



## CRYSTAL BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE RESCUE & EMS

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To all of our Crystal Beach friends and neighbors:

We are writing this year's fund drive letter to ask for your support and to give you an update on your VOLUNTEER Fire Department. Since last year we have completed 99% of the station rebuild of both buildings, received and dispersed some donated fire gear to members and continued maintenance on our equipment. We still want to enlarge the heliport for the larger medical and rescue helicopters to land. As you know most all of our equipment was removed from the peninsula and survived the hurricane, unfortunately afterwards this equipment spent over a year outside in the elements. These conditions have taken a toll on our equipment. We are working on grants to help offset some of the cost in purchasing this equipment.

As such it is time to replace this necessary equipment to ensure continued protection and ISO rating. The ISO rating we have now is a 7, before the storm we were scheduled for a new ISO survey. We feel we could have had a rating of 5. We are working on this again to achieve this before the end of the year. Another item of need this year is the purchase of turnout gear / equipment for our firefighters. This protective gear averages \$2,000 for each firefighter with an additional \$4,000 to \$6,000 per Air Pack (Breathing Unit).

On a positive note the departments' membership is growing. These new member's are eager to serve the community and are working toward obtaining the necessary training to serve you in your time of need. New members are required to go through emergency medical training or get trained as firefighters. This training is not cheap and we utilize grants as much as possible to help cover a portion of the costs.

Crystal Beach has been in operation for 41 years working hard to provide our citizens with the best fire protection and emergency medical services possible. The department is making great strides, but without your continued support this would be impossible. Please take the time to return the enclosed envelope, with your contribution made out to CRYSTAL BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE RESCUE & EMS DEPARTMENT, or if you would like to donate by CREDIT CARD please contact us by using the phone number or E-mail below. Help us continue to support these and all department needs. The summer season is just around the corner; demand for fire and emergency response grows as our community does. The CRYSTAL BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE RESCUE & EMS DEPARTMENT would like to thank you in advance for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated by all of the emergency response personnel and your community.

If you have any questions please feel free to call 409-684-6311 or E-mail [chief@cbvfd.org](mailto:chief@cbvfd.org) or Visit our Web site at [www.cbvfd.org](http://www.cbvfd.org) for the latest fire safety tips, news, activities, and other information about the CRYSTAL BEACH VFD/EMS.

Remember: Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors save lives.

Thank you.