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Angus Volunteer Fire Department

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To:

Navarro County Commissioner's Court

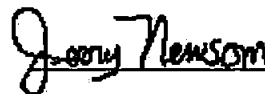
The Angus Volunteer Fire Department has been responding to more and more calls this past year and is responding to even more calls already this current period. With this increase in call volume, we are struggling to "keep up" with finances. We were lucky enough to receive a large equipment grant from the USDA which is being administered through the Texas Department of Agriculture. This grant helps us with equipment needs but there are costs associated with this. We have increased maintenance costs such as fuel prices and costs to operate.

We have 6 OPERATIONAL apparatus and each has responded to many calls this past year as well as the first half of 2025. Last year, for example, we had to replace batteries on 4 units as well as tires on 3 apparatus. The tires alone were over \$11,000.

We are asking for consideration to receive compensation for a 5th truck. This is still not covering each piece of equipment but would be very beneficial. We try to be the best stewards of our tax payers money and feel like we are being that. Please consider our request and if you have any questions concerning this, reach out to us. We very much appreciate the relationship with each of the commissioners and judge.

Ordinarily we would not ask for an increase but our call volume has increased so much and the funds to pay the bills might not always be there. We have regular local fundraisers but unfortunately we have an area that is less fortunate monetarily. Our last fundraiser actually lost a few dollars instead of gaining a few.

Please consider funding our 5th truck in order to better serve the citizens of our area as well as those traveling through.



Jerry Newsom, Fire Chief