



LAKESHORE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Greetings Members,

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It is time again for a General Membership Meeting on June 15th at 10:30 a.m. We are holding elections for President, Treasurer, and Buildings and Grounds Director. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please contact us at our email address. I strongly encourage everyone to come out for the quarterly meeting in June and see the improvements we have made at your Fire Department.

We are having a fantastic year at your Lakeshore Volunteer Fire Department. Four of our Firefighters completed the Basic EMT course held at the Bandera Emergency Medical Services center. This will enable the Fire Department to provide more services to the community. Eric and Melissa Fraser donated a Ford Explorer 4x4 to the department to use as an emergency response vehicle for medical calls. This allows us to fully equip this vehicle with the necessary medical equipment to respond to calls without having to use the Brush Truck.

We are going to build a new office at the Fire Station this year. Our current office is converted storage shed that has outlived its purpose. The new office will be complete with restrooms and showers that can be used if/when we need the fire department as an emergency shelter. Please come out and see our designs. We have made significant improvements over the last year.

We have 9 men and women who volunteer their time to serve as your Firefighters. They risk their lives every time they are called out on an emergency call. Our Firefighters have really come together under the direction of Chief Eric Fraser to form a solid response team to support our community. They participate in weekly training sessions at the fire department to stay current on the latest firefighting techniques and to stay proficient on all of the equipment they use in emergency response calls.

We are not meeting our membership goals this year. We need your help to spread the word about the fire department and all of the great things we are doing. We can't operate the fire department without memberships. Our membership goal is 600 members this year but really should be more. We have approximately 3000 property owners in our fire district and only have a little more than 10% as paid members.

We are holding Springfest on June 1st this year. We hope to see you there. We have lots of great prizes on the raffle and even more on the silent and live auctions. There will be plenty of fun and games for the kids this year. We have a petting zoo, obstacle course, bounce house, and water slide. We will have several cakewalks. Come out and get some of the best BBQ Brisket and Pulled Pork you will find in the Hill Country. Our Pitmasters are getting everything ready to smoke up Wharton's Dock. BBQ plates are \$12.00 this year. We will have potato salad, beans, coleslaw, and all the iced tea and lemonade you can drink.

We always need Volunteer Firefighters. If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer Firefighter or know some who does, please contact us by email or phone.

We look forward to seeing you at the General Membership on June 15th at 10:30 am at the Fire Department. The Board of Director's monthly meeting will be held at 9:00 am preceding the General Membership meeting.

LAKESHORE FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - JR Kimmerly, Vice President – Tammy Teich, Treasurer - Pattie Mathis, Secretary – John Spears, Membership Director – Ruth Moore, Vehicle Maintenance Director – Lyn Ploeger, Buildings and Grounds Director – Mike Tardy.

Fire Chief
Eric Fraser