

West Lake Limestone VFD

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Emergency Services District #2

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SAY HELLO TO OUR NEW FRIEND

As reported in the [Q2 2021 newsletter](#), our ladder engine #2506 was totaled due to the freeze-pocalypse we had in February.

We are happy to announce that we were able to acquire a suitable replacement for "Ol' 17"!



The new #2506 is now in service and is located at Station 2 on LCR 750 to serve the northeast part of the district. It carries 1000 gallons of water

and is capable of pumping 1250 gallons of water per minute! It is a 1997 International that can carry 5 firefighters and is equipped with the full complement of firefighting gear and equipment.

The next addition to the fleet will be a 3000-gallon tanker/tender to carry more water to the incidents where we need it. We expect it to arrive sometime in November.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Our next projects will be to ensure that we are able to protect our equipment from foul weather. We learned some valuable lessons from the freeze earlier this year. We discovered that the FD is not given priority by the electric company. The main station on 937

was without power for **11 days**. The outlying stations were also without power resulting in the loss of an apparatus at station #3 and most of our equipment was frozen into station #1. We are currently working with the ESD for the funding of our foul weather project. We will be installing propane heat at both outlying stations and a 22K propane generator at station #1. This will ensure that all of our equipment is protected and that we have use of station #1 no matter the weather.

If anyone is familiar with propane plumbing and would like to volunteer to help us with these projects, please contact Chief Nobles at (254) 729-0165 or westlakelimestonevfd@gmail.com.

FALL FISH FRY FUNDRAISER

Saturday, October 9th we are holding our annual fish fry fundraiser. This year's event will again be a "drive through".

Come on by Station 1 at 6614 FM 937 from 4:00-7:00pm

and we will load you up for only \$10 per plate.

Come early, we ran out of food after only two hours last year!!



**You Pull Up!
We Load You Up!
You Pull Away!**



**Saturday, October 9th 2021
4:00pm - 7:00pm
\$10.00 Per Plate**

**Fish, Fries,
Hush
Puppies,
Cole Slaw
and all the
Fixins.
Plus a Drink
and Dessert.**

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Thanks to everyone who came out to help us celebrate 25 years of providing emergency services to West Lake Limestone!

The meet & greet was held September 25th from 2-4 at Station 1 with cake, punch and balloons.

Several of the fire engines were on the scene in front of the station and some of our tools and equipment were displayed in the bays for folks to get an up-close look at them.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER TRAINING UPDATE

In our [Q2 newsletter from last year](#), we announced that our own Steve Hicks had completed training to become an instructor for Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) training.



An EMR is certified to provide more invasive medical intervention that normally must wait until the ambulance arrives. This will buy

precious minutes to give patients a better chance of survival if they are in a life-threatening situation.

Due to Covid restrictions, we have only recently been able to have the first training class. It takes several weeks to complete the training as much of it is hands-on. The class finals were on September 27th and if all of the trainees successfully complete the National Registry Test we will have eight new certified EMR's at WLLVFD!

BURN BAN IS ON

As of September 17, Limestone County has been under a burn ban. As dry conditions persist, residents of Limestone County ESD#2 are urged to make their homes as wildfire-

resistant as possible. Successfully preparing for a wildfire requires everyone to take personal responsibility for protecting themselves, their family and their property. Suggestions include:

- Creating defensible space around your home allowing for low intensity, slow-burning conditions in the event of a wildfire.
- Using non-flammable landscaping materials within the first 5 feet of your home.
- Watering plants and trees within the first 30 feet of your home and mulching regularly.
- Making sure plants are carefully spaced and using low growing ones that are free of resins, oils and waxes, not ones that burn easily.
- Removing dead vegetation from within 10 feet of the house and under flammable decks.
- Pruning trees 10 feet or more above the ground.

A healthy, well-maintained landscape is important to the survival of homes. "It is up to residents to take the first steps in protecting their families, homes and property, long before a fire even starts," said Kari Hines, Texas A&M Forest Service Firewise coordinator. "Local firefighters rely on us all to be prepared for wildfires and create safe environments for them to operate in by creating defensible space around our homes."

If a brush fire, grass fire or wildfire is spotted, immediately call 911. Quick response will save lives and property.

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