White Bluff VFD Chief's report Aug. 2026

Calls for Service:

Medical	8
Structure	1
Boat Rescue	2
Lift Assist	4
Rehab	3
Total Calls	**19**

The department negotiated the purchase of lot 13 located adjacent to property already owned by the department. This will complete the property needed for the fire department expansion that will include a 60' X 60' two-story building to house six apparatuses and a second story for future dormitory for full-time firefighters as well as a Day Room. Obtaining land was the first step in making this a reality.

The Tornado warning sirens repair was completed, and the first test was this month. Special thanks to David Genrich for making this possible as all prior attempts to reenergize the sirens were ignored.

The department will receive a Sheriff's office Tahoe later this month after the HCSO replace their older patrol vehicles with Pickup trucks. The old Tahoe's were made available for the fire departments in Hill Co for use as needed by the department. A duel band radio was purchased to be installed in the truck for communications on the 800 band as well as the VHF band. The vehicle will be used by the chief for medical responses and operations control at the scene of Fires.

The department received Brush 331 back from Neel's after the pump and plumbing was upgraded to a diesel engine and pump with all new hoses and redline. Most of the cost was covered by a grant from the Forest Service.

The tires on Engine 331 were all replaced as the old tire were showing signs of wear and cracking. The new

tires will ensure the safety of the truck for the next ten years.

Basil Housewright and I met with representees for the Texas Water Utilities who operated the water and sewer services in White Bluff to finalize the installation of the first of several Fire Department water sources along White Bluff Dr. this will allow fire dept. tankers to have a closer available source of water during a fire emergency in the White Bluff Resort. The first valve will be at the corner of White Bluff Drive and Pebble Drive. Construction will start in about a month.

I spoke with Greg Tatsch the director of sales of Pierce Fire Trucks, who is handling the registration paperwork for our new 3000-gallon tanker. He said the delivery is scheduled for September, and it will first go to a Pierce maintenance yard to ensure everything works properly. We should have it by the BBQ in October. Most of the cost for the tanker was covered by a $300 thousand dollar grant from the Forest Service. A grant reimbursement of $25,000 was approved by the Forest Service for ppe (personal protective equipment).