

White Bluff VFD Chief's Report Oct. 2025

Calls for Service:

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| Medical | 12 |
| Vehicle Fires | 1 |
| Grass Fires | 4 |
| Lift Assistance | 1 |
| Structure Fires | 3 |
| Smoke Investigation | 1 |
| Total | 22 |

The Annual BBQ/Fundraiser was a complete success despite the rain and storms earlier in the day and ending as the event started. Thanks to all that contributed to this successful event. It is truly amazing to watch the community and the fire department come together for this event each year and know that the department cannot function without this support.

Tanker 131 was dispatched to a grass fire assisting Blum when a hose connected to the blower on the diesel engine separated and the engine lost power. We were able to limp it back to the station and a replacement hose was located at a dealer in Ft. Worth. The truck was repaired and is available for calls thanks to Shane Bailey and Keith O'Donnell staying late to retrieve the hose and repair the truck. This is just one example of the need for a backup tanker to ensure we can transport water to the scene of fires in White Bluff.

Brush Truck 131 is a 2000-year model Ford F350 it has a 1995 pump and 300-gallon tank to fight grass fires. The iron water pipes on the truck have rusted through and are leaking. The connecting hoses and pipes are being dismantled and replaced as needed to repair the leak. This is being done on site by David Genrich and Shane Bailey. The repairs have been completed the truck should be good for a few more years.

By completing this work here rather than taking it to a Fire Truck repair facility we are saving a huge amount of money.

The 300-thousand-dollar grant for the new tanker has the builder already working on it and project the completion within six months. This is a second 3000-gallon tanker and will provide the additional water required for any structure fire here in White Bluff.

We also received a 45-thousand-dollar grant for a 'slip on unit' this is the tank and pump along with the hose reel and plumbing that goes on the rear of a F450 truck. This will be used to upgrade the tank, pump and hose reel on B331.

The Attack Truck 331 is being stripped of the foam compressor and tank after it failed and the estimate to repair the foam system was approximately (20K) twenty thousand dollars. That system is being replaced with a larger water tank to make more use in grass fires and expand the usefulness of the truck.

HILCO held their annual Electronic Recycling, and the fire department again was a drop off point for White Bluff residents that had electronics to recycle. All the old TVs, computers and electrical stuff were loaded on a trailer and taken to the Itasca location.

WBVFD also participated in the Fall Festival at the WB Chapel. Will Sasser, Ethan Watson, Shane Bailey and Kevin Hudechek took Engine 331 for the children to learn about being a firefighter.

Shane Bailey attended the Marina Store's Halloween candy giveaway and displayed Brush 331.

You may have noticed the missing appliance behind us. The freezer failed just at the start of the BBQ. I believe the old freezer to be something over 15-year-old. We were able to locate a replacement (on sale) at Sam's that will be here next Friday.