



# GERONIMO VILLAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## NEWSLETTER SPRING 05

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### Upcoming Events

- BBO: APR. 10, 2005
- The Community Hall is available for rent call Vern Phipps @ 679-7297
- ESD Meeting March 19, 2005 @ 11509 Potranco Rd #11 (9:00 AM)
- GV Meeting April 4, 2005

### Spring Barbeque April 10, 2005



Yes, It is that time again...The brisket, sausage and chicken will be cooking on **April 10th** at Geronimo Village Fire Department, station 1. Our brisket is smoked for over 16 hours and we have been told it is some of the best in south Texas! We will start serving at 11:00 am and end about 5:00 pm. All orders will be take-out style but please sit with us and enjoy—we love the company. Seating is available out on the picnic tables or in our air conditioned hall. Station 1 is located at 2096 Talley Road.

Take Potranco Road outside Loop 1604 to the stop light, turn right on to Talley Road and continue approximately 2 miles. Station 1 is on the right. Come early and enjoy the day and check out our fire trucks and meet with the firefighters and medics. This is your Fire Department—help us help you. Keep your self informed about all of our events at [www.geronimovillagevfd.org](http://www.geronimovillagevfd.org).

### THE PROGRESS OF GVVFD

Each year we bring to you some sort of request for donations to help our department further the cause of providing the best first response emergency medical, fire suppression services possible. This issue I would like to highlight where your money is spent. With funds from the Bexar County Emergency Services District #2 (ESD#2), grant from FEMA and the Texas Forest Service, and your donations we were able to purchase multiple large dollar items. In late 2003, twenty new sets of Bunker Gear were purchased from a FEMA grant and donations. In 2004 we purchased, a brand new 2004 Ford F550 Brush Truck, 2004 Freightliner American LaFrance 3000 gallon Tanker/Fire Engine from ESD#2 support and donations. We were able to restore our 6X6 (Heavy Duty Brush Truck donated by Texas Forest Service) with your help and the help of our firefighters to replace parts and completely repaint the entire truck, and a complete training package from Action Train Systems was purchased which will give our department the best training available. In the last issue you saw that we were able to expand our thrift shop. The individuals who donated products for us to resell, brought scores of dollars a month. For the first time we were able to hire 2 individuals during the day and one at night, to be there for your needs. Geronimo Village Volunteer Fire Department brings to you over 50 active individuals for fire and medical response, 4 fire trucks, 3 Brush Trucks, and 1 Rescue/Fire trucks. And soon another brand new Brush Truck thanks to a Texas Forest Service Grant that is in the works right now. So to the community, we would like to thank you for your 33 years of support, hard work, and financial generosity. Because with out you, we would not even be able get this newsletter out to you, much less provide the fire suppression and first medical response that we have given you for so many years.

### NORTHWEST VFD & BCESD#2

Northwest Volunteer Fire Department is our sister/brother department in the ESD#2. Now last month, we sent out to some of our community a letter that explained some differences about Northwest Volunteer Fire Department. The letter it self was true, however, very harsh. You see the BCESD#2 has the governing authority over the service area. They expanded their coverage area before building them a new station to cover Air Force Village II, Dove Creek, Briggs Ranch, Pioneer Estates, the entire highway 90 corridor, part of Grossenbacher Road and Highway 211. Some of our members felt that the decision was not for the best of the community because of the increase in response time, but for the better interest of the ESD#2. But actually the ESD really is trying to even the work load and call response as well as move their station inside our service area as it is still located outside the ESD#2 District. Hopefully soon, Northwest will have a new station located centrally in the southern part of the district. We hope to work close with Northwest VFD in trainings and together on scenes. We hope you accept them with open arms, for they will be serving some of the area also. Geronimo Village wants to do what is absolutely best for the community. We always have and always will. Hopefully, we can now take the correct steps into assuring that we all work together as a team. You see your donations help us go a long way and we hope that you will continue to help out both Geronimo Village and Northwest Volunteer Fire Department's in the future as hopefully one day we will become one fire department serving the entire community of Bexar County Emergency Services District #2. Therefore we would like to thank you, Northwest Volunteer Fire Department, for your willingness to help when needed.

### EMERGENCY 911

#### NON-EMERGENCY

Geronimo Village VFD  
679-7051  
679-7613 Fax

Bexar County Sheriff  
335-6000 Ext: 1

Bexar County  
Animal Control  
207-6650

#### BURN PERMITS

Bexar County Fire  
Marshal  
335-0300

#### BEES

W/Sting - Call 911  
W/Out Sting - Please  
Call Exterminator

### Proud Members



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GVVFD Board, Chief Officers and  
Membership

**ENVELOPE IS SUPPLIED FOR YOUR DONATIONS! THANK YOU**

## Message From Our President:

The Geronimo Village Fire Department has been serving western Bexar County for over thirty-two years providing fire suppression, rescue and emergency medical first responder services. This is done mainly with volunteers who have given their time and energy to help their fellow citizens. It takes a special person to get up in the middle of the night, leave a warm bed, and venture out to help their neighbors and possibly put their own life in jeopardy for no pay.

The Geronimo Village Fire Department currently has approximately 80 members who in one way or another volunteer their time and energy for their community. Last year the Geronimo Village Volunteer Fire Department responded to over nine hundred and fifty calls for service in our area.

The one thing that keeps any volunteer fire department going is not just its supporters but its members. As you can see we have several different areas where talent and participation is needed. If you are interested in volunteering as a first responder or just helping out with our Thrift Shop, please come

out and see what you can do for your local fire department and your community. We hold a business meeting the first Monday of each month at our meeting hall on Talley Road. All other Monday nights are either medical or fire training. You can also check out our website at: [www.geronimovillagevfd.org](http://www.geronimovillagevfd.org) for further information.

The concept of volunteer fire fighting was conceived by Benjamin Franklin during the early Colonial time of America. The United States has changed a lot in the past two hundred thirty years, but the idea of volunteering and serving your fellow citizens has not changed. I look forward to meeting you. Please come out and see what your fire department is all about and how you can help us, help you and your neighbors.

**Ken Lemanski**

**President, Geronimo Village Board of Directors**



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