

## Medina Volunteer Fire Department Information

Bandera County honors the effort we make, but doesn't provide any financial assistance, training, or support services. County property taxes collected in Medina do not fund the volunteer fire department. We rely entirely on the generosity of those we protect and serve. It can be a challenge to operate a fire department in a rural area as resources can be in short supply. Keeping volunteers trained is a constant challenge. It's taken many years and a lot of fundraising, but we're finally close to reaching our goal to expand our station.

With the added equipment comes the need to find additional volunteer fire fighters. There are no paid members in our volunteer department. Fire fighters on the Medina crew leave their paid jobs to respond to a neighbor's call for help. It's not uncommon for these dedicated souls to forgo their normal means of income to respond to an incident, but they answer your calls with great pride and a genuine sense of urgency.

We're constantly evaluating ways to defray the costs these men and women absorb because they are often this community's first and only line of defense and make the difference between good and bad outcomes. All of these initiatives require money. Last year, about 1 in 3 Medina residents made a financial contribution. County wide, 1 in 5 land owners honored our effort to protect their property with their financial support. Many donate after they've had an emergency requiring support. We appreciate any support, but we need more to consistently equip a trained fire crew.

Please consider an annual donation based on the following formula; if you own property in the 78055 zip code, please think about donating \$50 per every \$100,000 of fair market value. This would approximate the amount of money needed to support our department costs. For non-property owners, a gift of \$25 per household would assist to insure that our volunteers have the resources necessary to respond.

The Medina Volunteer Fire Department has a website; <http://medinavfd.com/> to which a Pay Pal feature has been added for donations based on feedback from our community supporters. Your donation is greatly appreciated and fully tax deductible.

### Overview of the Department

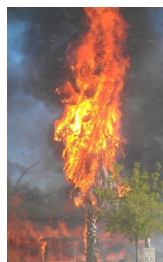
The department has 18 trained volunteers and 20 support members. The officers and directors administer and oversee all departmental operations. Ten crew members have Fire Fighter I skills for structure and wildfire suppression. Three crew members are certified at level II and our chief and assistant chief are certified to level III with advanced suppression skills specific to chemical and petroleum fires. Several crew members are going to re-certify at high angle and swift water rescue. Five in the roster have stepped up to the demands by taking EMT training in 2013. Medical care in the first 60 minutes, referred to as the "Golden Hour", greatly impacts the outcome of medical emergencies like stroke, heart attack, and trauma injuries. Having five EMTs based in Medina improves the response time and provides the life saving techniques required prior to the arrival of Life Flight or Bandera County EMS. In addition to this training, we are in the process of building a first response truck to coincide with the completion of EMT training at an estimated cost of \$35,000.

### Progressive Efforts and Benefits to Property Owners

Our progressive efforts were noticed by those in the rescue industry who assess risk. *Insurance Services Office*, or **ISO**, performs a *Public Protection Classification* survey in which Medina's fire department participates. **ISO** is the leading supplier of statistical, underwriting, and *actuarial data for the property/casualty insurance industry*. Our department has been notified that as a result of community investments in fire suppression and water delivery our assessment of risk classification is now a **6/9 rating**, down from an **8/9 rating**. Medina's fire suppression & water delivery is now equivalent with 77.2% of the country's fire protection. The risk assessment concentrates on three areas: fire alarm and communication 10%, fire department equipment and pumping capacity 50%, and water supply system 40%. *The cost to insure property decreases as our ISO rating decreases. You save money because you support our mission.*

### FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN OF RESPONSES

Incident Responses	2011	2012	2013
EMS	15	39	45
False Alarm	3	3	2
Good Intent	1	1	2
HAZMAT	1	0	1
Other	9	3	0
Rescue	0	1	0
Service	9	0	1
Structure	6	8	7
Vegetation	35	21	15
Vehicle	18	20	11
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>84</b>
School & Training Expenses	\$ -	\$ 3,626.02	\$ 2,284.26
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 28,034.27	\$ 15,339.84	\$ 17,930.65
Occupancy Expenses	\$ 26,695.97	\$ 24,136.61	\$ 29,863.15
Total Expenses	\$ 54,730.24	\$ 43,102.47	\$ 50,078.06
<b>Cost Per Response</b>	<b>\$ 564.23</b>	<b>\$ 448.98</b>	<b>\$ 596.17</b>



**Send your contributions to:**

**Medina Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 1650**  
**Medina, Texas 78055**

**Phone: 830-589-7178**  
**Fax: 830-589-7178**

**<http://medinavfd.com>**



**Medina  
Volunteer  
Fire Department, Inc.**



The Medina volunteer firefighters are motivated, dedicated, and eager to help when you need it most.  
We protect your family, your property, and assist with your medical emergencies.  
We run to the problem even when common sense tells most to get away.  
When 911 rings, we respond, provided we have the financial resources to do so.  
**Your help is needed!**

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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

Non-Profit  
U.S. Postage  
Paid  
Medina, Texas  
Permit # 5

**Fellow Medina Resident**  
**Medina, Texas 78055**

**2014 Officers**

**President:** Ilona (Loni) Culp  
**Vice President:** Lee Bailey  
**Treasurer:** Grace Atwood  
**Secretary:** Linda Barton  
**Fire Chief:** Shane Keese  
**Sgt. At Arms:** Jason Berry  
  
**Director #1:** Daryl Burger  
**Director #2:** Wesley Zirkel  
**Director #3:** Fred Sides  
**Director #4:** Craig Knight  
**Director #5:** Clay Walker  
**Director #6:** Criss Wilson

***To Serve and Protect***

**MVFD RESPONDERS**  
**Fire Chief:** Shane Keese  
**Assistant Chief:** Daryl Burger  
  
Lee Bailey                      Jason Berry  
Jennifer Berry                Chance Haynie  
Toby Keeling                 Hal Keese  
Tasha Leyva                 April McCrary  
Layne McDowell             Samantha Mills  
Lynn Moore                 Chris Pump  
Donny Rambin              Tyler Rich  
Joel Sides                     Bill Simmons  
James Tune                  Scott Watson  
Travis Watson

**MVFD 2014 Goals**

Provide outstanding service to the community and the 386 square mile service area  
  
Maintain safety and effectiveness of members so they can best accomplish that mission  
  
Train all Firefighters in advanced rescue  
  
Procure the necessary equipment and vehicles to ensure safety and responsiveness  
  
Maintain strength by effectively recruiting Firefighters and support members