

Dear Community,

How are you all doing? I pray well and prepared as much as possible for this new school year. I have been focused on our city's budget, audit and preparing for next year's budget and all that goes into that. Gwyn and I with all the directors have been working to put a budget together that fits with what we need and will require to sustain the city. We are working on more city needs and the repairs it needs as we continue to focus on rebuilding this beautiful community. The greatest thing I have learned this week is about how amazing God is in our life. Philippians 4:6-9 Colossians 3. Be anxious for nothing but in prayer and supplication.

I would like to reach out and Give A GREAT BIG SHOUT OUT TO OUR CITY EMPLOYEES THIS WEEK.

Monday started Sunday night for all the First Responders and each director from each Department. I spoke with Ms. Chris from the Library, Gwyn the City Secretary, Brandon and his team, and I observed the Fire Department working and the Police Department helping and working on getting our city power up and citizens kept safe. I want to thank the Texas New Mexico, Barry Bonds, Bo Hood, and other brave people who work so hard under dangerous conditions to keep our power on and for all they did and continue to do for the city. The utilities company have quite a bit of phone lines to repair still. I am glad we have such a quick response team for our city. THANK YOU ALL.

Community if you know of other areas that still have not been addressed or needs looking into please call the city and put in a call sheet.

From the Fire Chief's desk, this week they focused on training on traffic and Administrative Code involving first responders. They polish off each week with the motto Continue to protect and serve our citizens and City. The new Truck 10 training going well. The team really enjoys all of its versatility. Chief has been working on getting new radios for the department. We will be upgrading on this area soon. They have applied for the FAST grant as well as EMS we are finalized on the administrative portions as of now. They are now and going through selection process.

EMS Captain Jeff's desk focus for their team is to continue to recruit more PRN employees for shift coverage when full time employees choose to take much deserved time off. Our EMS Captain has been working on completion of SOP manual. The EMS Captain will be out of town Friday and Saturday attending a prep class for the National Registry. They have also applied for the FAST Grant for a new ambulance for our city with a match grant of \$5,000.00 if our city is selected. Our EMS team will be covering upcoming events when they start back up. Football season, Rodeo season, and shooting competition season is here. We will be covering these events with an extra ambulance as needed in order to maintain 24/7 911 coverage as required by our contract with Grayson County. In the event we are short staffed for an event and our

911 ambulance has to cover an event, the ambulance will be required to leave the event to respond to a 911 call.

COVID-19: Hot spots continue to rise. Continue wearing a mask in public and near frail family members with underlying conditions. Continue frequent hand washing practices. Utilize Televisit type phone conferences for doctor appointments and consultations for non-emergent events. It is recommended that emergency departments are reserved for true life emergencies only. Contact your PCP for non-emergent care when possible.

Dear Lord I pray for our community its needs mentioned and not mentioned. Lord I kneel before you as your servant for your forgiveness for our nation, state, our county, community, the whole world, I pray that we will humble ourselves before you, I ask discovery of those selling or harming children, I pray you expose the sex trade and abuse, I pray over all the farmers, ranchers, and fisherman that have worked so hard to feed our nation. I pray for our Police, EMS, Fire, Game Wardens protecting us, State park staff for providing safe clean areas to relax, I pray for the oil drillers road construction crews those building our nation teacher, military men and women and also those who fought and died for our nation, pray for teachers and staff and their leadership, pray for our magistrates lawyers prosecutors district of attorneys being always challenged or questioned on morals and ethics and values, pray for our churches and pastors and Sunday school leaders and all those attending, pray for those that have lost loved ones through this COVID virus, I pray for healing and courage, I pray for all those that have been sick or in the hospital for various surgery's and needing healing, I pray for healing from suicide ideations or those who lost from it, drug or alcohol addictions child abuse, foster families, child protective services, I Pray for Israel and all their daily battles and for protection, I pray for those being martyred for you daily, we graciously thank you for all your mercies and protection on our nation, we ask you to be with us guide us with all your leadership and wisdom, I pray for the guardian angels that go and rescue abducted children and adults around the world, I thank you Lord for our many blessing we have received in the past and current, pray for those preying on children and those abusing women, I pray for our upcoming elections for our nation state and county and town, I pray that they serve you with a penitent heart, I pray for the safety and wellbeing of our city employees and families, I Pray for all the missionaries and nations who don't have your peace in Your mighty name Jesus we pray Amen.

Serving you respectfully,

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"Dream to Keep the Down-Home Feeling" "Keep Whitewright Moving forward"

"House divided cannot stand" Abraham Lincoln

Greater love hath no man than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. John 15:13