

White Bluff VFD Chief's Report, March 2026

Calls for Service:

Medical	14
Grass Fires	5
Lift Assistance	1
Structure Fires	1
Fire Alarms	1
Lake Rescue	1
Dumpster Fire	1
Total	24

Last month five members attended the Hill County Firefighters Association annual training day at the new home of the Emergency Service District 1 located in Hillsboro. Classes attended included two classes for emergency medical response, one class on 'Reading the smoke" and a hands-on class for rescue of a victim in a wrecked vehicle using the Jaws of life and other forcible entry tools

Brush truck 331 was taken to Neels Fire Truck Shop in Waco to begin the process of replacing the gasoline engine and pump as well as all the plumbing on the brush truck with a diesel engine and new pump. This will improve the performance and capabilities of the truck in fighting grass fires and assisting on structure fires. This overhaul was made possible with a grant received from the Forest Service of Texas.

Members of the department received the mandatory training in CPR and the use of an AED. This training was conducted by Careflite and meets all requirements of the State Health Department for First Responders.

The department received a 'Bailout Prop' as part of the grant for training aids. This is a small tower designed to simulate the ingress and egress of firefighters through a second story window. This is done in full bunker gear and air tank, and they can further practice removing an injured person through the window. Other Hill County fire departments will be invited to this training course later this year.

In another grant, we received new boots and gloves as well as forty new fireproof hoods worn with bunker gear to protect the neck of firefighters. Some of these hoods will be stored in the Rehab truck to exchange with those worn by firefighter covered in soot and dangerous chemicals with a new clean one. This has been determined to be the primary source of contamination for the wearer causing cancer later in life. The soiled hoods will be treated as contaminated clothing and will be washed and inspected by member of the department and if they are in usable condition, returned to the Rehab truck to be exchanged at the next fire.

The department hosted a Resident Appreciation Breakfast for all the White Bluff residents to express our thanks for the continued support of the fire department. There were 119 residents that attended the breakfast.