

Cuero Volunteer Fire Department

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City Council June 14, 2021

Fire Chief:	Brian L Ladwig
1 st Assistant Chief:	Fred Postert
2 nd Assistant Chief:	Cody Rath
3 rd Assistant Chief:	Mark Baros
Secretary:	Bo Daniel
Treasurer:	Jared Grigsby – resigned last month – moved out of the area for personal reasons – the executive board met to appoint a volunteer, Dakota Drabek, to fill the vacancy until election time next year,.

Staffing:

We have 21 volunteers on the roster, 11 of those fire fighters can do interior attack on a structure fire. The other 10 volunteers are in various stages of training, from just getting in to almost completing the necessary training to fight fires interior. 1 volunteer fire fighter is attending the Victoria County Fire Academy and at the end of the year, that fire fighter would have the training requirements to challenge the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) test to become a commissioned fire fighter. In mid-September, this volunteer will also be able to do interior attack. The fire fighter will have to get their basic emergency medical technician EMT, in order to get hired as a commissioned fire fighter. We have two volunteers that went to the academy last year.

Apparatus:

The Cuero Volunteer Fire Department has one engine, two tankers (1,000 gal. & 3,000 gallon), 3 brush trucks (1 large 800-gallon, 2 small-350 gallon). We also have a small V-hull boat that was donated by the Lions Club years ago, and the Rescue Boat that was donated by Worthington, Minnesota.

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Associations:

The Cuero VFD is a member of the State Firefighter Fire Marshall Association (SFFMA), who is our certifying program administrator. The membership is certified through SFFMA, meeting the requirements for certification in various disciplines: Fire fighter 1, Fire fighter 2, Wildland fire fighter, Driver Operator, Auto Extrication Technician, High Angle Rescue, Trench Rescue, Swift Water Rescue, Agriculture Rescue, and various levels of management training.

SFFMA holds one main state convention each year. Every year it is held in a different part of Texas. This year it is being held in Lubbock, Texas on June 25 through the 27. Chief Ladwig will be attending the convention this year, he leaves out on the 24th and will return on the 28th. Chief Ladwig will be receiving information on the new software program being developed for submitting training records, and other

The Cuero VFD is a member of the Guadalupe District of the SFFMA. The Guadalupe District, right now, meets twice a year. The spring convention with a memorial service and the fall convention. This year the spring convention and memorial service was hosted by the LaGrange Fire Department. The fall convention will be held in Cuero, hosted by the Cuero VFD on 09-25-2021 at the city park clubhouse. We are estimating around 80-100 people in attendance.

The Cuero VFD is also a member of the South Texas Fire Chief Officers Association, with Brian Ladwig serving as the vice-chairperson for the past 4 years. This association meets every other month (odd number months) sharing information with the membership about various issues and grants that may be available to apply for. The meeting travels around to different departments, which host the meeting. Cuero has historically hosted January's meeting and will continue to do so.

