

**VFD NEWSLETTER**  
**LAMAR POINT-EMBERSON-CAVINESS**  
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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16**, starting at 5:00 PM at Fire Station Number 2 in Caviness on FM 1499 we will have our **ANNUAL FUND RAISER**. It will be a BBQ dinner and Silent & Live Auction. Dinner tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3 for ages 5-10 and children under 5 eat free. As always, there will be many wonderful items to bid on! **Please contact Rena Clark at 903-785-0643 if you can donate items or desserts for the auction and/or meat or desserts for the dinner.** All proceeds will go toward funding the purchase of a newer engine, equipping firefighters with new structure gear and tools, and to go towards grants. All donations are appreciated. If you need a donation letter please contact Rena Clark. Come join us to visit with your neighbors, view the equipment used in our community, and meet your volunteer fire fighters who donate a lot of time away from their home and families to help protect and serve in our surrounding communities.

Last year your VFD responded to a total of **90** calls, which was close to double the number from last year. Most calls were for grass or structure fires, but we did respond to vehicle accidents/fires, medical calls as well as storm watches plus assisted other volunteer fire departments. We really appreciate all our **volunteer** fire fighters who are willing to respond day or night to emergency calls.

Our meeting day is the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M at Station 2. We encourage everyone to attend the meetings to keep up to date on the activities of your VFD. Our volunteer numbers have really grown this last year. We now have **22** Active Firefighters, **4** Operational Personnel and **8** Junior Firefighters plus several other people to assist with the many other things our department does beyond fighting fires. If you are interested in volunteering in any way, please come to a meeting or contact one of the officers.

At the December meeting officers for 2013 were elected. They are: **Jim Jones**, President; **Rick Pirtle**, Fire Chief; **Joe Pretre**, Assistant Chief-Station 1; **Kent Davis**, Assistant Chief-Station 2; **Ronnie Bass**, Training Officer; **Magean Pretre**, Safety Officer; **Rena Clark**, Secretary/Treasurer; **Keith Brown**, Parliamentarian. We appreciate that they are willing to serve in these capacities.

Due to rising costs of maintenance & utilities, effective March 1, 2013, building rental will be \$100 plus a \$100 refundable deposit. There will also be a lease contract for both

building & equipment rental. Contact Rena to reserve your date.

At our annual Fall Carnival this past October, we had a large turnout and the adults had as much fun as the kids. We enjoy giving back to the community that supports us & would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone that volunteered for this event!

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Hamburger Supper was held in September. Funds from this event along with funds from your donations and other fundraisers, we purchased a Command/Rehab vehicle. This is a wonderful addition that allows us to transport multiple firefighters at once as well as assist in rehab at calls. We appreciate your support in making these things possible!

We are still looking for ladies to come join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 A.M. until ??? to visit, quilt, sew or do crafts. Call Catherine Cato at 903-784-0799 for more information or just show up at 210 CR 34721 off FM 1500 in Lamar Point the “new” Hen’s Den.

If you would like to place an ad in our newsletter, please call Rena Clark at 903-785-0643.

Don’t forget to visit our website at [www.lamarpointvfd.org](http://www.lamarpointvfd.org) . It has our calendar, minutes from prior meetings, prior newsletters & more. **PLUS** we are on **FACEBOOK** at [www.facebook.com/lamarpoint.vfd](http://www.facebook.com/lamarpoint.vfd) . Check us out!

It is time for 2013 membership dues to be sent in. Remember that dues must be paid by **April 2, 2013** in order to be able to vote at meetings. We appreciate all the new members for 2012 as well as your generous support for our organization through your donations.

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**2013 DUES** \$5 per Person

**Make checks payable to LPVFD.**

SEND TO: Rena Clark, 6528 FM 1500, Paris, TX 75460

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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We are looking into email delivery of our newsletters. Please include your email if you would like to get newsletters via email in the future instead of a mailed copy. Thanks!

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