

Friends and neighbors,

We, at the **Woodworth Fire Department**, want you to be aware of the dangers associated with wildfires in our area where the forest meets your neighborhoods. We encourage you to use this information to be fire wise and fire safe in your homes and surrounding community. Remember that any type of open burning is a chance for disaster that can be prevented by taking precautionary measures, never leaving a fire unattended, and always check with your local Fire Department before any type of outdoor burning. This would also include obtaining **Burn Permits** and information as to **Burn Bans** in our area.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

The term **Wildland Urban Interface** is used to describe areas where extensive **vegetation**, mixes with numerous structures and their inhabitants. These types of fires often grow very large in the forestry areas before spreading to the populated areas.

As part of the Wildfire Preparedness Day we encourage our community to participate in mitigation projects to help reduce the risk of Wildfire damage to their homes and neighborhoods.

- Manage the vegetation around your home to create defensible space for protection.
- Use Fire Resistant building materials when building or improving homes.
- Help design new subdivisions using fire safe measures.

Our ability to live more safely in this environment depends on “pre-fire” activities. Research shows by being proactive before a wildfire occurs, you have a better chance of saving lives and property from wildfire.

The **Town of Woodworth** is the perfect example of the **Wildland Urban Interface**. **The Woodworth Fire Department** has a very close working relationship with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, U.S. Forest Service, and all of the neighboring fire departments. We look forward to continuing our public education and fire prevention programs to further raise the awareness of this potential threat to our community.

#### FYI:

- In the event of an **Emergency, Dial 911**.
- Our **Non-Emergency** Phone Number, **(318) 442-8861**.
- **Fire Station #1 (J.D. Glass Memorial Station)** is located at 9059 Hwy. 165 South. This Station is also the main Administrative Headquarters, housing two (2) engine/rescue companies (one of which is a new 1500 GPM pumper), one (1) command vehicle.
- **Fire Station #2 (Richard A. Butler Memorial Station)** is located at 764 Robinson Bridge Rd, and is now in service for our community, housing one (1) engine company and one (1) service/rescue company.
- We are a combination Fire Department:
  - We have fulltime Firefighters/EMR's, on duty at station #1 24/7, year round.
  - Being a Combination Fire Department, we also have a full complement of Volunteer Firefighters and EMR's.
  - **Woodworth Police Officers also respond to all Fire and EMS emergencies along with the Fire Department.**
- We conduct weekly Training Meetings, every Tuesday at 6:30pm, for all members of the Fire Department.
- We are very proud of our Junior Firefighter Program for ages 14-17, where we are training for the future of our Department.

#### BURN PERMITS:

- May be obtained from Fire Station #1, at no cost, and are required for any and all outside open burning.



The Burn Permit program, which started in 2012, has significantly reduced the threat of catastrophic loss due to wildfires by allowing the Woodworth Fire Department to know who, where, and when a permitted control burn is taking place. Your participation has helped make this important fire safety program a success. In 2014, we issued 306 burn permits with only 11 grass/brush fire incidents. 273-burn permits were issued in 2015 with only 4 grass/brush fires. None of these incidents involved permit holders. Thank you for your cooperation.



**"Working Together for a Safer Community"**