. OF COMPLAINT INSPECTIONS	2	6
No. OF LICENSE INSPECTIONS	12	17
No. OF FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM INSPECTION	31	79
No. OF RE-INSPECTIONS	17	133
No. OF PLAN REVIEWS CONDUCTED	35	135
No. OF PERMITS ISSUED	252	119
No. OF KNOX EQUIPMENT ORDERED	10	29
No. OF HYDRANT FLOW TEST CONDUCTED	8	13
No. OF HYDRANT MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS (SP Crew)	476	452
No. OF INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED	6	7
No. OF J.F.I.P. PROGRAM SESSIONS CONDUCTED	0	0



2010 Annual Haz Mat Drill in Fayette County

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Board of Commissioners

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Vice President	John Villanacci
Secretary/Treasurer	Carroll Knight
Asst. Treasurer	Rick Coneway
Commissioner	Robert Taylor

Command Staff

Fire Chief	Gary Warren
Assistant Chief	JJ Wittig
Assistant Chief	Mike Elliott
A Shift Commander	Walter Groman
B Shift Commander	David Wilson
C Shift Commander	Gerry Deming
Fire Marshal	Mike Lacey
Training Chief	Robert Hartigan

Oak Hill Fire Department

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