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EMS Profile: Windthorst Volunteer Fire Department

About us: The Windthorst Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1976 and is one of 879 volunteer fire departments in Texas who operate primarily on donations and fundraisers. WVFD hosts several training classes every month that utilize instructors both from within the department, as well as outside instructors who come to Windthorst to teach classes. Because the department understands that others need to have access to this type of training as well, fire departments and EMS services in the surrounding area are invited to attend these classes, often at no cost.

Number of personnel:

Currently every position on the 25-person roster is filled, with fifteen members possessing emergency medical certifications. Their dedication can be seen during meetings that typically include at least 20 members. These volunteers donate their time to attend meetings and training classes. Their only reward is that they have the honor of serving their community by being there for their neighbors when they are needed most.

Area of service: WVFD serves an area of approximately 350 square miles in Archer, Clay and Jack counties.

Number of calls: The department responds to approximately 150 emergencies per year, many on the busy stretch of



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U.S. Hwy 281 that runs through the area.

Current activities and achievements: Windthorst VFD was a co-winner of the 2011 First Responder of the Year Award at Texas EMS Conference. This award recognizes the department for its excellence in patient care, public education and training. WVFD provides a valuable service to their own community and they help other agencies in the area do the same for their local areas.

Also honored at Texas EMS Conference was Pete Wolf, a 33-year member of the Windthorst VFD. Pete was honored with the Journey of Excellence Award by the Chairman of the Governor's

EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC), Vance Riley. Wolf was given this award for providing service, dedication and leadership to the emergency medical community. He has dedicated his life to serving others through his participation in the medical field. Wolf has had a long career in emergency medicine, working as a paramedic, volunteer fire chief and currently as a regional director for Air Evac Lifeteam. Wolf was appointed to the first GETAC by Governor George W. Bush. He helped write the first Elected Officials Guide to EMS, a book that helped the public better understand the importance of EMS and trauma systems to all Texans.