Village Fire Department

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The Village Fire Department provides fire, rescue and advanced life support ambulance transport services to the residents and visitors of the cities of Bunker Hill Village, Hedwig Village, Hilshire Village, Hunters Creek Village, Piney Point Village and Spring Valley Village.

October is Fire Prevention Month!

During October we spend extra time visiting each elementary school and reminding your children the importance of fire safety and having a home escape plan. Firefighters also demonstrate the special gear they wear in a fire and the sounds the equipment makes, so the children will not be afraid and hide from the firefighters.

Fire Station Renovation

During the last several newsletters, I have mentioned that there is consideration being made regarding renovating the fire station. I would like to explain some of the reasons I ask for your support:

- Your fire station is almost 40 years old; as such it is showing and demonstrating its age.
- Air conditioning systems in the main station are broken and must be replaced.
- During the storm all areas within the building suffered from serious leaks. Rainwater was collected in buckets.
- When it was constructed, firefighter staffing each day was 6 firefighters. Today we always have at least 10 firefighters on duty and sometimes as many as 13. As an example of the space issues, current standards for infectious control, require 60 square feet per firefighter bed. Our firefighters have 48 square feet per bed.
- The kitchen area has very little cooking space, to prepare 2 meals per day for the 10 – 13 firefighters.
- The fire department is charged to manage manmade and natural disasters within each of the 6 Cities, the space for our Emergency Operations Center was demonstrated to be inadequate during Hurricane Harvey.
- Of our 39 firefighters, 3 are female. Male and female firefighters sleep in the same areas and share the common restrooms.

The Village Fire Department provides superior service to the residents and visitors of these 6 cities. The Department is one of .01% of fire departments nationwide that hold and ISO rating of Class 1. Our personnel provide outstanding advanced life support patient care. During the hurricane their courage was demonstrated as they waded and swam through the murky flood waters rescuing over 250 Village and Houston residents.

I hope you are as proud of our firefighters as I am and will support a station that the residents of each city can be proud!

Fire Station Open House

Saturday October 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Join us at the fire station to visit with our firefighters, see our fire trucks (including the new ladder truck)! Tour the station, see where the firefighters cook, eat and sleep while they work 48 hour shifts. We will have snacks and drinks.

This year we are celebrating our 70th year as your fire department! Join us for a slice of our 70 year old cake.