

White Bluff Chief's Report for August 2025

Calls for Service:

Medical	9
Boat Rescue	1
Grass Fires	2
Vehicle Fires	3
Fire Alarms	1
Gas Odor Inv	1
Total	17

The lift for the Fire Department boat, that is stored at the marina, has been leaking air for several months causing the boat to lower back into the water. Repairs to the lift included replacing all the air hoses and repairing two valves that were cracked. We are monitoring the lift now to ensure there are no other problems.

The Attack truck A331 which had been listed for sale has been removed from the advertisement after a problem was discovered with the foam system. The truck was advertised with all systems functioning. Cost of repairing the

compressor and foam system was estimated at nearly twenty thousand dollars. A new idea for the truck was to convert it from a large brush truck to a 2000-gallon tanker and maintain the front nozzle and side sprayer that could be used as a high-volume brush truck in certain situations. We are in contact with fire truck manufacturers in Texas to determine the cost for this conversion.

Our tanker T131 developed a water leak somewhere on the tank. The truck has a lifetime warranty on the tank, so contact was made with the manufacturer, Deep South Fire Trucks, to request repairs. Deep South agreed to make the repairs under the warranty. This was in early June. They finally sent a truck to transport the tanker to their facility in Mississippi on June 25th and said it would take about six to eight weeks as the tank would have to be removed from the truck for the repair. We still have not received the repaired truck. The company spokesman said it was enroute to us last week when the transport truck broke down. The new estimate has it arriving here by next Thursday.

White Bluff VFD is scheduled to receive two grants from the Texas Forest Service in early October. The grants are for a tanker and a slide in unit for a brush truck. The grants are three hundred thousand for the tanker and forty-five thousand dollars for the slide in unit. We have been in

contact with a custom tanker manufacturer in Illinois who will make a 3000-gallon tanker on a 2026 diesel truck that meets our requirements and price range. The slide in unit may require the purchase of a new truck to install it on.