

# McQueeney Volunteer Fire Department



## Fully Involved - A Vision for the Future

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# From Humble Beginnings



Early in 1975, the McQueeney Lions Club promoted the idea of a volunteer fire department in the McQueeney area and paid all the necessary fees to obtain the state charter which was issued on Nov. 10, 1975. With the assistance of the Lions Club, the Seguin Fire Department and Guadalupe County, some equipment was obtained and a recruitment drive instituted in January 1976.

The first public meeting of the new board of directors was held on March 23, 1976 to inform the community of progress and set dates for approving necessary organization paperwork and to schedule an election of officers. The first fire chief was Jim Poter and the first president was Charles "Chick" Rutter. Our first fire truck was a converted 1968 Ford flatbed truck that was ready for operation by April, 1976. Dispatching for calls was handled by the Seguin Fire Department until the 911 system was implemented in 2000, when

The Sheriff's department became the County Dispatch center. A

ladies auxiliary was also organized and assisted with several fund raising efforts. The department's annual chicken BBQ fund raiser and the annual Fish Fry season opener at Hot Shot's restaurant always attracted large crowds and were a major financial boost.

It was not long before the new department was tested: On July 19, 1976, a residential fire occurred, followed by an industrial plant fire an hour later that required resources on scene for almost 24 hours. The newly formed department was assisted at the industrial plant fire by numerous area fire departments. In the first year of its existence, the department responded to 3 building fires and 13 brush/grass fires. In March 1977, a building fund drive was started for construction of the fire station/community center. After many fund raising efforts and a lot of hard work the station was finally completed and in August 1978, A 1942 Mack Fire Pumper was purchased from the San Antonio Fire Department, outfitted and housed in the new station. About 65 calls were responded to that year.





# Where We Are Today



The McQueeney Volunteer Fire Department has been serving our community since 1975 and our 35 active and support staff are proud to continue that legacy of service today and into the future. We provide fire protection and related services to a primary service area of approximately 20 square miles in and around McQueeney as well as providing assistance to all of the other fire departments in Guadalupe County.

The men and women of the McQueeney Volunteer Fire Department are your neighbors, friends and relatives, and they are actively involved in the community to make this area a better place to work, play and live. We are committed to providing the highest level of fire and life safety education, fire suppression, emergency medical and rescue services, and disaster response to our residents, visitors and businesses alike.



As our community continues to grow, so do our responsibilities. In 2016 and 2017, we responded approximately 400 calls for service each year. The types of calls we respond to include approximately 75% emergency medical calls and 25% fires, traffic accidents and other calls for service. In addition, we spend numerous hours training and maintaining our equipment so that we can continue to provide a highly professional level of service.



# A Vision For The Future



## GROWTH:

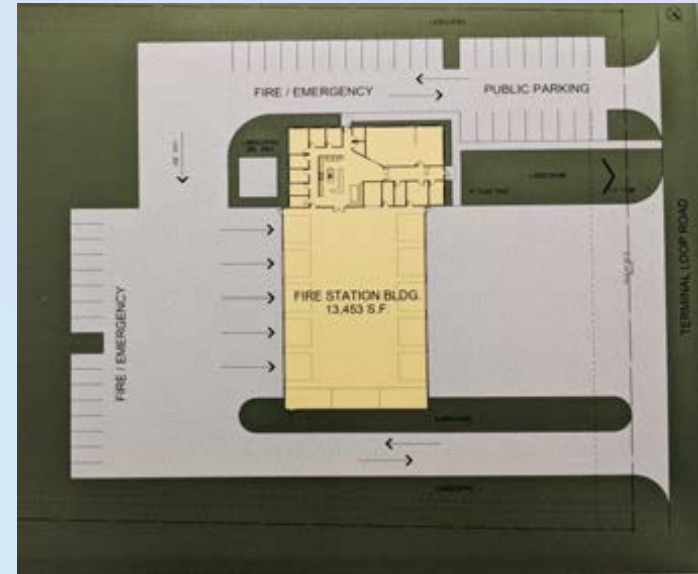
From our humble beginning in 1975, the dedicated members of the McQueeney Volunteer Fire Department have provided a highly professional fire and emergency response service to the people of our community. During the early years, our fire department responded to less than one call per week but as the area has grown so has our call volume and today we respond to approximately one call per day. With this increased population comes much more traffic on our area roadways and it is becoming increasingly difficult to get in and out of our fire station on FM 725 safely and efficiently. As our area continues to grow, it has become time to move our fire station to a more central location within the community so that we can continue to respond quickly to our calls for service.



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## SERVICE:

As times have changed so too has the nature of our volunteer firefighters. Many of our firefighters work outside the community and are not available to respond quickly to emergency calls during their work hours. The increasing need for families to work more than one job to support themselves also limits the time available to volunteer. To improve the availability of your firefighters, the new fire station will include bunk rooms, a kitchen, an exercise room and other facilities to make it easy and convenient for our firefighters to schedule shifts at the fire station. Once the new station is built, our goal will be to have at least 2 firefighters staffing the fire station as close to 24 hours a day as possible (with the emphasis being to provide daytime coverage when many of our members are not otherwise available). Having personnel at the fire station will guarantee a response that is approximately 3-5 minutes faster than today when our members must drive to the fire station to get a truck to respond to the call for service.



## COMMUNITY:

So what does the investment in a new fire station mean for everyone in our community? (1) Most importantly, it means a faster response to your calls for help. In an emergency such as a heart attack, a structure fire or a serious injury, time is your worst enemy. Having this more centrally located and staffed fire station will allow us to respond to calls for service 3 to 5 minutes faster than we can today. This time could mean the difference between a minor kitchen fire and losing your entire house to a fire as well as making a huge difference in the outcome of a medical emergency. (2) A more centrally located fire station with at least some level of staffing at the fire station will allow us to improve our Insurance Services Office (ISO) classification thus allowing property owners to see a reduction in their insurance costs. (3) A modern centrally located fire station will serve as a focal point for the community and will be something all of us can be proud of.

# OUR CHALLENGE

Please join our community in meeting the challenge of raising approximately \$2,000,000 to build a new modern, centrally located FIRE STATION. Look over the giving levels below and the naming gift opportunities and make a decision on gift size or naming gift opportunity that you feel good about. Gifts will be recognized permanently.

## Ways to Give



### Chief Level - \$50,000 and over

- Listed as donor on Department website with link
- Paver with company or family name place on flag pole walk way.
- Support member fire department t-shirt
- Press release recognition local paper and name recognition at campaign events.
- Radio spot with local radio stations
- Banquet and formal press event with McQueeney Fire Department and all Chief Level donors



### Assistant Chief Level - \$25,000 to \$50,000

- Listed as donor on Department website with link
- Paver with company or family name place on flag pole walk way.
- Support member fire department t-shirt
- Press release recognition local paper and name recognition at campaigns.
- Radio spot with local radio stations



### Captain Level - \$10,000 to \$25,000

- Listed as donor on Department website with link
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- Support member fire department t-shirt
- Press release recognition and name recognition at campaign events.



### Lieutenant Level - \$5000 to \$10,000

- Listed as donor on Department website with link
- Paver with company or family name place on flag pole walk way.
- Support member fire department t-shirt



### Firefighter/ Engineer Level - \$500 to \$5000

- Listed as donor on Department website with link
- Support member fire department t-shirt





# New Station Naming Opportunities

1. The new fire station-\$500,000
2. The community conference room-\$250,000
3. The kitchen-\$250,000
4. The exercise room-\$250,000
5. The flag pole and front garden area-\$100,000

All gifts are tax deductible and may be made in the form of cash or securities.

Gifts of real estate and other items of value will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

All donations may be made in whatever manner is most advantageous to the donor's tax situation

All gifts may be paid over the three-year period of 2018, 2019 and 2020.

