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BSFD GETS A NEW FIRE TRUCK

The Big Spring Fire Department got a new addition to the department in the form of a brand new fire truck.

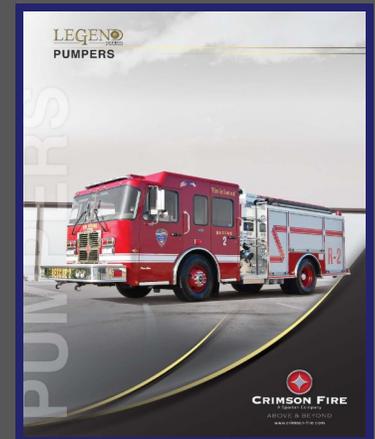
The new rig is a 2009 Spartan pumper truck from the Legend Series. The truck is designed to use the latest computer-aided fabrication and assembly technologies to allow departments to stack and arrange the trucks to create a variety of custom solutions. The rig will provide the BSFD with more usable storage space in the various compartments located in the truck.

The truck features a stainless steel sub frame with a body mount system that reduces vibration and stress to increase the truck's durability. The truck has a 1500 gallon water

tank capacity and features a LED warning light package.

The rig is a large investment for the City and adds to the department's fleet of five fire engines and six ambulances. The new truck will replace one of the department's older rigs. The rig being retired, originally purchased in 1987, will be sold at auction.

PHOTOS:
Big Spring's new fire truck was featured on the cover of the Crimson brochure for the Legend series of fire trucks.



The 2010 City of Big Spring Employee Appreciation Picnic

will be held on Friday, September 3rd at the Dora Roberts Community Center. All City employees are invited to attend. Lunch will be served and service awards will be distributed. The awards for Male & Female Employee of the Year and Supervisor of the Year will also be presented.



PHOTO: Thank you to SWCID students (from left) Steven Davis, Jason Smith, Jared Hoel, Shawn O'Neil, Kelvin Crable, and Lakrisha Nilo.

BUFFALO AT THE SPRING

At the request of the Big Spring Convention & Visitors Bureau, the SWCID welding class made two metal sculptures of life-sized buffalo to be displayed at Comanche Trail Park. These students worked for three months to create the buffalo that weigh in at 300 and 500 pounds. Please stop by the spring to see the great work that these students have done and see how this addition enhances the "big spring."

Big Spring Delegates Attend the Sister City Festival in Laredo, Texas

On April 23rd through the 25th, City of Big Spring delegates, along with our sister city, San Miguel el Alto, participated in the Seventh Sister Cities Festival held in Laredo, Texas. The three day festival, held at the Laredo Entertainment Center, welcomed over 400 exhibitors from the surrounding region.

Delegates from Big Spring who attended the festivities were City Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr., City Manager Gary Fuqua, Finance Director Peggy Walker, Fire Chief Brian Jensen, Gloria Blackburn and Bobby Arizmendi.

A gala dinner held for those in attendance highlighted the presence of some of the costumes from the states of Nayarit, Morelos, Estado de Mexico and Jalisco. The event was also attended by singer Arely Hernandez, who with his voice, delighted the audience.

The City of Big Spring extends a special thanks to the members of the Government of the City of Laredo, most notably Mayor Raul Salinas who made our delegates feel at home. We also thank our brothers and sisters from San Miguel el Alto for their kindness and warmth during our visit. The City of Big Spring will welcome a group of delegates from San Miguel for a visit during the City's Fourth of July Pops in the Park festivities.



PHOTO: (from left) San Miguel el Alto president Miguel Hernandez Anaya with the Fire Chief, Gloria Blackburn, Bobby Arizmendi and Big Spring City Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr.

Under West Texas Skies

News West 9 will be broadcasting live from downtown Big Spring on July 16th. The Chamber of Commerce hopes to make this year's event bigger & better with help from the community. Any business, church, organization, etc is invited to have a booth at no cost. The goal is to have a festival like atmosphere with games, food & vendors of all kinds. The City of Big Spring will be operating a dunking booth with help from several of our Big Spring Police Officers and Firefighters who have bravely stepped up and agreed to take turns getting dunked! Make plans now to be a part of the family fun! If you are interested in participating, call the Chamber of Commerce at (432) 263-7641. If you are not interested in participating, we still encourage our City employees to attend this event and show your support for your community!



The Comanche Trail Golf Course has a new look in the form of a newly rebuilt Pro Shop. Above: the exterior view of the Pro Shop. Right: a lounge area for golfers complete with a

Congratulations to the newest members of the Big Spring Police Department. Pictured below are officers Terri Lovell and Michael Saucedo.

They were sworn in by Police Chief Lonnie Smith on June 1, 2010 after completing their training at the Midland Police Academy and receiving their TCLEOSE certification. The City congratulates both of you on your accomplishment and thanks you for your service to our city.



Happy Birthday!

July

Terry Wofford	7/5
Nancy Jones	7/6
Eric Gonzales	7/6
Justin Denton	7/7
Bob Fitzgibbons	7/8
Becky Letz	7/8
Kevin King	7/9
Derwin Fry	7/12
Lionel Perez	7/12
Thomas Batterton	7/13
Mark Daily	7/13
Vickie Cortez	7/14
Orlando Chavez	7/15
Jake Sparks	7/17
Abel Pesina	7/18
Colt Price	7/19
Rich Grove	7/20
Perry Hall	7/21
Jake Kimball	7/22
David Hodges	7/23
Kyle Morrison	7/23
Steven Fryar	7/23
Clete Andrews	7/24
Jennifer Cloud	7/26
Edward Gonzales	7/26
Stacy Coffman	7/27
Manuel Gonzales Jr.	7/29
Col. Jim Little	7/30

August

Jesse Baker	8/1
Laura LaRue	8/2
Daniel Gibbs	8/5
Eric Barber	8/5
Glenn Graves	8/7
Pam Vinson	8/11
Hector Granado	8/11
Adolfo Salazar	8/11
Steven Hedges	8/13
Patrick Gonzales	8/13
Brandon Hayes	8/14
Jack Birdwell	8/15
Steven Patterson	8/17
Matt Hooper	8/17
David Martin	8/17
Daniel Hendrickson	8/18
Christopher Carroll	8/22
Terri Telchik	8/24
Jana Murphree	8/25
Cabell Mackie	8/26

Samuel Nevils	8/27
Michael Mahaney	8/29
Gina Valencia	8/30
Anthony Fuentes	8/30
Augustine Garcia Jr.	8/31

September

Thad Thomas	9/1
Brian Jensen	9/4
Alex Calvio	9/5
Barrett Barbour	9/6
Mark Heinis	9/7
Lesa Coskey	9/7
Eric Barton	9/8
Daniel Garza	9/10
Lewis Hilario	9/11
Michael Saucedo	9/11
Chad Hoban	9/12
Terry Chamness	9/13
Steve Bedell	9/13
Nancy Crenshaw	9/15
Daniel Silen	9/15
Michael Moore	9/15
Albert Valle	9/15
Ben Bias	9/16
James Taylor Jr.	9/17
Charles Hale	9/17
Bob Stapp Jr.	9/18
Leon Rodriquez	9/19
Travis Simmons	9/20
Johnny Bedell	9/22
Peggy Walker	9/24
Harley Taff	9/24
Roy Lee Spivey	9/25
Tony Everett	9/25
Curtis Welch	9/26
Michael Coffman	9/27
Michelle Sanchez	9/28
Rick Boiles	9/29

Jim Little Named 2010 General Aviation Airport Manager of the Year



On April 13, 2010, Big Spring announced that McMahon Wrinkle Airport manager Jim Little had been named General Aviation Airport Manager of the Year by the Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division during the Texas Aviation Conference.

The award is presented annually to the airport manager who excels in finding ways to improve, sustain, develop and enhance his airport's operations. "I was surprised and shocked," Little said. "I was not even aware I had been nominated for the award. I was down there at the conference and didn't have a clue until the banquet, when they started talking about the winner, who was a retired Air Force colonel who had overseen several improvements to his airport, including a resurfaced runway. That's when I started putting two and two together."

It has been an eventful past twelve months for the airport. Aside from the major resurfacing project on runway 17, the smaller crosswind runway has been crack-sealed and the airport helped with several major events, including the biannual Webb Air Force Base reunion, the Young Eagles youth aviation program, the annual hang-gliding championships and other events.

Little has even more designs for improvement in the future, including adding to the load strength of the taxiways, which would allow larger commercial aircraft to land. Improving the airport's refueling capabilities would attract more customer traffic.

On behalf of all City of Big Spring employees and residents, congratulations Colonel Little on your much deserved recognition.

On May 8th, Big Spring's McMahon Wrinkle Airport hosted the 5th Annual Prairie Dog Fly In. Although the weather didn't really cooperate, the overcast skies and strong winds didn't put a damper the festivities.

There were a total of 14 planes and about 60 guests who attended the fly in. Guests were treated to a pancake breakfast, door prizes and giveaways and tours of the Hangar 25 Air Museum. Fuel discounts, compliments of Lone Star Aviation, were available for attendees.

The Confederate Air Force High Sky Wing brought out several planes in addition to the general aviation planes that were on hand.





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Use of City Vehicles

The use of a City vehicle by an employee is neither a right nor a privilege; rather, it is a trust given to assist in the necessary performance of job duties. The use of a City vehicle should always lead to a positive perception of the City by our citizens. Some important things to remember regarding the use of City vehicles:

1. City vehicles must be parked in a driveway, on the street, or any other non-grassy area. Parking of City vehicles on grassy areas projects a negative image to the public and will not be tolerated. Failure to park City vehicles properly may lead to the vehicle privilege being revoked.
2. Employees should always wear a seat belt when the vehicle is in operation.
3. Employees who are assigned a City vehicle shall ensure all of the vehicle's required preventative maintenance is performed on schedule and in a timely manner so as to maintain optimum running condition and maximum fuel economy.
4. Employees shall be responsible for the appearance and cleanliness (interior and exterior) of the vehicle. This means the vehicle should be kept free of litter and debris. The City's Service Center has a power washer available for use by City employees to wash City vehicles.

The complete Vehicle Policy is outlined in the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual. Please contact the Human Resources office with any questions regarding this policy or to obtain a copy of the policy manual.

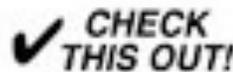


STAR EMPLOYEES

Reyes Castillo Roy Lee Spivey
Nick Reyna Chris Bishop

New City Employees

Ronnie Stinson	Landfill
Wayne Landis	Parks
Cameron Parker	Golf Course
Travis Williams	Service Center
Julie VanDyken	Communications
Bailey LaRue	Sports Complex
Kevin Goss	Fire Department
Jacob McCain	Fire Department
Levi Rudder	Fire Department
Jeremy Petrowski	Golf Course
Mark Compean	Utilities
Esteban Pina	Purchasing
Dusty Kirby	Golf Course
Roy Lee Metcalf	Sanitation
Michael Chandler	Golf Course



The City of Big Spring Compost has wood chips available for FREE. These wood chips can be used

for mulching around trees and flowerbeds and are ideal for padding children's play areas and can even be used as animal bedding.

There is no limit to the amount of wood chips you can get from the compost. You will need to have a means of picking up the wood chips from the compost and transporting them to your desired location. Hours of operation for the City compost facility are Monday through Saturday, 8 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 5 pm The compost is located in the Industrial Park on Perimeter Road.