

February 2024

Dale VFD

Protecting the Dale Community since 1978



Fundraiser is ON!

The Annual BBQ & Auction is scheduled for April 13, 2024 at the Dale Community Center with dinner served at 5PM.

Please bring Auction Items the morning of the event or drop them off early at the Dale Fire Station. You can coordinate drop off by calling Chief Barrington at 512-750-4302.

We will have BBQ plates for sale! Come support YOUR fire department! Look to our Facebook for more updates!

Grant Awarded for New Wildland Tools

Dale VFD received a grant of \$2,800 worth of new Wildland Tools from Texas Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company. These tools will be distributed on our Heavy Brush Truck, 3 Brush Trucks and Tender to help with grass and wildland fires.



Working on Grants

Our grant research and writing department is currently trying to secure grants for Insulating the Fire Station Garage Bay and a Cascade Air System.

Don't Forget Your Dues!

The Dale Volunteer Fire Department has three funding sources: Your Dues and Donations, \$15,000 from Caldwell County to provide emergency services, and expenses billed to auto insurance companies for vehicle rescues. Your dues and donations are vital for station and vehicle upkeep, gas, insurance, postage, training and maintenance on equipment.

Our financial records are open by appointment or at every Business meeting (1st Monday of the Month at 7pm at the Dale VFD Fire Station).

Dale VFD Calls for 2023

Wildland/Grass: 26	HAZMAT: 1
Structure Fire: 9	Illegal Burn: 35
Vehicle Rescue/Fire: 17	Smoke Investigation: 3
EMS & Lift Assist: 119	Water Main Break: 1

Outdoor Burning Do's and Don't's

Do:

Before you burn your brush pile please check to make sure there is no Burn Ban. You can check for a burn ban by looking at the Burn Ban road signs throughout Caldwell County or check the Caldwell County Website (<https://co.caldwell.tx.us>) - they normally have a moving ticker under the courthouse building picture. If you burn during a Burn Ban you are at risk of receiving a ticket and fine from the Caldwell County Sheriff's office.

Do:

Call the Caldwell County Sheriff Department Dispatch office at 512-398-6777 (Non-Emergency Number) before you start the burn and when your burn is out. They will also tell you if we are in a Burn Ban or a Red Flag Warning (Dangerous Weather and No Burning Allowed).

Do:

Have a water source (water hose or tank) nearby to help control your burn pile.

Don't:

Please don't burn trash. Trash often burns black and trash burning in Texas is regulated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (<https://tceq.texas.gov>). At no time may you burn tires or used oil filters.

Red Flag Warnings:

These are Burn Bans due to Dangerous Weather.

We Keep Training

The Dale VFD firefighters met with Battalion Chief Coleman from Austin Fire Department on November 19, 2023, for some "Driver/Operator-Pumper" training. As you may recall, our "new to us" engine was purchased from Austin Fire Department. Your firefighters worked on Engine operations and Pump Relay operations.



Volunteers Needed!

The Dale VFD is looking for volunteers! Whether it's as a firefighter, medical/EMS first responder, or committee member/administrative help, we need you!

Please email us or stop by the station or attend one of our monthly business meetings if you want to help your community! We are 100% volunteer and are looking to add to our team!

Dale VFD Contact Info

Mailing Address: PO Box 52, Dale, TX 78616

Station Address: 1414 FM1854, Dale, TX 78616

Business Meetings: 1st Monday of each Month at 7pm

Email: dalevfd@gmail.com

Do you Facebook? Follow us!

<https://www.facebook.com/dalevfd/>

Use this form to pay dues or make a donation

Return with payment to: Dale Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 52, Dale, TX 78616-0052

Membership dues: * \$15.00 (over 65) \$30.00 (all others) * Cost is per household

Please consider an additional donation: \$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Please mail to: Dale VFD, PO Box 52, Dale, TX 78616-0052

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