



**JOHNSON CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.**

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**"ESTABLISHED 1949"**

The Johnson City Volunteer Fire Department and our Fire Corp Auxiliary invite you, your family and friends to the BLANCO COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS, on **Saturday, May 13, 2017, Mother's Day Weekend**, for our **17<sup>th</sup> annual Fish Fry Fund Raiser AT 5:00 PM.**

There will be a raffle, live and silent auctions. A free Dance will follow from 9-1am. This year's band is **THE JOHN CHRISTOPHER WAY BAND!** The meal will include fried catfish with all the trimmings, homemade dessert, tea, lemonade and/or water. Cost of meal is by donation.

The JCVFD is funded by a portion of your property tax monies collected by the county (\$140,500) as well as your generous donations. These funds are used very carefully to fund fire and rescue operations as well as outfitting of our **35 Volunteer Firefighters** with appropriate personal protective equipment.

Fire & Rescue Operations include **17 fire apparatus** housed in one central station located in Johnson City, Texas covering **425 square miles of Blanco County.** We cover two main highways, **Highway 281 and Highway 290** for many miles. Traffic as increased exponentially over the last few years as I'm sure you are aware.

**2015-2016 by the numbers:**

Structure Fires 13	Vehicle Fires 7	Controlled Burn Investigations 6	Fire Alarms 12	Wildland Fires 31
Assist EMS 25	Landing Zones 9	Motor Vehicle Accidents 81	Water Rescue 4	
Hazardous Condition 12	Standby for Police/School etc 15	Search & Rescue 5		

**Total Fire responses 220 AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME FROM 911 TO 1<sup>ST</sup> FIRE TRUCK ON SCENE: 8.11mins.!**

We have made great progress in paying down the 2014 Rescue 1 (Org. cost \$167K now down to under \$70K owed). We have received a generous grant from PEC/LCRA for the purchase of hand held radios where we will match \$23,300 in funds to their \$23,300 which will facilitate each Volunteer Firefighter having a radio. This year we upgraded our brush truck fleet including the acquisition of a Army Hummvee for a total project cost of \$22,500 instead of \$58,000 for standard trucks that we had used in the past. By the end of January 2017 we will add a second 5 ton military brush truck with a grant received from the Texas Forestry Service for the Skid Unit portion while we will build the rest of the truck in house.

Our next goal is to upgrade and replace the two 15 year old sets of Vehicle Extrication Equipment that we currently carry on two rescue trucks. As you have seen above we are using them more with the traffic volume climbing in Blanco County. This equipment is around \$25K per set. We will rotate one of the current sets to another truck so we will have availability of three complete sets at any time and hold the other set for backup.

This is the only time of year we ask for donations, so please consider us in your financial planning and send us a donation thru the mail or bring it to the fish fry. If you need a receipt, I will make sure you receive one promptly.

Thank you in advance!

**CALL ME DIRECTLY IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR IF YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER!**

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