

BERGHEIM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

“Protecting Our Homes in the Hills”

FALL/WINTER 2019 NEWSLETTER

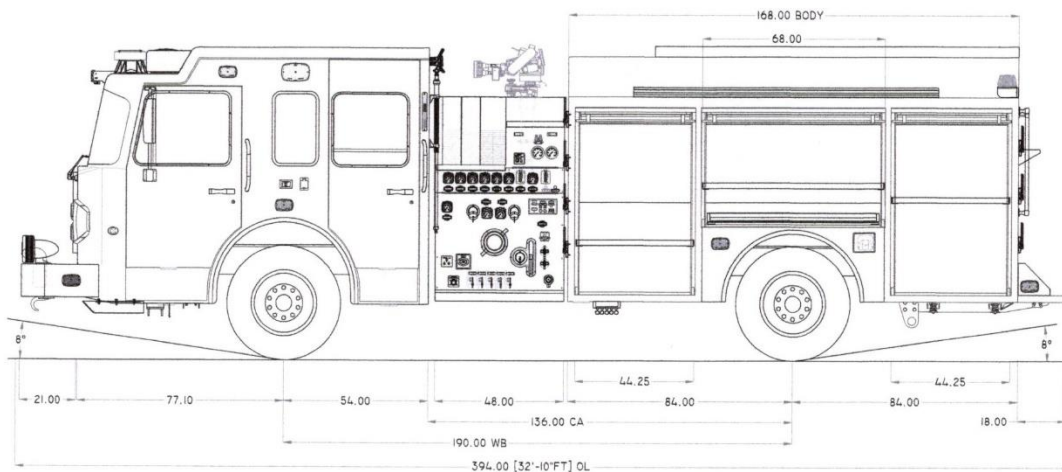
Visit our website at bergheimvfd.org for the latest Bergheim VFD news!

To volunteer or donate, call (830) 336-2590 or check our website

CALL 911 TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY

Bergheim Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) is dispatched through the Kendall County emergency system; therefore, **call 911 for all emergencies in our area.** The caller's address is used to determine which services are dispatched from which department.

“POWER UP” ENGINE 33!!



2019 FUNDRAISING PLANS - “POWER UP” ENGINE 33

We need your help to get new Engine 33 “Powered Up”! The focus of our 2019 fundraising campaign has been to raise funds for Engine 33 prior to its delivery date in early 2020. Thanks to a \$200,000 Texas Forest Service Grant, approximately **one third** of the vehicle is being paid for.

Our new Engine 33 provides us with a major improvement in our ability to serve our community! We NEED HELP and yes, of course, that means money. We need to pay for this wonderful new engine and to outfit it with all the essential equipment. The campaign goal is to raise **\$250,000** by the end of 2019 in preparation for the delivery of the vehicle.

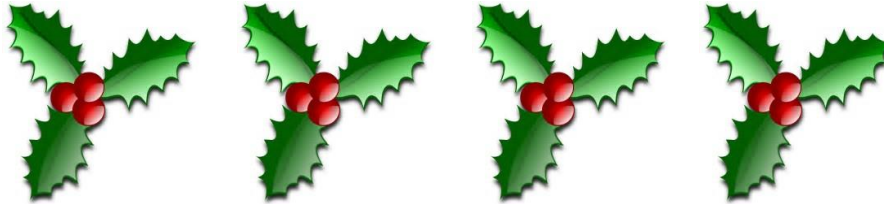
Our fundraiser this year was a “**virtual fundraiser**” -- no brick and mortar event in 2019. Invite a Board Member or one of our volunteer firefighting cadre to speak at your event and provide information on the current status of the Fire Department – how the department and our community have changed in the last 10 years, how we are funded, and other questions you might have or don't know you have! Send a message through the “Contact Us” section of our website and schedule a date!

As a Volunteer Fire Department, we rely on the community to donate the funds to enable the department to keep up with the growth of the community and thus more emergency services calls (fires, medical, accidents).

How do I donate?

- Complete and mail the donation form with your donation to:
Bergheim VFD PO Box 4141 Bergheim TX 78004.
- Contributions in the form of cash or stocks are also welcome; send a message through the “contact us” section of our website or email bergheimvfd@gvfc.com.

We can meet our goal if all of the property owners/homeowners in our coverage area pull together and send in a donation! Thank you to all who have already donated!



**ANNUAL MEETING & HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
DECEMBER 12th, 2019 AT 7 PM**

Join us on Thursday, December 12th, at the Fire Station for a short business meeting to include election of officers and board members followed by refreshments. This is a great time to meet your Board Members, your Fire Chief, some of the volunteer firefighters and learn more about the Fire Department.

GET INVOLVED - SERVE ON THE BOARD

Did you know the Bergheim VFD Board consists of seven elected members from our community? The four Officer positions (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) are one-year terms. No individual can hold an Officer position until they have served in the Department actively for one year. No member of the Department can serve as President until they have been an Officer or Director for at least one year. The three Director positions are elected on a staggered schedule with one Director up for election each year. If you are interested, contact one of the Board Members for more information, attend a meeting or two, get involved and think about running for one of the positions.

GREETINGS FROM YOUR BOARD

We are always looking for volunteer firefighters. All you need to do is to attend a training meeting on Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm at the fire station or contact Chief Hawkins at adamh44@hotmail.com for more information.

Thank you for your support,
Jeff Hoffstadt, Board President

And from your Board:

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| Ken West | Vice-President | Robert Walker | Director |
| Nancy Arthur | Treasurer | Ben Pruett | Director |
| Paul Mebane | Secretary | Buddy Schuchardt | Director |

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$250,000!

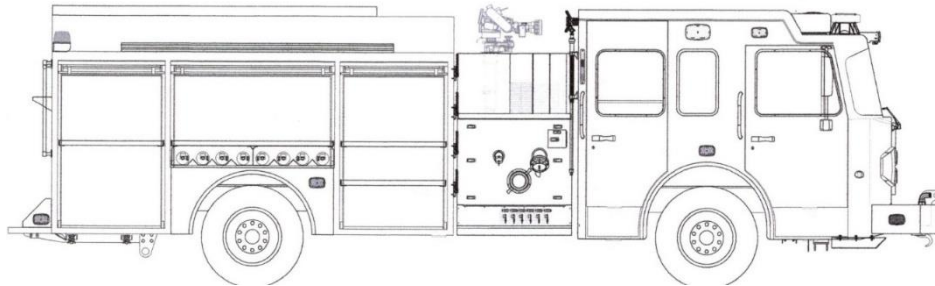
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**VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND SEE WHAT YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE TALKING
ABOUT!
WWW.BERGHEIMVFD.ORG**

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**NO DONATION IS TOO LARGE OR TOO SMALL! HELP US MEET OUR
GOAL!**

TO DONATE:

Please accept the enclosed donation of \$_____ to the Bergheim VFD.

I/We wish my/our donation to remain anonymous

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Bergheim VFD is a 501C(3) non-profit organization; donations are deductible under Section 170 of the IRS Code. A letter acknowledging your contribution will be returned to you as a tax receipt for donations of \$250 or greater.

Please mail donation and form to: Bergheim Volunteer Fire Department
PO Box 4141
Bergheim, TX 78004