

MINUTES OF THE August 14, 2025, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING at
BRAZORIA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3

A meeting was duly called of the **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE** of the **BRAZORIA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3**, which was held on August 14, 2025, at the District Administration Office, 6931 Masters Road, Manvel, Texas 77578.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by **CINDY REAVES**, Administrative Director. The Commissioners present were **DARRELL VALUSEK, FRANK HAGDORN, MATT GLAVES, DE WAYNE DAVIS and GEORGE BULLINGTON**. Also present were District Executive Director Jeff Braun, Fire Services Administrator Jack Helton, BCESD 3 EMS Deputy Chief, Brad Lammert, other District Staff and members of the community.

The meeting was led by Cindy Reaves and she opened the floor to receive public comment under agenda item 2. No comments were provided.

The meeting moved on to agenda item 3, the introduction of new Commissioner, De Wayne Davis.

The meeting continued to agenda item 4, an agency update that was given by Jeff Braun, Executive Director. He opened by thanking everyone for their attendance. Mr. Braun discussed the current events of the District. The health of the District was a subject that Mr. Braun discussed in regards to the hiring and retention of staff, whether it be on the administrative side or the EMS side. He spoke about the District's efforts to strengthen fire services and the purchase of new equipment and apparatus to upgrade the fleet, along with a new fire station in Manvel. Mr. Braun moved on to advancing EMS services and the strides they have made with the purchase of three new ambulances, the blood program and the beginning of the First Responders Organization working collaboratively with the Fire Departments, which will be the first of its kind in Brazoria County. Ultimately, his report focused on the strength of the staff and the Board.

The meeting then addressed agenda item 5, fire services update given by Jack Helton, Fire Services Administrator. He spoke of District wide growth and discussed the call volume and response times with the fire departments. He further discussed the staffing program within the departments, mainly Manvel VFD and Iowa Colony VFD. The largest growth within the District is with Iowa Colony, Manvel and Rosharon. Mr. Helton discussed the need and the process taken

by the Committee to purchase three new apparatus. The price, capability, location, mobility and other criteria were considered after multiple vendors gave a presentation on what they had to offer and compare to others. The vendor selected is able to deliver the three apparatus in a 10 to 11 month timeframe. He talked about the cost of the vehicles and the additional equipment needed to have a fully functional apparatus.

The meeting continued to agenda item 6, BCESD3 EMS update with Deputy Chief, Brad Lammert elaborating on the First Responder Organization and what that actually means for the community. He explained that with the FRO, the fire department will be able to medically treat a patient if they arrive prior to an ambulance. Mr. Braun injected that the three departments taking part in the FRO are the most populated and the program may eventually include other fire providers in the District. Commissioner Graves explained that most volunteer firefighters are licensed paramedics with other departments but cannot respond medically within our District without being covered by an FRO and the licensing of our Medical Director, Scott Weisenborn. With the FRO in place, the fire department will be responding to more medical calls. The firefighters will train with EMS and go through their credentialing to enhance the care given on a call. Deputy Chief Lammert talked about the blood program and the major role it plays in the survival rate of patients. The purchase of a new ambulance was discussed and the turnaround time of 18 months.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.



Matt Graves, Secretary/Treasurer