

White Bluff VFD Chief's Report July 2025

Calls for Service:

Medical	13
Grass Fires	2
Structure Fires	1
Flood Control	3
Fire Alarms	1
Total Calls	20

Tanker 131 remains in Mississippi at the Deep South Fire Equipment repair shop. We do not have a proposed date it will be returned to White Bluff. The truck is being repaired under warranty for a leak in the tank.

We are continuing to search for an additional 3000-gallon tanker to add to our fleet. White Bluff was built without fire hydrants so we must take the water to the fire, and the single tanker is not enough.

Attack Truck 331 has been listed for sale for \$199,000.00. The truck is currently at Neals Fire Truck repair shop in Waco. It should be back in service this week. The repair was

for the inoperative foam system. All systems had to be working properly for the truck to sale. Funds from the sale will be used to finance the second tanker.

The floating boat lift platform for the boat was leaking and required repair to the valves as well as replacement of the old hoses and connectors. All this work was completed, and the boat lift is working properly again.

There is an issued with the White Bluff Burn Pit, the trees and brush that is piled up there has not been burned in many months and it has reached a volume of material that cannot be safely burned at one time. POA, security and the FD are discussing a manner to safely burn this pile in stages.

Hilco awarded the department a \$4000 grant for the purchase of a second gas monitor. The monitor has been purchased and is ready for use.

Last month Kathy and I went to the Texas A&M fire academy Teex vendor show where we met with and viewed tankers from Pierce and Fouts Brothers in preparation for the grant from the Texas Forestry Service to purchase a Tanker. We also contacted vendors providing new lightweight helmets to replace the very heavy helmets we currently use.

The department purchased Rescue Equipment in the form of a cutter, spreader and ram from Amkos. These are battery powered and ready for immediate use at the scene of an

entrapment. This replaced our old combination tool that has become undependable.

Last month the board approved the purchase of two Thermal Imaging Cameras (TIC). This is to replace the ten-year-old unit on E231 and to install one on E331. The new TICs have been purchased and installed on the two trucks.