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Club Calendar

November 20	Board of Directors Meeting
January 29, 2020	Board of Directors Meeting and Election of Officers
February 6	3 rd Annual Community Partners Fundraising Banquet and Auction
February 26	Board of Directors Meeting

We had a great turnout at our Annual Meeting on October 9th with 72 members and guests attending. Over 3400 first responders and their families attended the fair that evening. Thank you to the HOT Fair and others, who by way of donations, helped make this evening a success.



**Happy
Holidays**

During this holiday season, remember the sacrifice of service our first responders and their families give to our communities.

LOOKING FORWARD

Stay tuned for details about our Community Partners Fundraising Banquet and Auction on February 6, 2020.

Featured Agency

Waco Fire Department

The Waco Fire Department (WFD), the largest paid fire department in McLennan County, was established on April 3, 1873 as a result of a devastating fire that destroyed a number of downtown businesses on March 23, 1873. This led to the formation of Waco's first fire brigade, Waco Hook and Ladder #1. Since then the department has grown to 203 civil service and 5 civilian staff members dedicated to providing the highest level of service to the community in a professional, efficient, and effective manner.

WFD has 13 fire stations, strategically located, covering over 100 square miles to provide prompt and efficient emergency response to a population of over 136,000 citizens and responds to over 18,000 calls for service annually. In October of this year, WFD received official recognition as an ISO Class I fire department, a distinction that only 1% of fire departments in the country have obtained.

The department is divided into four major divisions: Administration, Training, Prevention also known as Community Risk Reduction, and Emergency Operations. Administration is responsible for fiscal and administrative responsibilities including budget, human resources, payroll, revenue, asset management, purchasing, and dispatch services. Training is responsible for the initial training of new firefighters, continuing education, health and wellness programs, uniforms and supplies.

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Prevention is responsible for fire investigations, arson investigations, community risk reduction activities, commercial building inspections, building plans review, fire safety education, and professional standards.

Emergency Operations, which employs the vast majority of the department's personnel, is responsible for daily emergency response activities, as well as specialized responses such as aircraft rescue firefighting (ARFF), hazardous materials (Hazmat), technical rescue, and swift water rescue and dive team. The Waco-McLennan County Office of Emergency Management also falls under the Fire Department.

The members of the Waco Fire Department continue to set new standards of service, safety, and professionalism as they stand at the ready to protect those who are in danger.

Authored by Bobby J. Tatum, Jr., Fire Chief

Note: In October, Chief Tatum announced his retirement from the Waco Fire Department effective the end of this year. We value Chief Tatum's service on our Advisory Board and wish him and his family the very best in his retirement.

Our Club's History- Part 2

With some of the groundwork laid, Waco Police Chief Brent Stroman met with his Executive Staff in 2010 and began discussions on establishing a 100 Club for Waco Police Officers. Those discussions led to a realization that for proper funding, coverage, and sustainability, the effort would need to expand and include a wider range of law enforcement. Chief Stroman then met with McLennan County Sheriff Larry Lynch, and they discussed including law enforcement within McLennan County. Those ongoing meetings throughout 2010 and 2011 led to discussions with McLennan County Police Chiefs at their regular meetings and with then Public Safety Chief Yost Zakhary of Woodway and Police Chief Dennis Stapleton of Lacy Lakeview. It was an initial meeting of these 3 Chiefs and the Sheriff at the Woodway Public Safety Building in 2011, which crafted the beginning of our Club and shaped a vision for a 100 Club for McLennan County law enforcement.

These Chiefs and the Sheriff discussed

Our Purpose



Thankfully, it is not often we have a tragedy involving a line of duty death or serious injury. Should that occur however, our Club is ready to help stand in the gap with insurance benefits and to connect families with community partners and resources. Our Club's response to the October 11th line of duty death of Falls County Deputy Matt Jones and the near fatal injury of Riesel Police Chief Danny Krumnow demonstrates our purpose. Executive Director Sandy Pechacek and Board Members jumped in to help the families and the agencies in a variety of ways including helping file paperwork to submit claims on our insurance policy. We immediately set up an account at The First National Bank of Central Texas for public donations for both families. Also we continue to assist with follow up on the payment of benefits. By way of the 100 Club, the Jones family will receive a benefit check of \$25,000. Chief Krumnow and his family will also receive a benefit check to help offset expenses due to his injury and recovery. Your membership and your donations make this possible.

THANK YOU

for your continued membership and donations to help with our purpose.

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who to call upon for our founding Board of Directors; all agreed on David Anderton, Alex Bell, Charles Burns, Bill Davis, John Embry, Link Harris, Ronnie Kroll, James Nelson, and Kim Patterson. Link, David, Bill, and John have continued their service as Directors since our Club's founding. Link served as our first Club President and continues leading in that position today. The Club was officially incorporated in 2012 and gained tax exempt status shortly thereafter. Our bylaws were drafted by Alex Bell, and they were adopted by the Board acting as the members in November, 2012.

Read more about our history in Part 3 to be published in Volume 2.0, Issue 1.